

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

**PROPOSAL NO. 31 OF 2016**

**BY**

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**LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED SURVEY**

The Australian Bureau of Statistics proposes to conduct a monthly Livestock Slaughtered Survey from December 2016.

This survey has been conducted on a monthly basis since December 2013 and was previously tabled in Parliament as Proposal No.37 of 2013; and will continue on a repeating monthly basis

The survey will be conducted by mail (mail out-mail back) from a sample of approximately 150 slaughtering businesses nationally.

Information will be collected on a range of livestock slaughtering indicators including;

- total cattle, sheep, pigs, goats and deer slaughtered
- dressed carcass weight for the range of livestock types, and
- average value per head for the range of livestock types.

The primary purpose of the survey is to provide a measure of the number of cattle, sheep, pigs, goats and deer slaughtered, the meat produced, and the average value per live animal, of these slaughterings for each calendar month.

The principal users of the survey will be:

- Australian Bureau of Statistics in the compilation of the National Accounts
- 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.

The survey has running since December 2013 and provider burden has been minimised to 20-30 minutes per survey with a very high level of provider cooperation.

Survey results will be released approximately five weeks after the end of each monthly reference period, commencing with December 2016.

Luise McCulloch  
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