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**PROPOSAL NO. 2 OF 2019  
BY AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS**

**SURVEY OF MINERAL AND PETROLEUM EXPLORATION**

The Australian Bureau of Statistics proposes to conduct the Survey of Mineral and Petroleum Exploration on a quarterly basis.

The information will be collected by electronic and paper form from a census of private enterprises engaged in mineral and petroleum exploration in Australia, and in Australian waters including the Joint Petroleum Development Area (JPDA). There will be approximately 1,200 enterprises which report mineral or petroleum expenditure.

Information will be collected on a range of characteristics including:

- exploration expenditure by type of mineral on a state/territory basis;
- estimates on metres drilled at a national level; and
- Petroleum exploration expenditures of onshore and offshore activity.

The information collected will be used by the ABS in the compilation/analysis of the quarterly Australian National Accounts, and for analysis by government agencies, industry associations, businesses and research organisations.

The ABS expects to make statistical and related information from the collection available on a quarterly basis.

The principal users of the information the ABS produces will be:

- government agencies;
- industry associations; and
- major industry representative bodies.

Results from the survey will be used in the compilation of the quarterly Australian National Accounts, and for analysis by government agencies, industry associations, businesses and research organisations.

This collection was last conducted on/in 2013 and was previously tabled in Parliament as Proposal 44 of 2013.

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