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SURVEY OF INCOME AND HOUSING

The Australian Bureau of Statistics proposes to conduct a national household Survey of Income and Housing for the 2013-14 financial year. The Survey of Income and Housing is conducted every two years and was last conducted in 2011-12.

The survey will be conducted through personal interviews with all persons aged 15 years and over from a sample of approximately 15,000 private dwellings throughout Australia. Persons aged between 15 and 17 years will only be asked questions with the consent of a parent or guardian.

Information will be collected on:

- demographic and socioeconomic characteristics (including education, labour force status, child care arrangements and disability status);
- financial details (for income, assets, liabilities and expenditure on housing); and
- housing characteristics (including tenure, dwelling characteristics, rent, housing suitability and recent changes of address).

The primary purpose of the survey will be to inform the social and economic welfare of Australians, including the distribution of household income and wealth. In addition, the data collected will contribute to the compilation of key performance indicators for housing affordability that have been agreed by the Council of Australian Governments. The principal users of this survey will be government and other social and economic analysts involved in the development, implementation and evaluation of social and economic policies.

Based on past experience with the survey and recent field testing, no significant adverse respondent reaction is expected.

Results from the survey are expected to be released in mid 2015.

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