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MULTIPURPOSE HOUSEHOLD SURVEY 2015–16

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) proposes to collect information for the purpose of understanding and informing economic and social analyses of household conditions.

The information will be collected:

- during the 2015-16 financial year on a monthly basis;
- as a sample of approximately 27,000 households responding to the Labour Force Survey;
- by computer assisted telephone interview; and
- across Australia.

Information will be collected on a range of characteristics including:

- qualifications and employment outcomes;
- patient experience; and
- crime victimisation.

The information collected will be used in the compilation of numerous publications and confidentialised unit record files. Publications will include Qualifications and Employment Outcomes, Australia; Patient Experiences in Australia and Crime Victimization, Australia.

The ABS expects to make statistical and related information from the collection available by early 2017.

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

- Department of Education and Training;
- Department of Health;
- Attorney General's Department (including police agencies);
- State and territory equivalents of the above departments; and
- Community organisations and researchers.

Results from the survey will be used to assist in the development, implementation and evaluation of a range of government policies and initiatives.

To assist in determining the feasibility of the collection and to understand and manage respondent burden the ABS has:

- considered what existing information is available;
- consulted with principal users of the data (as listed above); and
- extensively field tested the survey to ensure that the required data are readily available and that the respondent load has been minimised.
- Assessed the potential impact on employment and other key economic indicators derived from the Labour Force Survey.

This collection was last conducted in 2014/15 and was previously tabled in Parliament as Proposal No. 10 of 2014.

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