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AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS

ENVIRONMENT INDICATORS SURVEY

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) proposes to continue conducting the Environment Indicators Survey. This collection was last conducted in 2013/14 and was previously tabled in Parliament as Proposal no. 24 of 2013.

The survey will be conducted every two out of three years from September 2016 from a sample of approximately 4,400 businesses/organisations across Australia by electronic forms. Administrative data will be used to supplement the directly collected estimates.

Information will be collected on a range of characteristics including energy and water expenditure, volumes of water received and self-sourced, volumes of electricity and natural gas received from energy providers, and consumption of fuels.

To assist in determining the feasibility of the collection and to understand and manage respondent burden the ABS:

- has considered what existing information is available
- has consulted with industry bodies & businesses
- has worked in conjunction with the Clean Energy Regulator to source administrative data collected under the National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Act, 2007, which will be used to partially substitute directly collected estimates for overlap businesses/organisations
- field tested to ensure data is readily available
- will be required to clear the collection through the Statistical Clearing House

The purpose of the survey is to produce statistics on the usage of energy and water across Australian industries.

The information collected will be used by the ABS in the compilation of the Australian Environment Accounts. Results from the survey will be used to assist in understanding the use of energy and water products in Australian businesses, and will be used to provide a time series view.

The principal users of the survey will be Federal and State Governments and Government research organisations.

The ABS expects to make statistical and related information from the collection available in late 2017.

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