

Release of list of business characteristics to the Department of Education

In accordance with the requirements of section 14 of the Census and Statistics (Information Release and Access) Determination 2018, made under section 13 of the *Census and Statistics Act 1905*, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) has released a list of business characteristics, the details of which are as follows:

The ABS has disclosed to the Australian Government Department of Education (DoE) a list of names of non-government schools and aggregate measures of the income of parents or guardians of students. The information was sourced from data integrated by the ABS from DoE and the Person Level Integrated Data Asset (PLIDA).

The list will be used by DoE for the purpose of the Capacity to Contribute project, to inform research, policy and calculations of the amount of base recurrent funding to non-government schools from the Commonwealth Government under the *Australian Education Act 2013*. This purpose does not involve enforcing any obligation or liability applicable under an enactment.

For each school in the list, the ABS provided:

- school name, school identifier and school sector;
- school geographic area;
- derived standardised scores for direct measure of income, for 2023, 2024 and 2025;
- derived scores for Capacity to Contribute for 2026;
- summary measures of parental income, and associated missingness, accuracy and volatility measures;
- average family size;
- linkage and coverage rates of administrative data;
- deemed reviewed scores and supporting metrics or quality indicators.

The DoE has provided the ABS with a signed undertaking, which outlines agreed upon terms and conditions for the use and management of the information disclosed.

The list was disclosed on 4 December 2025.



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