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SURVEY OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN SERVICES

The Australian Bureau of Statistics proposes to conduct a Survey of International Trade in Services for the June quarter 2014, which will be conducted on a quarterly basis from July 2014.

The sample consists of approximately 1400 businesses, across Australia, engaged in international services. The survey will provide respondents with the option to respond using paper or electronic forms.

Information will be collected from the following major service types:

- transport;
- construction;
- financial services;
- charges for the use of intellectual property;
- telecommunications;
- other business services;
- personal, cultural and recreational services;
- merchanting; and
- sale/purchase of intellectual property.

Results from the collection will be used by analysts and policy makers in both public and private sectors (e.g. the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade use this data for Free Trade Agreement negotiations). The results will also be used by the Australian Bureau of Statistics in the compilation of the Balance of Payments and the Australian National Accounts.

The survey has been 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. The survey will be required to be cleared through the Statistical Clearing House before going into the field.

Results from the quarterly survey are expected to be released in late 2014.

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