

**CENSUS AND STATISTICS ACT 1905- section 13**

**PROPOSAL NO. 3 OF 2018**

**BY AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS**

**RELEASE OF LISTS FROM NATIONAL EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE COLLECTION (NECECC)**

In accordance with the provisions of Clause 6 of the *Statistics Determination 1983* made under Section 13 of the *Census and Statistics Act 1905*, the ABS intends to disclose a list of businesses operating preschool programs in Australia, taken from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) 2017 National Early Childhood Education and Care Collection, to the following departments:

- Australian Government Department of Education and Training
- New South Wales Department of Education
- Victorian Department of Education and Training
- Queensland Department of Education
- South Australian Department for Education and Child Development
- Western Australian Department of Education
- Tasmanian Department of Education
- Northern Territory Department of Education
- Australian Capital Territory Education Directorate

The list will be used by the departments for the purpose of achieving the outcome and specified objectives of the National Information Agreement on Early Childhood Education and Care (NIA ECEC). The NIA ECEC aims to ensure the availability of a nationally consistent, quality information base for Early Childhood Education and Care, to support policy and program developments, and reporting and accountability requirements.


For each business in the list, the ABS will provide:

- business names
- business addresses
- management type
- service type.

The departments have provided the ABS with a signed undertaking that they will:

1. Use the list specified in the Schedule to this undertaking only for the purpose of achieving the outcome and specified objectives detailed in the National Information Agreement on Early Childhood Education and Care (the NIA) as updated from time to time, which does not involve the enforcing of any obligation or liability applicable under any enactment
2. Not release the list or any part of the list, either directly or indirectly, to another person outside of the Department other than to a contractor who may require access to the list for the purposes of providing services to the Department
3. Appoint a contact officer who will manage the processes for individuals within the Department to request access to the list release; and will circulate information to individuals within the Department who are granted approval by the ABS to access the list
4. Maintain a register of all officers of the Department who have access to the list and provide a copy of that register to the ABS on request

5. If it is necessary for a contractor to have access to the list for the purpose of providing services to the Department, the Department will ensure that the contractor and every person employed by the contractor who has access to the list provide the Statistician with a relevant undertaking prior to accessing the list
6. If this list is to be used for a survey then advise respondents in writing that the survey is:
  - a. conducted by the Department from lists of names and addresses obtained from the ABS in accordance with legislative guidelines
  - b. not covered by the ABS guarantee of confidentiality
  - c. is voluntary (not compulsory)
7. Clear any relevant explanatory material for the survey with the ABS prior to dispatch
8. Provide a copy of the survey results and any information relevant to the maintenance of ABS registers if so requested by the ABS
9. For the purpose of conducting a compliance audit concerning observance of the terms and conditions under which the list is disclosed allow ABS officers access to necessary documents and information
10. Where the list is being used for the purposes of a specific survey, destroy, or return to the ABS, all copies of the list upon completion of the survey.



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