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SURVEY OF MINERAL AND PETROLEUM EXPLORATION

The Australian Bureau of Statistics proposes to conduct the Survey of Mineral and Petroleum Exploration on a quarterly basis.

The survey will be conducted from January 2014.

The information will be collected by mail from a census of private enterprises engaged in mineral and petroleum exploration in Australia, and in Australian waters including the Joint Petroleum Development Area (JPDA). There will be approximately 1,200 enterprises which report mineral or petroleum expenditure.

Information will be collected on a range of characteristics including:

- exploration expenditure by type of mineral on a state/territory basis;
- estimates on metres drilled at a national level; and
- petroleum exploration expenditures of onshore and offshore activity.

The primary purpose of the survey will be to assist in the understanding of significant aspects of mineral and petroleum exploration. The information will assist in measuring mineral and petroleum exploration activity in Australia.

The principal users of the survey will be:

- government agencies;
- industry associations; and
- major industry representative bodies.

Results from the survey will be used in the compilation of the quarterly Australian National Accounts, and for analysis by government agencies, industry associations, businesses and research organisations.

The survey has been cleared through the Statistical Clearing House.

This survey was last tabled as Proposal No. 14 of 2002.

Results from the survey are expected to be released from early 2014.

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