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Release of a business list to EY Sweeney

In accordance with the requirements of section 14 of the *Census and Statistics (Information Release and Access) Determination 2018*, made under section 13 of the *Census and Statistics Act 1905*, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) has released a list of business characteristics, the details of which are as follows:

The ABS has disclosed to *EY Sweeney* a list of business characteristics from the ABS Business Register and the Quarterly Business Indicators Survey (QBIS). The list includes Small-to-Medium Enterprises (SME) that were in scope for QBIS between March 2018 and December 2020. The list excludes sole proprietors.

The list will be used for the purpose of market research conducted on behalf of the ABS, to determine the take up rate of SMEs to provide data to the ABS through their accounting software (e.g. Xero, MYOB). This is an integral process to determine the viability of the Accounting Software Project, an initiative of the ABS Deregulation Program.

For each business in the list, the ABS provided (where available):

- Name of Business (legal name and trading name)
- Broad industry classification
- Employment size group
- State
- Name of contact(s)
- Telephone number of contact(s)
- Mobile number of contact(s)
- Email address of contact(s)
- A flag indicating if the businesses had been in the QBIS sample since March 2018

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'John Shepherd'.

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