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PROPOSAL NO. 1 OF 2023 BY THE AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS

SURVEY OF INCOME AND HOUSING

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) proposes to collect detailed information on income, wealth and housing to provide a measure of the economic wellbeing of Australian households.

The information will be collected:

- between July 2023 and June 2024
- from all persons aged 15 years and over
- as a sample of about 61,000 private dwellings
- by a web form, telephone or face to face interview
- across Australia, excluding very remote areas.

Information will be collected on a range of characteristics including:

- demographic and socioeconomic characteristics (including education, labour force status and disability status)
- financial details (including income, assets and liabilities) and
- housing characteristics (including tenure, mobility, dwelling characteristics and housing costs).

The information collected will be used by the ABS in the compilation and analysis of the distribution of income and wealth in Australian households, and changes in economic wellbeing over time.

The ABS expects to make statistical and related information from the collection available in late-2025.

The principal users of the information the ABS produces will be:

- The Treasury
- Department of Social Services
- Reserve Bank
- Productivity Commission
- Department of Employment and Workplace Relations
- State/Territory Housing Authorities and Treasuries
- Academic and community researchers.

To assist in determining the feasibility of the collection and to understand and manage respondent burden consistent with the Government's Regulator Performance Framework, the ABS has:

- considered what existing information is available
- consulted with key stakeholders and
- conducted focus group testing.

This collection was last conducted from July 2021 to December 2021 and was previously tabled in Parliament as Proposal No. 2 of 2021.

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