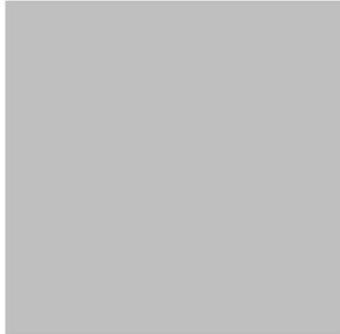
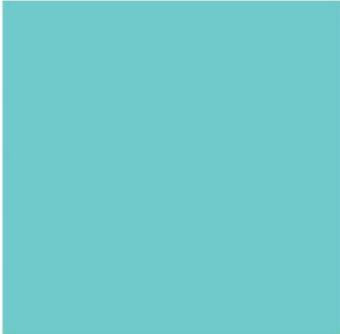
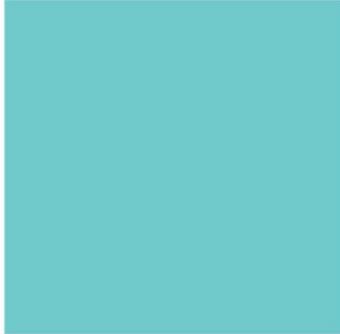
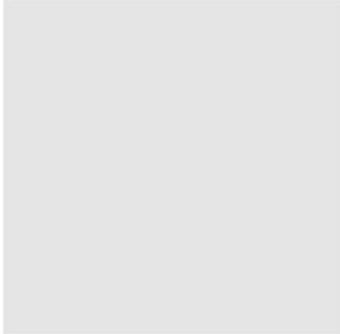
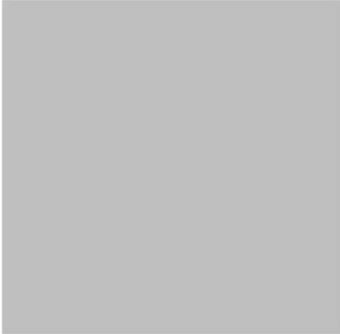
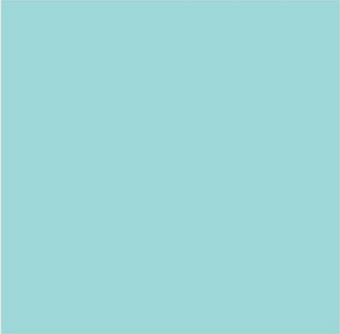
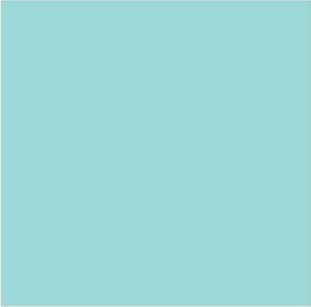
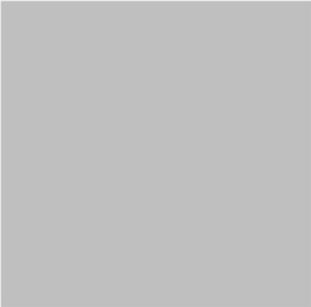


AN INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT OF THE RETURN ON INVESTMENT OF
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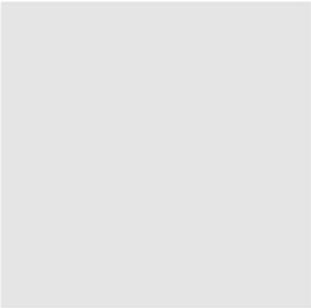




DOLLAR VALUE



Australian health libraries return an average of \$9 per \$1 invested



SGS says the true value of health libraries may be even higher



HOW THE FIGURE WAS REACHED

SGS assessed the benefits provided directly to health library users, including time saved and value of 'out-of-pocket' expenses such as journal subscriptions.

A survey of libraries was supported by a number of in-depth case studies.

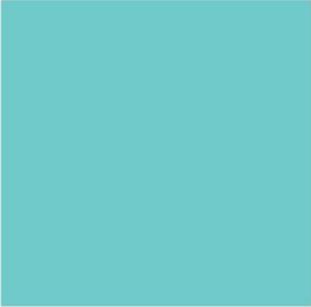




COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS

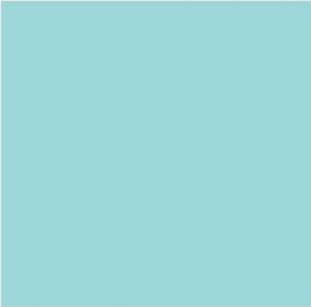
Cost = annual investment in the service.

