

AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS ACT 1975: sub-section 6(3)

PROPOSAL NO. 8 OF 2018

BY

AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS

ENERGY, WATER AND ENVIRONMENT SURVEY

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) proposes to collect information on electricity generation, energy consumption and expenditure, and water consumption and expenditure by businesses/organisations in Australia.

The information will be collected:

- During September/October 2018, on a three yearly basis;
- From a sample of approximately 10,000 businesses/organisations;
- By self-enumeration using electronic and paper forms; and
- Across Australia.

Information will be collected on a range of characteristics including:

- Electricity generated by businesses/organisations;
- Energy consumption and expenditure by businesses/organisations; and
- Water consumption and expenditure by businesses/organisations.

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 Australian businesses use of energy and water products, and will also be used to provide a time series view.

The ABS expects to make statistical and related information from the collection available in July 2019.

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

- Government research organisations; and
- Federal and State Departments.

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 industry bodies and businesses;
- Has field tested to ensure data is readily available.

This collection was last conducted in 2015 and was previously tabled in Parliament as Proposal 10 of 2015.

Jacky Hodges
General Manager
Industry Statistics Division
August 2018