

CENSUS AND STATISTICS ACT 1905 - section 13

**STATEMENT NO. 3 OF 2012
BY
AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS**

**LISTS OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION BUSINESSES FOR THE
FEDERAL, 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 list of jurisdiction specific early childhood education businesses taken from the National Early Child Education and Care Collection, to the:

- Australian Government Department of Education, Employment & Workplace Relations;
- New South Wales Government Department of Education and Training;
- Victoria Government Department of Education and Early Childhood Development;
- Queensland Government Department of Education and Training;
- South Australia Government Department of Education and Child Development;
- Western Australia Government Department of Education;
- Tasmania Government Department of Education; and
- Northern Territory Government Department of Education and Training.

2. The lists will be used by the above listed data custodians to assist in quality improvement initiatives, relating to information on early childhood education business characteristics and associated metadata within their jurisdiction specific administrative collections. This will assist in improving the quality of education statistics for Australia.

3. All Australian governments have committed to improving the supply of Early Child Education services. A national collection based on administrative data provided by jurisdictions was developed to produce nationally consistent and comprehensive data on National Early Child Education and Care.

4. Currently all early childhood businesses on the Australian Bureau of Statistics list are registered with either federal, state or territory authorities. It will not be possible to identify any service providers that are not properly registered through the release of this list.

5. Each jurisdiction will be provided with a list of businesses from that jurisdiction. The specific information to be released in respect of the early childhood education businesses will be:

- organisation name;
- geographical address; and
- management type classification (the type of legal entity represented by a code as defined by the Early Childhood Education and Care 2011 National Minimum Dataset).

6. The jurisdictions have provided me with written undertakings that they will:

- a. use the list specified in the Schedule to this undertaking only for the purpose of conducting the improvement of the quality of early childhood education service provider information, which does not involve the enforcing of any obligation or liability applicable under any enactment;
- b. not release the list or any part of the list either directly or indirectly, to another person outside of their respective departments;
- c. in the event that the list is used by the jurisdictions to undertake a survey, clearance from the Australian Bureau of Statistics will be sought; and
- d. comply with such other conditions specified in the undertakings with respect to the disclosure of the information.

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