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Topic to be included as a supplement to the Monthly Population Survey: Pregnancy and Employment Transitions survey

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) proposes to conduct a Pregnancy and Employment Transitions Survey, as part of the Monthly Population Survey.

The information will be collected:

- during November 2017
- from around 2,000 mothers with children aged under 2 years living with them
- by Interview (computer assisted face-to-face or telephone)
- throughout Australia

Information will be collected on a range of characteristics including:

- number of women in paid work during pregnancy and immediately prior to birth of the child
- use of paid and unpaid maternity/paternity leave and other types of leave following birth of the child
- pattern on women's return to work following birth of the child
- type and duration of leave taken by partner for child's birth
- work arrangements used to assist with child care and types of childcare used
- women's, partner's and household income

The information collected will be used to develop and evaluate policies relating to the employment of women during pregnancy and after childbirth, work/family balance, and use of maternity leave and incentives such as the Paid Parental Leave Scheme and the Newborn Upfront Payment and Newborn Supplement.

The ABS expects to make statistical and related information from the collection available in August 2018, with the Department of Social Services, Office for Women, Australian Institute of Family Studies and Australian Human Rights Commission being the principle users of this information.

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
- has consulted with the Department of Social Services
- will conduct a Dress Rehearsal in April 2017 to ensure that the required data are readily available and that provider load has been minimised.

This collection was last conducted in November 2011.

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