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SURVEY OF PRODUCER PRICES

The Australian Bureau of Statistics proposes to conduct a quarterly (September, December, March and June) Survey of Producer Prices for the 2013-14 financial year.

The survey will be conducted by mail from a representative sample of approximately 2500 businesses across Australia.

Information will be collected on a range of indicators including:

- export prices;
- import prices;
- input prices for a range of industries, including manufacturing; and
- output prices for a range of industries, including manufacturing.

The primary purpose of the survey is to assist the quarterly and annual Australian National Accounts and Balance of Payments in the calculation of chain volume estimates. The survey will be used for contract price adjustments and to monitor pricing pressure on industry across the Australian economy.

Principal users of the survey include:

- The Treasury;
- Reserve Bank of Australia;
- other Commonwealth and state government departments and agencies; and
- international organisations such as the International Monetary Fund and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

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 provider cooperation and no significant adverse provider reaction is expected.

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

The Australian Bureau of Statistics expects to conduct this survey quarterly on a continuing basis.

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