

# Science Electronic Resources at The University of Auckland Library

The impact on collection management  
and service delivery

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Auckland population: **1.4m**  
University world ranking: **46<sup>th</sup>**  
World science ranking: **58<sup>th</sup>**  
University student roll: **38,000**  
Science students: **7,636**

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## **Electronic Resources 2007**

**700+** networked databases  
**81,700** electronic journals  
**300,000** electronic books  
**5,700** electronic course readings

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## Policies and Purchasing

Policy is to purchase electronic resources whenever possible

Policy financially supported

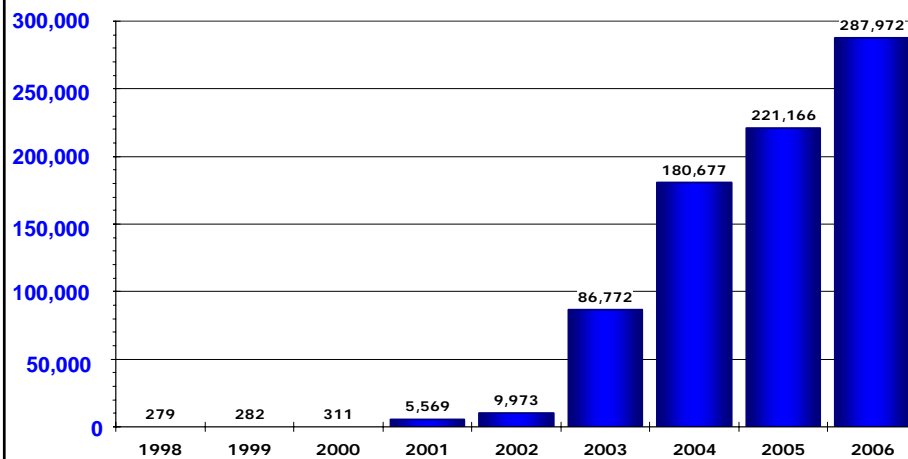
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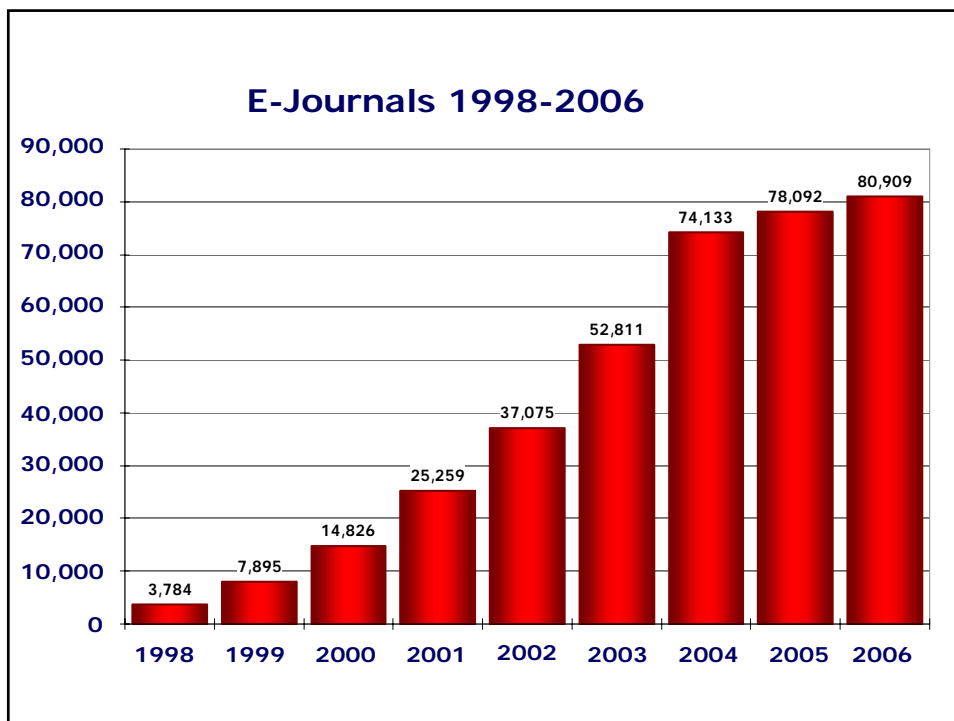
Consortial purchasing via CEIRC  
(CAUL Electronic Information Resources Committee)

