

SATOE Questionnaire Evaluation

Catalogue Details

1. **Type of catalogue**
 - 6% described as manual
 - 38% described as electronic
 - 56% described as electronic for part of the collection
2. **Contributors to a union catalogue**
 - 63% did contribute
 - 37% did not contribute (*go to Q.3.*)
3. **Future contributions to a union catalogue**
 - 60% would consider contributing
 - 40% would not consider contributing

Acquisitions

4. **Annual budget spend on South Asian official publications**
 - 19% no discernible spending (historical collections)
 - 44% under £1,000
 - 25% between £1,000 and £5,000
 - 12% over £10,000
5. **Problems experienced in obtaining South Asian official publications**
 - 88% had experienced problems (*go to Q.6.*)
 - 12% had not experienced problems
6. **Types of acquisition problems**
 - Half of the respondents reported
 - obtaining current bibliographic information, and
 - orders not being fulfilledas the most common problems encountered when purchasing South Asian materials
 - 19% recorded communicating with suppliers (owing to language barriers) as an outstanding issue
 - Contacting suppliers owing to telephone/email/fax problems was experienced by 38% of the institutions
 - 25% reported invoicing/payment discrepancies
 - Other: one institution added that shortage of material was a factor when acquiring some titles.

Selection

7. Selection aids used by purchasing institutions

- 69% use supplier's lists and catalogues
- 25% use blanket orders
- 12% use online sources (such as COPAC)
- 25% favour government lists
- 31% select material from tutor-reading lists
- 19% are made aware of new material from advertisements
- 38% make selection decisions on the basis of suggestions
- 6% use Library of Congress cards