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## INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES COLLECTION

The Australian Bureau of Statistics proposes to continue conducting an Industrial Disputes collection on a monthly basis.

Industrial disputes are identified through a range of sources including media reports, industrial relations commission listings, and contact with government, businesses and employer organisations and trade unions.

Information will be collected, using both a paper form and an electronic form, from a list of organisations whose employees were involved in industrial disputation activity during the reference period. As the collection is a census of identified organisations, the number of respondents varies each month depending on the level of disputation activity which occurred during the reference period. We anticipate that approximately 150-200 organisations will be sent a form each month.

Information will be collected on a range of indicators which result in a number of series including:

- Disputes which occurred during the period:
  - number of disputes;
  - number of employees involved;
  - number of working days lost; and
  - number of working days lost per 1000 employees.
- Disputes which ended during the period classified by:
  - cause of dispute;
  - working days lost per employee involved; and
  - reason work resumed.

The primary purpose of the survey is to support various employer and employee associations and Commonwealth and State government bodies to the analyse and monitor industrial disputation in Australia. The principal users of the survey will be Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations; and the Australian Council of Trade Unions.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics has been collecting information about industrial disputes since 1913.

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