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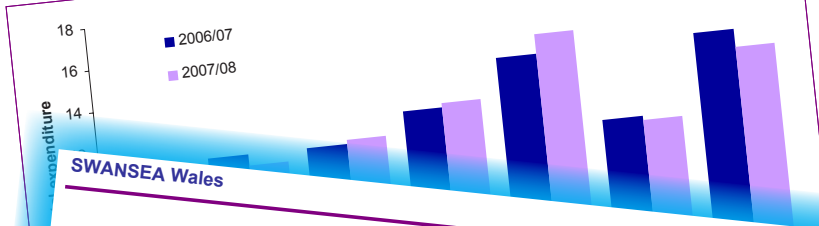
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Figure 3 Materials expenditure as a percentage of total library spend



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	2006/07 Actual Expenditure	2007/08 Original Estimate	2007/08 Provisional Actual	2008/09 Current Estimate
Total Library Expenditure (gross)	£ 3,230,024	3,450,600	3,638,144	3,409,500
Total Income (gross)	£ 237,116	202,000	186,968	258,800
Expenditure on				
Books	£ 456,921	444,200	831,295	400,100
of which	£ 355,721	352,700	648,501	315,100
Newspapers & Binding			182,794	85,000
Sound Recording				20,500

	2006/07 Actual	2007/08 Or. Est.	Total Materials Expenditure (£'000s)		2008/09 Estimate	% change 08/09 on 07/08
			2007/08 Actual	2008/09 Estimate		
Bedfordshire	739	763	688	764		
Buckinghamshire	1,220	1,181	1,229	1,229		
Cambridgeshire	1,073	1,276	1,229	1,229		
Cheshire	1,827	1,560	1,229	1,229		
Cornwall	1,074	1,560	1,229	1,229		
Cumbria	1,074	1,560	1,229	1,229		
Derbyshire	1,074	1,560	1,229	1,229		
Devon	1,074	1,560	1,229	1,229		
Dorset	1,074	1,560	1,229	1,229		

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Memorandum

Expenditure on

Expenditure on

Staff Estimates

Professional

Other

Service Points

Operational

Number of

(including

Total

are

Percentage

Books

Newspapers

Audio-Visual

Notes

make

provision

TOTAL

Number of Responses