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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Australian Bureau of Statistics proposes to conduct a quarterly (September, December, March and June) Consumer Price Index survey for the 2013-14 financial year.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics expects to conduct this survey quarterly in the future as an ongoing survey.

The survey will be conducted by Australian Bureau of Statistics field collectors visiting a sample of approximately 4000 retail outlets and/or service providers and by office based staff via the internet, electronic communication, secure mail facility and by telephone. Prices will be collected from the eight states and territories capital cities.

Information will be collected on a range of indicators including:

- Housing;
- Food and non-alcoholic beverages; and
- Transport.

The primary purpose of the Consumer Price Index survey is household inflation measurement.

Results from the survey will also be used to inform the National Accounts.

The survey has been extensively field tested to ensure that the 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.

Results from the survey are expected to be available quarterly following each of the reference periods (September, December, March and June).

This survey has been run quarterly since last being tabled as Proposal No. 7 of 1998.

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