

*Indecent Publications Tribunal*

## Decision No. 836

IN the matter of the Indecent Publications Act 1963, and in the matter of an application by the Comptroller of Customs for a decision in respect of the following book—*The Art of Oral Love* by Michelle Bardot, published by David and Denise Carling Harem Publications, London.

Mr Murray appeared on behalf of the Comptroller of Customs and made submissions. No appearance on behalf of the publisher and distributors was made.

## DECISION OF THE TRIBUNAL

This is a manual type publication on oral sex. It contains a number of black and white photographs, diagrams and a lengthy text.

In attempting to establish guidelines for the classification of this type of literature (Decisions No. 432–435), the Tribunal was of the view that manuals which included advanced sexual techniques (e.g., oral sex) should be classified as indecent in the hands of persons under 18 years. Guided by the comments in these decisions, the Comptroller of Customs submitted that since this publication was concerned wholly with the subject of oral sex, it should be classified as indecent.

In this instance however, it is not the subject matter which is at issue, but the manner in which the subject is presented. In this publication oral sex is presented in a manner which panders to prurience. The text is exaggerated and the photographs are irrelevant. The Tribunal therefore considers this book to be both lacking in honesty of purpose and indecent within the meaning of the Act.

The Tribunal classifies *The Art of Oral Love* as indecent.

11 March 1975.

L. M. GREIG, Chairman.

## RESERVE BANK OF NEW ZEALAND

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF THE RESERVE BANK OF NEW ZEALAND AS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY, 26 FEBRUARY 1975

Liabilities			Assets		
	\$	\$		\$	\$
Notes in circulation .. .. .	..	325,704,076	Gold .. .. .	..	704,991
Demand deposits—			Overseas assets—		
(a) State .. .. .	113,478,683		(a) Current accounts and short-term bills .. .. .	100,481,679	
(b) Banks .. .. .	84,508,665		(b) Investments .. .. .	176,504,137	
(c) Marketing accounts .. .. .	14,318,682		(c) Holdings of special drawing rights .. .. .	376,656	277,362,472
(d) Other .. .. .	314,309,349	526,615,379			6,062,602
		129,085,548	New Zealand coin .. .. .	..	..
Time deposits .. .. .	..		Discounts .. .. .	..	..
Liabilities in currencies other than New Zealand currency—			Advances—		
(a) Demand .. .. .	697,456		(a) To the State .. .. .	143,315,949	
(b) Time .. .. .	38,124,285	38,821,741	(b) To marketing accounts .. .. .	358,572,278	
Allocation of special drawing rights by I.M.F. .. .. .	..	64,746,712	(c) Export credits .. .. .	14,980,787	
Other liabilities (including accumulated profits) .. .. .	..	57,363,389	(d) Other advances .. .. .	13,003,726	529,872,740
Capital accounts—			Investments in New Zealand—		
(a) General reserve fund .. .. .	3,000,000		(a) N.Z. Government securities .. .. .	329,749,427	
(b) Other reserves .. .. .	49,300,373	52,300,373	(b) Other .. .. .	..	329,749,427
			Other assets .. .. .	..	50,884,986
		<u>\$1,194,637,218</u>			<u>\$1,194,637,218</u>

17 March 1975.

E. D. VALLANCE, Chief Accountant.