

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

**PROPOSAL NO. 17 OF 2019
BY THE AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS**

JOB VACANCIES SURVEY

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) proposes to continue to collect information for the purpose of producing estimates of the number of job vacancies in Australia.

The information will be collected:

- on the third Friday of the middle month of the quarter;
- as a sample of about 5,400 employing organisations;
- by web form and telephone interview;
- in Australia.

Information will be collected on the following characteristics:

- number of job vacancies; and
- number of employees.

The information collected will be used as a leading indicator of employment growth; in monitoring of the Australian labour market and economy; and for formulating economic policy.

The ABS expects to make statistical and related information from the collection available approximately six weeks after the reference dates for the February, May and August quarters, and approximately seven weeks after the reference date for the November quarter.

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

- economists; and
- Commonwealth and state and territory government bodies, including the Reserve Bank of Australia and The Treasury.

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 August 2019 and was previously tabled in Parliament as Proposal No. 16 of 2016.

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