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## SURVEY OF RESEARCH AND EXPERIMENTAL DEVELOPMENT, GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE NON-PROFIT ORGANISATIONS

The Australian Bureau of Statistics proposes to conduct the Survey of Research and Experimental Development, Government and Private Non-Profit Organisations for the 2012-13 financial year.

The survey will be conducted from August 2013.

The survey will be conducted by mail and is a census of approximately 500 government and private non-profit organisations performing research and experimental development activities across Australia.

Information will be collected on a range of indicators to measure expenditure and human resources devoted to research and development, including:

- type of resource;
- type of expenditure (current and capital expenditure);
- location of expenditure;
- source of funds;
- type of research and development activity;
- fields of research; and
- socio-economic objective.

The primary purpose of the survey is to provide comprehensive data on Australia's research and development effort, and enable the nature and distribution of research and development activity to be monitored and analysed.

The principal users of the survey will be:

- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development;
- Department of Industry, Innovation, Climate Change, Science, Research and Tertiary Education; and
- Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

Results from the survey will be used for policy formulation, allocation of funds, determination of priorities for research and development, international comparison, and to inform the National Accounts.

The survey has been extensively field tested to ensure that the required data are readily available and provider load has been minimised. There has been a high level of

respondent cooperation, and the Australian Bureau of Statistics expects no significant adverse respondent reaction.

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

The Australian Bureau of Statistics expects to conduct the survey biennially (every two years) on a continuing basis.

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