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**PROPOSAL NO. 20 OF 2012
BY
AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS**

INTERSTATE TRADE QUEENSLAND IMPORTS/EXPORTS

The Australian Bureau of Statistics proposes to conduct a quarterly Survey of Interstate Trade Queensland Imports/Exports.

The survey will be conducted each quarter from December Quarter 2012. The Australian Bureau of Statistics expects to conduct the survey quarterly in the future.

The survey will be conducted by mail from a sample of approximately 2,500 business which have an office or branch in Queensland.

Information will be collected about the interstate movement of goods into and out of Queensland. The Australian Bureau of Statistics will collect the dollar value of goods purchased, sold or transferred, classified by commodity classification of the goods.

The survey has been developed in consultation with major users including the Queensland State government. The statistics are used as input into budgetary matters, including the preparation of Queensland State Accounts, and for industry planning from an import replacement perspective. It is also used within the Australian Bureau of Statistics for compiling the annual State accounts.

The survey has been extensively field tested to ensure that the required data are readily available and that provider load has been minimised. There has been a high level of respondent cooperation and no significant adverse respondent reaction is expected.

Results from the survey are expected to be released on a quarterly basis commencing in early 2013.

This survey was last tabled as Proposal No. 10 of 2007.

This survey has been run previously on a quarterly basis.

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