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SURVEY OF JOB VACANCIES

The Australian Bureau of Statistics proposes to continue conducting the Survey of Job Vacancies on a quarterly basis.

The information will be collected using a combination of electronic forms and telephone interviews from a sample of approximately 5,000 businesses in the private and public sectors. Responses will be sought in respect of the number of job vacancies available for immediate filling on the actual survey reference date and for which employers have undertaken recruitment action.

The survey produces estimates of the number of job vacancies in Australia which are used:

- as a leading indicator of employment growth;
- in monitoring of the Australian labour market and economy; and
- for formulating economic policy.

The primary users of the results are Commonwealth and state and territory government bodies, employer associations, economists and trade unions. These users include the Reserve Bank of Australia, The Treasury and Australian Council of Trade Unions.

Results from the survey will be published for the economy as a whole, and separately for the private and public sectors. Data will also be published for each state and territory, and industry.

There has been a high level of respondent cooperation in developing the survey and no significant adverse respondent reaction is expected. The survey has been cleared through the Statistical Clearing House.

Results from the quarterly collection are published in Job Vacancies, Australia (ABS cat. no. 6354.0).

This survey was last tabled as Proposal No. 13 of 2013.

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