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**BY**

**AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS**

**LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED SURVEY**

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) proposes to conduct the Livestock Slaughtered Survey for the purpose of providing comprehensive statistics on livestock slaughtering.

The information will be collected:

- on a monthly basis;
- from livestock slaughtering businesses;
- as a census of all livestock slaughtering businesses;
- by self-enumeration (electronic and paper forms); and
- from businesses all across Australia.

Information will be collected on a range of characteristics including:

- the number of livestock slaughtered (cattle, sheep, pigs, goats and deer);
- the weight of meat produced (dressed carcass weight);
- the value of meat produced (average value per head); and
- provider contact details, including provider name, telephone number and email address, in the event the ABS needs to contact the provider to resolve any queries.

The information collected will be used by the ABS in the compilation of the *Livestock and Meat, Australia* (cat no. 7218.0.55.001), *Livestock Products, Australia* (cat no. 7215.0), the *Value of Agricultural Commodities Produced, Australia* (cat no. 7503.0) and the *Australian System of National Accounts* (cat no. 5204.0) publications.

The ABS expects to make statistical and related information from the collection available within six weeks after the close of the monthly reference periods.

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

- Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences - Department of Agriculture and Water Resources;
- Meat and Livestock Australia;
- Australian Pork Limited; and
- State agricultural departments and other key industry bodies.

Results from the survey will be used to monitor the livestock slaughtering industry, to assist in policy formulation and in forecasting future industry activity.

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; and
- has minimised respondent burden to 20-30 minutes per monthly collection, with a very high level of respondent cooperation.

This collection was last conducted in February 2019 and was previously tabled in Parliament as Proposal 31 of 2016.

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