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BY
AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS**

**SURVEY OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION – VENTURE CAPITAL AND LATER
STAGE PRIVATE EQUITY**

The Australian Bureau of Statistics proposes to collect information for the purpose of informing public debate on Australian investment in Venture Capital and Later Stage Private Equity (VC & LSPE) activity.

The information will be collected:

- from August 2014 on an annual basis;
- as a census of approximately 240 VC & LSPE funds managed by VC & LSPE fund managers;
- by electronic form; and
- across Australia.

Information will be collected on a range of characteristics including:

- the number of Australian VC & LSPE managers;
- the number and characteristics of VC & LSPE investment vehicles;
- source (investors) and amount of capital raised by VC & LSPE investment vehicles;
- asset and liability information of the VC & LSPE investment vehicle;
- inflows and outlays between investors and the VC & LSPE investment vehicle;
- number of viewed investment proposals;
- inflows and outlays between investee companies and the VC & LSPE investment vehicle; and
- VC & LSPE investee company characteristics, including stage, industry, activity and age classifications.

The information collected will be used by the Australian Bureau of Statistics in the analysis of investment activity by VC & LSPE Fund Managers.

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

The principal user of the information the Australian Bureau of Statistics produces will be the Department of Industry. The Department utilises the data to assess its relevant government policy and programs. The survey is fully funded by the Department of 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;
- consulted with the Department of Industry; and
- cleared the collection through the Statistical Clearing House.

This collection was last conducted in 2013, and was previously tabled in Parliament as Proposal No. 9 of 2007.

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