

CENSUS AND STATISTICS ACT 1905 - section 13

STATEMENT NO. 1 OF 2014

BY

AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS

LISTS OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROVIDERS FOR THE COMMONWEALTH, STATE AND TERRITORY EDUCATION DEPARTMENTS

1. In accordance with the provisions of Clause 6 of the Statistics Determination 1983 made under Section 13 of the Census and Statistics Act 1905, I intend to disclose a list of jurisdiction specific, early childhood education businesses taken from the National Early Child Education and Care Collection to the:

- Australian Government Department of Education;
- New South Wales Government Department of Education and Communities;
- Victoria Government Department of Education and Early Childhood Development;
- Queensland Government Department of Education, Training and Employment;
- South Australia Government Department for Education and Child Development;
- Western Australia Government Department of Education;
- Tasmania Government Department of Education;
- Australian Capital Territory Education and Training Directorate; and
- Northern Territory Government Department of Education.

2. The lists will be used by the above listed organisations in quality improvement initiatives relating to early childhood education business characteristics and associated metadata within their respective jurisdictional administrative collections. This will assist in improving the quality of early childhood education statistics for Australia.

3. All Australian governments have committed to improving the supply of early child education services. This will be achieved through the universal access commitment to provide access to a quality early childhood education program for all children by mid 2013. A further step in this agreement is the endorsement by the Council of Australian Governments (CoAG) to extend the commitment to 30 June 2015. Funding under this extended Agreement covers service delivery from 1 July 2013 to 31 December 2014. As part of the National Partnership, a national statistical collection based on administrative data provided by jurisdictions was developed to produce nationally consistent and comprehensive data on National Early Child Education and Care. The continual improvement of this national collection, the National Early Childhood Education and Care Collection, supports the Council of Australian Governments Reform Agenda for Early Childhood Education and the National Quality Agenda supporting on-going qualitative improvement for long day care and preschool services. The list release will directly inform the validation processes of respective statistical collections and enhance the quality of their reporting requirements to meet the CoAG Reform Agenda outcomes as well as

early childhood education reporting requirement input into 'Report on Government Services' (RoGS).

4. Currently early childhood businesses on the Australian Bureau of Statistics list are registered with either Commonwealth, state or territory authorities. Service providers not licensed/registered with the relevant Commonwealth or state or territory authority are not available.

5. The jurisdiction specific information to be released in respect of the early childhood education businesses will be:

- organisation name (including trading name);
- geographical address (including geographical code);
- management type classification (the type of legal entity represented by a code as defined by the Early Childhood Education and Care 2013 National Minimum Data Set); and
- service activity type classification (the main type of activity available from or provided by an early childhood education and care entity, represented by a code as defined by the Early Childhood Education and Care 2013 National Minimum Data Set).

6. The jurisdictions have provided me with written undertakings that they will:

- a. use the list specified in the Schedule to these undertakings only for the purpose of conducting the improvement of the quality of early childhood education service provider information, which does not involve the enforcing of any obligation or liability applicable under any enactment;
- b. not release the list or any part of the list either directly or indirectly, to another person outside of their respective departments;
- c. maintain a register of all officers of their respective departments who have access to the list and provide a copy of that register to the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) on request and on return of the list to the ABS;
- d. in the event that the list is used by the jurisdictions to undertake a survey, clearance from the Australian Bureau of Statistics will be sought; and
- e. comply with such other conditions specified in the undertakings with respect to the disclosure of the information.

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