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Topic to be included as a supplement to the Monthly Population Survey:
Work-Related Training and Adult Learning

The Australian Bureau of Statistics proposes to conduct a survey on the topic Work-Related Training and Adult Learning as a supplement to its monthly Labour Force Survey in April 2013. The information will be collected by personal interview, conducted with one randomly selected person aged 15 to 74 years, in approximately 23,000 households throughout Australia. The ABS expects to conduct this survey every four years in the future.

Information will be collected on a range of indicators including

- participation in organised learning (formal and non-formal) in the preceding 12 months, with a particular focus on work related training;
- the reasons Australians undertake organised learning;
- the demographic, educational and employment characteristics of persons who have undertaken work related training and those who have not; and
- barriers to participation in non-formal learning.

This survey was developed to meet a data gap with regard to work related training and adult learning. The survey was developed in consultation with major users, including relevant Commonwealth and State government departments and agencies.

The primary purpose of the survey will be to assist the understanding of the extent to which people improve and/or diversify their skills with a particular focus on whether any training undertaken is for improving employment prospects or for other purposes.

The principal users of the data include:

- Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations;
- Australian Workforce and Productivity Agency;
- National Centre for Vocational Education Research;
- Productivity Commission;
- State and Territory Departments of Education/Training;
- Standing Council on School Education and Early Childhood; and
- Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education.

The survey has been field tested and no significant adverse respondent reaction was observed.

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