

CENSUS AND STATISTICS ACT 1905- section 13

PROPOSAL NO. 10 OF 2017

**BY
AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS**

**LIST OF BUSINESSES FOR THE QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT STATISTICIAN'S
OFFICE (QGSO), QUEENSLAND TREASURY**

In accordance with the provisions of Clause 6 of the *Statistics Determination 1983* made under Section 13 of the *Census and Statistics Act 1905*, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) intends to disclose to the Queensland Government Statistician's Office (QGSO), a list of businesses operating in Queensland (Qld), taken from the ABS Business Register.

The list will be used by QGSO to conduct the Interstate Trade Survey, Qld. This survey will obtain information about the interstate movements of goods (by purchase, sale or transfer) into and out of Qld, to and from other parts of Australia.

QGSO will use the information from the Interstate Trade Survey as an input into budgetary matters and preparation of quarterly estimates of gross state product. QGSO have been collecting this information since early 2016 using a list of businesses taken from the ABS Business Register approved in late 2015. Prior to this QGSO obtained this information from the ABS Interstate Trade, Queensland Survey (cat. no. 8502.3), which was ceased in June quarter 2014.

The information to be released for each business selected will be:

- name, mailing address and telephone number
- an indicator of size of the business
- the type of legal entity of the business.

QGSO have provided the ABS with a signed undertaking and therefore agree to:

- a. use the list specified in the Schedule to the undertaking only for the purpose of conducting the Interstate Trade Survey, Qld, which does not involve the enforcing of any obligation or liability applicable under any enactment
- b. not release the list or any part of the list, either directly or indirectly, to another person outside of QGSO
- c. maintain a register of all QGSO officers who have access to the list, and provide a copy of that register to the ABS on request

- d. indicate to respondents that the survey is not conducted by or on behalf of the ABS, and obtain written clearance from the ABS of any relevant explanatory material for the survey prior to dispatch
- e. inform respondents that response to the survey is not compulsory
- f. advise respondents in writing that their name came from an ABS list in accordance with legislative guidelines, and that the information collected by QGSO will not be covered by the ABS's guarantee of confidentiality
- g. for the purpose of conducting a compliance audit concerning observance of the terms and conditions under which the list is disclosed, allow ABS officers access to necessary documents and information.

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