

***CENSUS and STATISTICS ACT 1905 - section 13***

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**BY**

**AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS**

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

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 jurisdiction specific list of early childhood education businesses taken from the National Early Child Education and Care Collection to the following Departments:

- Australian Government Department of Education and Training (formerly the Department of Education);
- New South Wales Government Department of Education and Communities;
- Victorian Government Department of Education and Training;
- Queensland Government Department of Education, Training and Employment;
- South Australian Government Department for Education and Child Development;
- Western Australian Government Department of Education;
- Australian Capital Territory Government Education and Training Directorate;
- Tasmanian Government Department of Education; and
- Northern Territory Government Department of Education.

The lists will be used by the Departments to improve the quality of early childhood education data collected through their respective jurisdictional administrative collections. These jurisdictional administrative collections contribute to the overall quality of the Australian Bureau of Statistics' (ABS) National Early Childhood Education and Care Collection and the statistics it delivers for Australia.

All Australian governments committed to improving the supply of early childhood education services as part of the National Partnership Agreement on Early Childhood Education. The National Early Childhood Education and Care Collection was developed to produce nationally consistent and comprehensive data for performance monitoring and policy purposes for this and other related National Agreements. The continual improvement of this national collection also supports the Productivity Commission's annual 'Report on Government Services', by ensuring data provided by the States is up to date.

Currently early childhood businesses on the ABS 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.

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

- organisation name;
- geographical address (including geographical code);
- management type classification (the type of legal or social entity responsible for managing the delivery of the early childhood education and care entity); and
- service activity type classification (the main type of activity available from or provided by an early childhood education and care entity).

Each of the above Departments has provided me with a written undertaking that they will:

- a. use the list only for the purpose of improving the quality of Early Childhood Education service provider information, which may include conducting surveys;
- b. not release the list or any part of the list, either directly or indirectly, to another person outside of the Department other than to a contractor who may require access to the list for the purposes of providing services to the Department;
- c. maintain a register of all offices of the Department who have access to the list and provide a copy of that register to the ABS on request and on return of the list to the ABS;
- d. advise respondents in writing that any surveys using the names and addresses obtained from the ABS are:
  - i. conducted by the Department from lists of names and addresses obtained from the ABS in accordance with legislative guidelines;
  - ii. not covered by the ABS guarantee of confidentiality, and
  - iii. voluntary (not compulsory);
- e. not use the list for any purposes which involve the enforcing of any obligation or liability applicable under any enactment; and
- f. comply with such other conditions specified in the undertakings with respect to the disclosure of the information.

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