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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) proposes to conduct the Consumer Price Index survey for the purpose of household inflation measurement.

The information will be collected:

- on a monthly, quarterly and annual basis;
- from a sample of retail/service providers and office based staff;
- via internet, electronic communication, telephone, survey, administrative data and transactional datasets; and
- across the eight state and territory capital cities.

Information will be collected on a range of characteristics including:

- housing related expenditure and quantity;
- food and non-alcoholic beverage expenditure and quantity; and
- transport related expenditure and quantity.

Price information collected will be published in the Consumer Price Index publication, Living Cost Index publication and other related publications. The information is also used to compile the Australian National Accounts.

The ABS expects to make statistical and related information from the collection available quarterly following each reference period (September, December, March and June).

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

- the Reserve Bank of Australia;
- the Federal Treasury; and
- the wider Australian and International community.

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; and
- has consulted with CPI stakeholders.

This collection is conducted quarterly and was previously tabled in Parliament as Proposal No.12 of 2013.

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