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NON-PROFIT INSTITUTIONS SURVEY

The Australian Bureau of Statistics proposes to conduct a Survey of Non-Profit Institutions in Australia for the 2012-13 reference period, commencing August 2013.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics conducts this survey on an ad-hoc basis.

The survey will be conducted by mail and/or e-forms from a sample of approximately 2,800 businesses nationally.

Information will be collected on a range of indicators including:

- details of primary activity;
- employment, income and expenses; and
- assets and liabilities.

The primary purpose of the survey will be to measure the economic contribution of the not-for-profit sector to the Australian economy.

The survey has been developed in consultation with relevant Commonwealth and state government departments, including:

- Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs; and
- Department of Health and Ageing.

The principal users of the survey will include:

- Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs;
- Department of Health and Ageing;
- The Treasury; and
- state and local government agencies and departments serving the community.

Results from the survey will be used to:

- compile the Non-Profit Institutions Satellite Account, providing measures of the size, structure and economic contribution of Not-for-profit organisations in Australia;
- produce estimates consistent with the broadest level 'International Classification of Non-profit Organisations'; and
- provide data for economic planning and performance analysis.

The survey questions have been extensively field tested to ensure that the required data are readily available and that provider load is minimised. No significant adverse respondent reaction is anticipated.

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

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