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Heavy investment by Computer Bureau

Computer Bureau (Holdings), Ltd, the Christchurch-based service bureau, which also has computer centres in Auckland, Hamilton and Wellington has placed orders with International Computers (N.Z.), Ltd, for about \$1.3m worth of new computer equipment.

The new equipment is part of an over-all plan to upgrade the bureau's facilities throughout New Zealand and it will substantially increase capacity.

In Auckland, Wellington, and Christchurch faster 1902T processors, with increased core storage, are to replace the present processes, and large disc drives each with a capacity to store 60 million characters of information are to be installed. Faster high-density magnetic tape units will also be installed.

Computer Bureau will also establish a new computer installation in Auckland, in the industrial Penrose area, which will be additional to the present installation in Auckland.

Computer Bureau now operates six computer centres throughout New Zealand with a total staff of 125.

It is unique in that many

of its major users are also shareholders, a number of whom previously operated their own inhouse computers. These include Fletcher Holdings, Ltd, Wilson and Horton, Ltd, the New Zealand Co-op Dairy Company, Bing Harris Sargood, Ltd, United Dominion Corporation, Ltd, and in Christchurch, the Canterbury Building Society, the S.I.M.U. Mutual Insurance Association, and the City Council.

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