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**SURVEY OF CONSUMER SALES – ENERGY RETAILING SURVEY**

The Australian Bureau of Statistics proposes to continue conducting the quarterly Survey of Consumer Sales - Energy Retailing Survey. This survey was previously tabled in Parliament in June 2012 under the initial name, Survey of Sales to Households - Energy Retailing Survey.

The survey commenced as a paper form however the collection mode has since changed to an excel form. The survey is a census of approximately 35 retailers of energy across Australia.

Information collected is for a range of indicators including:

- sales of electricity to households
- sales of gas to households
- volume of electricity used by households, and
- volume of gas used by households.

The survey has been developed in consultation with relevant stakeholders, including the Reserve Bank of Australia and National Accounts.

The purpose of the survey is to provide key indicators, at a national level, on household expenditure on energy consumption. Results from the survey are used by analysts and policy makers in both public and private sectors. The results also assist National Accounts in the compilation of Household Final Consumption Expenditure (HFCE).

The survey has been extensively field tested to ensure that the required data is readily available and that provider load has been minimised. There has been a high level of respondent cooperation with no significant adverse respondent reactions.

Results from the Survey of Consumer Sales - Energy Retailing Survey are published quarterly in Retail Trade, Australia.

This survey is repeated on a quarterly basis.

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