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Multipurpose Household Survey

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) proposes to collect information for the purpose of understanding, and informing, economic and social analyses of households.

The information will be collected:

- monthly from July 2020 each financial year;
- from a sample of responding households in the Labour Force Survey;
- from a sample of about 27,000 households;
- by computer assisted telephone interview and/or self-enumeration via web form;
- across Australia.

Information will be collected on a range of characteristics including:

- crime victimisation (every year, long version every 3 years);
- patient experience (every year);
- work-related training and adult learning (every 4 years);
- qualifications and work (every 4 years);
- cultural attendance and participation (every 4 years);
- barriers and incentives to labour force participation (every 2 years); and
- retirement and retirement intentions (every 2 years).

Some MPHS topics are collected annually, whilst others are collected every second or fourth year. The table below demonstrates the cyclical nature of some topics.

| 2020/21 | 2021/22 | 2022/23 | 2023/24 |
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| Occupation and industry, Income | Occupation and industry, Income | Occupation and industry | Occupation and industry |
| Crime victimisation/Fraud | Crime victimisation | Crime victimisation | Crime victimisation |
| Patient experience | Patient experience | Patient experience | Patient experience |
| Barriers and incentives to labour force participation | Work related injuries (core) | Barriers and incentives to labour force participation | |
| Retirement and retirement intentions | Cultural attendance and participation | Retirement and retirement intentions | |
| Work related training and adult learning | | Qualifications and work | |

The information collected will be used by the ABS in the compilation of the following publications and their supplementary products:

- *Work-Related Training and Adult Learning, Australia;*
- *Qualifications and Work, Australia;*
- *Crime Victimisation, Australia;*
- *Personal Fraud;*
- *Patient Experiences in Australia;*
- *Attendance at Selected Cultural Venues and Events, Australia;*
- *Participation in Selected Cultural Activities, Australia;*
- *Barriers and Incentives to Labour Force Participation, Australia; and*
- *Retirement and Retirement Intentions, Australia.*

Results from the survey will also be used to assist in the development, implementation and evaluation of a range of government policies and initiatives.

The ABS expects to make statistical and related information from the collection available from late 2021.

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

- Department of Treasury;
- Department of Education and Training;
- Department of Employment;
- Department of Social Services;
- Department of Health;
- Safe Work Australia;
- Attorney-General's Department (including police agencies);
- State and territory equivalents of the above departments; and
- Community organisations and researchers.

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; and
- has consulted with stakeholders, including the VET Data Strategy Working Group.

This collection was last conducted from July 2019 to June 2020 and previously tabled in Parliament as Proposal No. 5 of 2017.

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