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UPDATE OF BUSINESS STRUCTURE

The Australian Bureau of Statistics proposes to collect information for the purpose of updating statistical business structures.

The information will be collected:

- from February 2015 on an annual basis;
- as a sample of about 1,800 businesses across Australia; and
- by mail, personal interview and telephone, and supplemented with administrative data .

Information will be collected on a range of indicators including:

- legal entities associated with the organisation;
- business units maintained by the organisation;
- employment headcount by state for each Business Unit;
- income for each Business Unit;
- availability of quarterly data;
- business activity; and
- primary, human resources and payroll contact details of the organisation.

The primary purpose of the survey will be to assist in the maintenance of statistical business structures.

Results from this survey feed into the survey selection and data confrontation for critical economic surveys and the production of the Australian National Accounts and other economic indicators.

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

The principal user will be the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

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 conducted field testing to ensure that the required data is readily available and that provider load has been minimised; and
- has cleared the collection through the Statistical Clearing House (approval number 00306-12).

This survey was last conducted in the 2014 reference year and this is the first time it will be tabled under the current name. A previous version of the survey named 'Update of Large Businesses on the ABS Register' was tabled in parliament as Proposal 8 of 1996.

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