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## WHOLESALE AND RETAIL INDUSTRIES SURVEY

The Australian Bureau of Statistics proposes to conduct a Survey of Wholesale and Retail Businesses in Australia for the 2012-13 reference period.

The survey will be conducted from August 2013.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics expects to conduct this survey every six years on a continuing basis.

The survey will be conducted by mail and/or e-forms from a sample of approximately 10,000 businesses nationally.

Information will be collected on a range of indicators including:

- details of employment, income and expenses;
- trade margin data for a range of products; and
- questions on business structure and performance.

The primary purpose of the survey will be to assist the understanding of the structures of the retail and wholesale industries in Australia.

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

- Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education;
- state Treasury departments;
- Australian Retailers Association; and
- Australian Industry Group.

The principal users of the survey will be:

- Department of Treasury;
- universities and academia; and
- industry groups and industry representative bodies.

Results from the survey will be used to:

- provide data for economic planning and performance analysis; and
- compile Australian National Accounts.

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 in mid 2014.

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