

Collection and Resources Development Policy

Business and Economics

Business and Economics is a loose group of subjects that focuses on financial, company and economic relevance and management theory. Subjects collected include economics, both macro and microeconomics of Australia and other major countries. Economics covers commerce, financial data and statistics for countries and international production and trade statistics. Company information includes financial data and directory information. Management theory and practice covers all aspects of marketing, human resources and corporate management.

Collection overview

Current collecting is at an intermediate level, with comprehensive collecting for Victoria, research level for Australia and intermediate level for its major trading countries. Current publishing for business and economic data is time-sensitive; this results in an increasing number of resources being available online – resources to which the Library provides access. The Library has an historic collection at a research level of major business and statistical reference works.

Collection strengths

Statistics

Current publishing is electronically based; the Library provides access to material from major official agencies. Collecting in statistics is comprehensive for Victoria and Australia and at an intermediate level for other countries. Authoritative compilations of historical statistics are also acquired.

Economics

This area has a strong historical collection of the complete works of major classical theorists. Contemporary commentaries and the publications of significant current theorists are included. A large collection of reference material and core serials is maintained. Emphasis is on material relating to Australia, while for overseas material the focus is on those countries with which Australia has strong links. Overall economics material is at a basic information level; however, some areas are maintained at an intermediate and even a research level, including labour, finance and production economics. In labour economics Australian material is collected with an emphasis on government publications, which contribute strongly to coverage of industrial legislation and decisions. In financial economics, investment resources are collected at an intermediate level for stock-exchange data and company reports.

Commerce

Current collecting provides current information on Australian companies, businesses and industries with selective online resources for overseas areas of industry and business. Historically, the collection has included holdings of trade and company directories and histories of commercial enterprises, biographies of business leaders and works on industries.

Management

This includes accounting, marketing, project management and management fads and trends. Generally collecting is at a basic information level, providing guidance for small businesses, focusing on major management theories and representing contemporary developments in human resources, leadership, planning, marketing and business decision-making.

Material not generally collected

- highly technical material in the fields of economics, commerce and management
- material in the subject area of econometrics
- textbooks and other curriculum materials, unless received through legal deposit
- Specialist market research.