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### **Housing Motivations and Intentions Survey, Western Australia, 2012**

In October 2012, the Australian Bureau of Statistics proposes to conduct a survey to collect information on housing motivations and intentions, for Western Australia only, as part of the Monthly Population Survey. Information will be collected by either personal or telephone interview from approximately 2,700 households throughout Western Australia.

Information will be collected on a range of indicators on topics of particular importance to Western Australia including:

- current dwelling characteristics;
- previous dwelling characteristics;
- housing motivations (reasons recent movers relocated from their previous dwelling to their current dwelling);
- future housing intentions (for persons intending to move within the next three years); and
- household income.

The main users of the data will be Western Australia's Department of Housing and Department of Planning.

The information will be used to:

- understand people's reasons for choosing their current dwelling and their intentions for future housing;
- assist in the development of housing policy, planning legislation and development regulation; and
- understand the impact of any significant change in housing motivations and intentions since the previous survey was conducted in 2005.

There was a high level of respondent cooperation and no significant adverse respondent reaction when the same topic was run previously. Changes in survey questions have been tested to assess respondent reaction and to ensure that the questions can be satisfactorily answered.

Results from the survey are expected to be published in April 2013.

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