Benefit = (1) library and information professionals find things faster; (2) library and information professionals' time costs less than many health professionals' time; (3) savings achieved through shared resources.



SPECIAL SKILLS INCLUDE:



- Knowledge of the range of health sciences professions and clinical care.
 - Awareness of ethical and legal issues in health services.
 - Resource management of medical and health journals, books and ebooks.
 - Cataloguing, abstracting, thesaurus constructing.
 - Location of research literature in medical and health databases.
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SPECIAL SKILLS INCLUDE:

- Applications used in emerging areas of biomedicine, computational biology and health information including ehealth care systems and records.
- Access to medical and health databases using advanced search techniques
- Search literature, EBP and citation databases.
- Understanding of evidence-based practice.



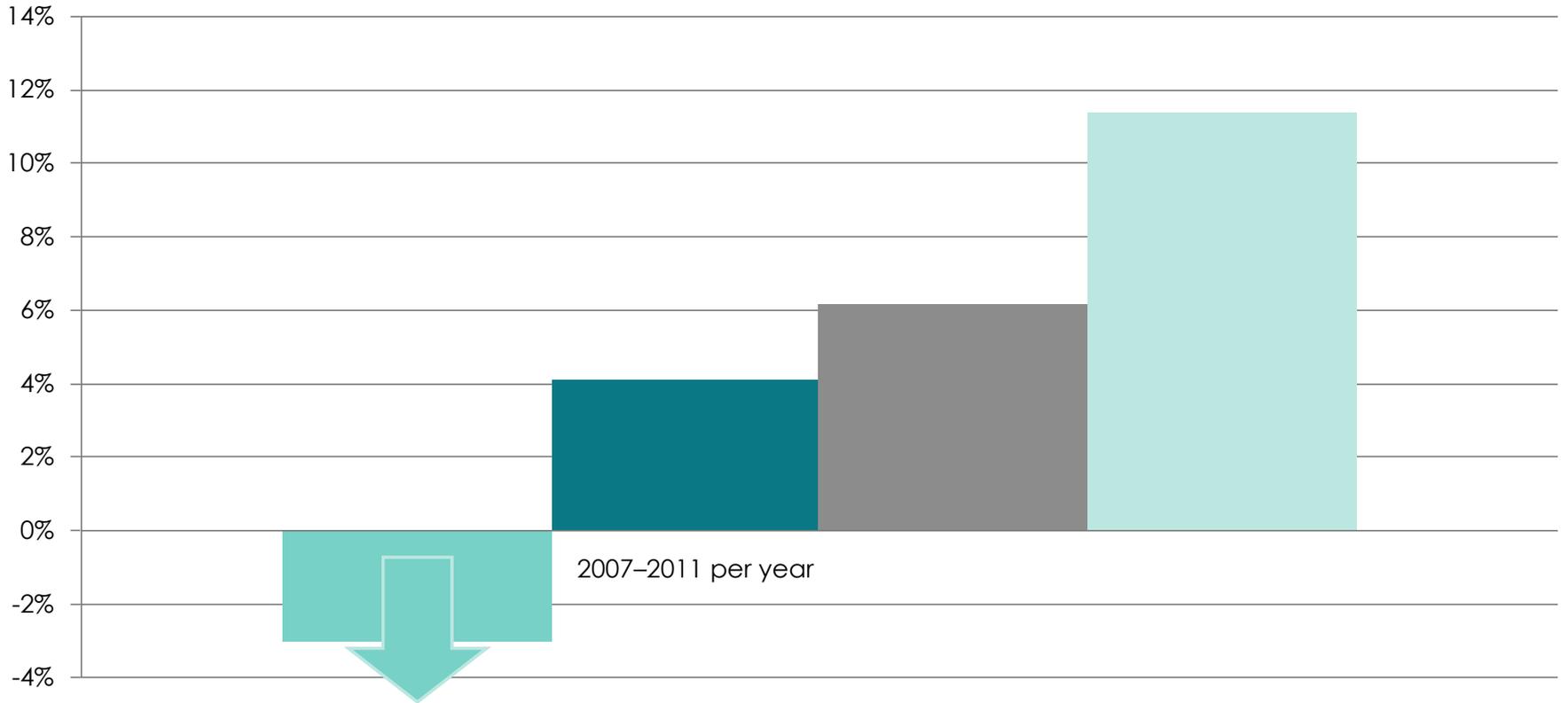
Recurrent expenditure in public
and private hospitals in Australia

\$50 BILLION



Recurrent expenditure on health libraries

0.1%



- Health library budgets
- Admissions
- Salaried medical officers
- Public hospital expenditure

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