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SURVEY OF SALES TO HOUSEHOLDS - ENERGY RETAILING SURVEY

The Australian Bureau of Statistics proposes to conduct a quarterly survey of Survey of Sales to Households - Energy Retailing Survey commencing with the June 2012 quarter.

The survey will be conducted by mail and is a census of approximately 32 retailers of energy across Australia.

Information will be collected on a range of indicators including:

- sales of electricity to households;
- sales of gas to households;
- volume of electricity used by households; and
- volume of gas used by households.

The survey has been developed in consultation with major users, including the Reserve Bank of Australia.

Results from the survey will be used by analysts and policy makers in both public and private sectors. The results will also be used by the Australian Bureau of Statistics in the compilation of the Australian National Accounts.

The survey has been extensively field tested to ensure that the required data is 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 during 2013.

This survey is expected to be repeated on a quarterly basis.

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