Educational Lending Right (ELR) is an Australian Government cultural program administered by the Ministry for the Arts, Attorney-General's Department.

ELR has two objectives:

- to make payments to Australian creators and publishers on the basis that income is lost from the availability of their books for loan in educational libraries, ie school, TAFE and university libraries
- to support the enrichment of Australian culture by encouraging the growth and development of Australian writing and publishing.

*TAFE and university libraries are surveyed separately.

The 2012-13 survey

The methodology used for the 2012-13 survey involved a rigorous statistical survey.

A representative sample of schools was surveyed to identify their holdings in relation to a list of book titles supplied by the Ministry for the Arts. Schools were selected on the basis of state or territory, level (primary, secondary, combined), sector (government, independent, Catholic), region (urban/rural) and then proportionally according to enrolment. In addition, the sample was restricted to schools with an enrolment of 100 or more students and which used one of the specified library management systems.

The methodology used for the 2012-13 survey closely followed the model developed for the 2001-02 survey and used in subsequent surveys.

The 2012-13 report

The annual report of the 2012-13 program published on the Ministry for the Arts website highlights the following:

- in June 2013, ELR made payments totalling $11.496 million to 9,497 Australian book creators and 368 publishers whose books are held in educational libraries.
- the 100 highest scoring books in the ELR 2012-13 survey.

Education Services Australia thanks all who participated in the Educational Lending Right 2012-13 School Library Survey. Your support for the growth and development of Australian writing and publishing is gratefully acknowledged.

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