

AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS ACT 1975: sub-section 6(3)

**PROPOSAL NO. 15 OF 2019
BY THE AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS**

SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) proposes to collect information for the purpose of producing estimates of employees, cash wages and salaries for the public sector in Australia.

The information will be collected:

- on an annual basis for the financial year period;
- as a sample survey of about 2,000 employing public sector organisations;
- primarily by web form;
- in Australia.

Information will be collected on a range of characteristics including:

- number of employees;
- gross wages and salaries;
- severance, termination and redundancy payments; and
- salary sacrificed earnings.

The information collected will be used by the ABS as an input to the gross domestic product component of the Australian National Accounts, specifically compensation of employees. Data are also used to monitor employment and earnings trends in the public sector and to assist in developing and reviewing earnings and labour market policies.

The ABS expects to make statistical and related information from the collection available approximately nineteen weeks after the June reference period.

The principal users of the information the ABS produces will be:

- Commonwealth and state departments; and
- other analysts.

To assist in determining the feasibility of the collection and to understand and manage respondent burden consistent with the Government's Regulator Performance Framework, the ABS has:

- considered what existing information is available;
- consulted with key users of the data; and
- undertaken field testing to ensure that the required data are readily available and provider load minimised.

This collection was last conducted in June 2019 and was previously tabled in Parliament as Proposal 14 of 2013.

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