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### E-Books 1998-2006





## Science Subject Librarian Service

Seven subject librarians align and liaise with departments within the Faculty of Science

Conduct departmental 'clinics' in respective departments, twice weekly

## Science Subject Librarian Service

Evaluate and recommend resources

Record statistics of interaction with staff and students via **DASL**

statistics (Since 2000)

*(DASL = Data Analysis for Subject Librarians)*

Input to departmental newsletters

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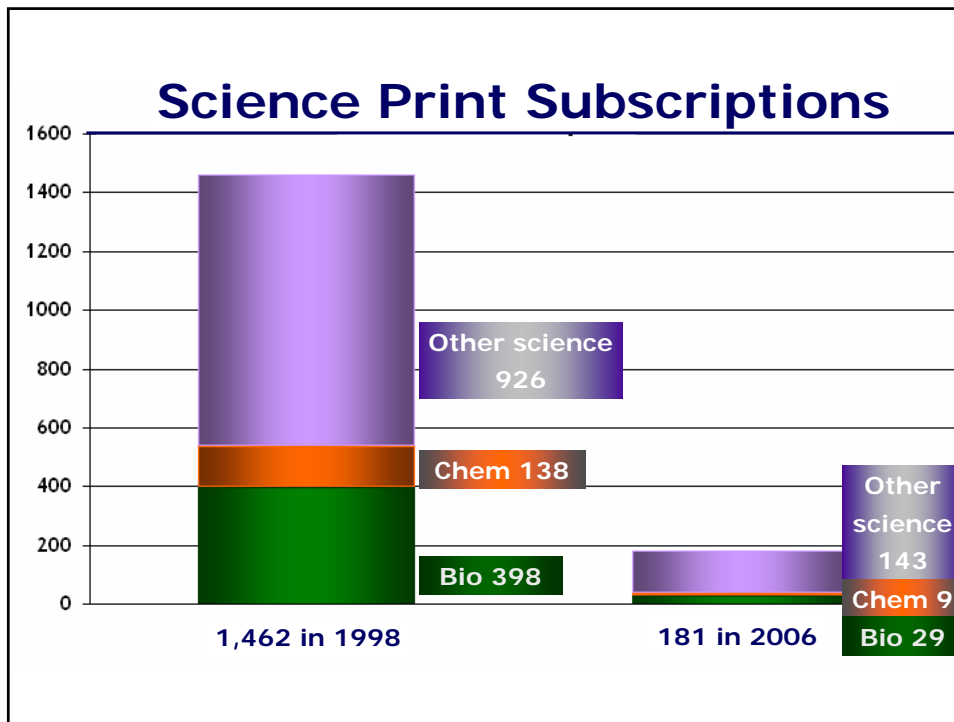
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## Serials Collection Exercise

- ❖ List and measure print journals available electronically
- ❖ List and rank print-only journals
- ❖ List stable and unstable providers
- ❖ List electronic titles available only via aggregators, embargoed titles
- ❖ Identify gaps in holdings

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## Serials Exercise Objectives

- Change to licensed publisher collections
- Encourage publishers to digitise
- Review aggregated packages

## **National co-operation**

National Distributed Collections Consortium was formed

A draft agreement for the retention of one print copy, at one location, with obligations for archiving and servicing

## **Impact on behaviours**

Expectation of staff and students for full text access to all resources

Shunning of databases without full text options

## **Impact on service delivery**

Use of Subject Librarian Service  
to obtain print copy

Academic use of proxy forms for  
borrowing books

Collaboration of Library Digital  
Services Team with departmental  
IT personnel

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## **Publishers**

Selling directly to students and  
lecturers with no option for libraries  
to provide networked access

E-books not sold on a title-by-title  
basis

Delay in digital availability

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## Current projects

Decrease print material in high demand collections

Lobby publishers to change purchasing model for textbooks

Monitor equity of student access to prescribed texts

Harmonize print and electronic formats

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*Thank you!*

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