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AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS

ECONOMIC ACTIVITY SURVEY

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) proposes to collect information for the purpose of providing information on the economic and financial performance of Australian industry.

The information will be collected:

- from August 2015 on an annual basis;
- from a sample of approximately 23,500 businesses/organisations;
- by electronic forms (administrative data will be used to supplement the directly collected estimates); and
- across Australia.

Information will be collected on a range of characteristics including:

- employee numbers;
- income, expenses and capital expenditure; and
- business name, address and contact details.

The information collected will be used by the ABS in the compilation of the Australian National Accounts. Results from the survey will be used to assist in understanding the structure and nature of Australian industry, and will also be used to provide a time series view of Australian industry.

The ABS expects to make statistical and related information from the collection available in mid 2016.

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

- Federal and State Treasury departments;
- Reserve Bank of Australia;
- The Department of Industry and Science; and
- Other State and Federal policy agencies and research organisations.

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;
- has consulted with industry bodies and businesses;
- has conducted field testing to ensure data is readily available; and
- will be required to clear the collection through the Statistical Clearing House.

This collection was last conducted in 2013/14 and was previously tabled in Parliament as Proposal no. 14 of 2014.

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