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**RETAIL BUSINESS SURVEY**

The Australian Bureau of Statistics proposes to continue conducting the monthly Retail Business Survey. This survey is unchanged from the version previously tabled in Parliament in October 2012.

The survey will continue to be conducted primarily by telephone from a sample of approximately 3,500 businesses across Australia each month. The information collected is for an indicator of the level of monthly turnover of Australian retail businesses.

The primary purpose of the Retail Business Survey will be to assist the understanding of consumer spending from retail businesses within Australia. Results will be used by analysts and policy makers in both the public and private sectors and to assist in the compilation of Australia's national accounts.

The survey has been extensively field tested to ensure that the required data is readily available and that provider load has been minimised. There has been a high level of respondent cooperation with no significant adverse respondent reactions.

Results from the Retail Business Survey are published monthly in Retail Trade, Australia.

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