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MOTOR VEHICLE CENSUS

The Australian Bureau of Statistics proposes to collect administrative data held by state and territory motor vehicle registries for all motor vehicles registered on January 31 each year. The next collection of data will commence January 31, 2014.

Information will be collected from the Motor Vehicle Registry in each state and territory about the vehicles on their registers. This will include information about:

- vehicle type;
- year of manufacture;
- make;
- model;
- type of fuel that the vehicle was registered as using; and
- Gross Vehicle Mass or Gross Combination Mass for trucks and other vehicle characteristics.

State and territory motor vehicle registries submit the data to the Australian Bureau of Statistics electronically by secure means. The Australian Bureau of Statistics will be working closely with state and territory motor vehicle registries to facilitate the data collection process.

The primary purpose of the Motor Vehicle Census is to provide an accurate snapshot of all registered vehicles in Australia.

The Motor Vehicle Census is used as a survey frame for the Australian Bureau of Statistics transport collections including the Survey of Motor Vehicle Use and the Freight Component of the Survey of Motor Vehicle Use.

The principal users of the collection will include:

- National Transport Commission; and
- Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics.

Motor Vehicle Census data will be used to inform planning and policy for infrastructure development, the maintenance of the national road network and in heavy vehicle charging policy.

Motor Vehicle Census, Australia 2014 (cat. no. 9309.0) is expected to be released in mid-2014.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics intends for subsequent iterations of this collection to be conducted annually, with results released within similar time frames.

The Motor Vehicle Census, Australia collection has not previously been tabled.

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