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Multipurpose Household Survey 2012–13

The Australian Bureau of Statistics conducts a Multipurpose Household Survey annually on a range of topics that vary from year to year. The proposed survey for reference period 2012–13 will collect information by telephone from approximately 34,000 households throughout Australia.

Information to be collected in 2012–13 will cover the following topics:

- barriers and incentives to labour force participation;
- retirement and retirement intentions;
- household use of information technology;
- patient experience;
- family characteristics;
- family transitions and history; and
- crime victimisation.

The information collected will be used for economic and social analysis, and will assist in the development, implementation and evaluation of a range of government policies and initiatives.

The information will be used by federal, state and territory government agencies including:

- Department of Treasury;
- Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations;
- Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy;
- Health and Ageing;
- Australian Institute of Family Studies; and
- State/Territory Attorney General departments including Police agencies.

The information will also be used by a range of community organisations and researchers.

The survey questions have been field tested to ensure that the required data are readily available, and that provider load has been minimised. In previous surveys there has been a high level of respondent cooperation and no significant adverse respondent reaction is expected.

The first results from the survey are expected to be published in late 2013.

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