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AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS

ECONOMIC ACTIVITY SURVEY

The Australian Bureau of Statistics proposes to collect information for the purpose of measuring economic activity in Australia.

The information will be collected:

- from August 2014 for the 2013-14 reference year, on an annual basis;
- as a sample of about 22,000 businesses nationally;
- by electronic form and supplemented with administrative data; and
- across the Australian economy with additional information to be collected for the following industries: ANZSIC Division B (Mining), ANZSIC Division J (Information Media and Telecommunications) and ANZSIC Subdivision 82 (Adult, Community and Other Education).

Information will be collected on a range of characteristics including:

- employment;
- income;
- expenses;
- profit; and
- capital expenditure.

The information collected will be used by the Australian Bureau of Statistics in the compilation and analysis of the economic and financial performance of Australian industry. It will also be used by the Australian Bureau of Statistics in the compilation of the Australian National Accounts.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics expects to make statistical and related information from the collection available in mid-2015.

The principal users of the information the Australian Bureau of Statistics produces will be government agencies such as the Reserve Bank of Australia, Federal and state and territory treasury departments to understand the structure and nature of Australian industry as well as provide a time series view of Australian industry.

To assist in determining the feasibility of the collection and to understand and manage respondent burden the Australian Bureau of Statistics:

- has considered what existing information is available;
- has consulted with government agencies and industry associations including the Department of Communications and the Department of Industry;
- conducted field testing to ensure that the required data are readily available and that provider load has been minimised as much as possible; and
- will be required to clear the collection through the Statistical Clearing House.

This collection was last conducted for the 2012-13 reference year and was previously tabled in Parliament as Proposal No. 9 of 2011.

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