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Topic: Trove – Number of Institutions Contributing

Senator Duniam, Jonathon asked:

Senator DUNIAM: I just wondered—we have talked about the funding—how many institutions are contributing to Trove?

Dr Ayres: Trove is a large and unwieldy beast, so I am going to give several answers here.

Senator DUNIAM: That is fine.

Dr Ayres: Institutions contribute metadata to scribing their collections so that they can be discovered via Trove. The number varies, but it is between 14 0and 1500 institutions, of which 1200 would be libraries around Australia. So that is one stream where metadata flows in so that the collections can be discovered. The other stream is the digitisation stream: newspapers, journals. Again, it would vary from year to year. We have got a core set of funders—as I said, the state and territory libraries, so eight or nine—and then each year there might be a small number of organisations who contribute on a one-off basis. So the total number of funders of digitised content over the last 10 years or so would be between 30 and 40, and I am happy to take that question on notice.

Senator DUNIAM: That would be great, thanks very much. Just in terms of the users who are accessing the site, do you keep track of where they are accessing it from across the country?

Answer:

The following institutions contribute metadata and/or collection material to Trove:

- approximately 1,200 organisations belonging to Libraries Australia contribute metadata to Trove; and
- 219 organisations have contributed 467 collections directly to the National Library to be made available on Trove.

Since 2009-10 a total of 122 organisations and individuals have entered into digitisation partnerships with the National Library.