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**AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS**

**WOOL RECEIVALS, PURCHASES AND SALES SURVEY**

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) proposes to conduct the Wool Receivals, Purchases and Sales Survey for the purpose of providing comprehensive statistics on wool receivals, purchases and sales.

The information will be collected:

- on a quarterly basis;
- from wool brokers and dealers;
- as a census of all wool brokers and dealers;
- by self-enumeration (electronic and paper forms); and
- from businesses all across Australia.

Information will be collected on a range of characteristics including:

- the weight and value of wool purchased;
- the weight and value of wool sold;
- the weight of wool received;
- stocks of unsold wool; 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 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 quarterly 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;
- Australian Wool Forecasting Committee – Australian Wool Innovation Limited; and
- State agricultural departments and other key industry bodies.

Results from the survey will be used to monitor the wool 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 60 minutes per monthly collection, with a very high level of respondent cooperation.

This collection was last conducted in December 2018 and was previously tabled in Parliament as Proposal 32 of 2016.

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