

CENSUS AND STATISTICS ACT 1905- section 13

STATEMENT NO. 5 OF 2015 BY AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS

**RELEASE OF LIST OF BUSINESSES FOR THE QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT
STATISTICIAN'S OFFICE (QGSO), QUEENSLAND TREASURY**

In accordance with the provisions of Clause 6 of the *Statistics Determination 1983* made under Section 13 of the *Census and Statistics Act 1905*, I intend to disclose to the Queensland Government Statistician's Office (QGSO), a list of businesses operating in Queensland, taken from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Business Register.

The list will be used by QGSO for the purposes of conducting the Interstate Trade Survey, Qld (ITQ). This survey will obtain information about the interstate movements of goods (by purchase, sale or transfer) into and out of Queensland.

QGSO will use the information from the ITQ as an input into budgetary matters and preparation of quarterly estimates of gross state product. QGSO previously obtained this information from the ABS Interstate Trade, Queensland Survey (cat. No. 8502.3), which was ceased in the June quarter 2014.

For each business in the list, the ABS will provide from the ABS Business Register:

- name, mailing address and telephone number;
- an indicator of size of the business; and
- the type of legal entity of the business

QGSO have provided the ABS with a signed undertaking that it will:

- a) Use the list specified in the Schedule to this undertaking only for the purpose of conducting the Interstate Trade Survey, Queensland (the survey), which does not involve the enforcing of any obligation or liability applicable under any enactment, and supporting future versions of the survey by informing the design of the survey frame and methodology.
- b) Not release the list or any part of the list, including the identity of any significant interstate trade units identified by the ABS, either directly or indirectly, to another person outside of the QGSO, other than to a contractor who may require access to the list for the purposes of providing services to the Department.
- c) Appoint a contact officer who will manage the processes for individuals within the QGSO to request access to the list release; and will circulate information to individuals within the QGSO who are granted approval by the ABS to access the list.
- d) Maintain a register of all officers of QGSO who have access to the list and provide a copy of that register to the ABS on request and on return of the list to the ABS.
- e) If it is necessary for a contractor to have access to the list for the purpose of providing services to QGSO, the QGSO will ensure that the contractor and every person employed by the contractor who has access to the list provide the Australian Statistician, or Delegate, with a relevant undertaking prior to accessing the list.
- f) Advise respondents in writing that the survey is:

- i. conducted by the QGSO from lists of names and addresses obtained from the ABS in accordance with legislative guidelines;
 - ii. not covered by the ABS guarantee of confidentiality, and
 - iii. is voluntary (i.e. not compulsory).
- g) Clear any relevant explanatory material for the survey with the ABS prior to dispatch.
- h) Provide a copy of the survey results and any information relevant to the maintenance of ABS registers if so requested by the ABS.
- i) For the purpose of conducting a compliance audit concerning observance of the terms and conditions under which the list is disclosed, allow ABS officers access to necessary documents and information.

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