

CENSUS and STATISTICS ACT 1905 - section 13

STATEMENT NO. 2 OF 2015

BY

AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS

RELEASE OF LISTS OF BUSINESSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY AND SCIENCE

In accordance with the provisions of Clause 6 of the *Statistics Determination 1983* made under Section 13 of the *Census and Statistics Act 1905*, I intend to disclose to the Department of Industry and Science a list of names and addresses of approximately 2,000 businesses taken from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Business Register.

The list will be used by Australian Innovation Research Centre (AIRC), University of Tasmania (contracted by the Department of Industry and Science) to conduct a pilot test on innovation in businesses, commencing in February 2015. This pilot test will obtain a range of information on the frequency, costs and outputs of innovation in Australian business. Outputs may also contribute to developing future content for the ABS Business Characteristics Survey (BCS). There is no alternative source which could provide the information required by the client.

For each business in the list, the ABS will provide from the ABS Business Register:

- the name, address, phone number and email address (where available);
- industry at the division level - as classified in the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification, 2006 (Revision 2.0); and
- employment size based on number of employees

Such access to ABS lists will improve the accuracy of the pilot test on innovation in businesses and ensure adequate coverage of businesses.

The Department of Industry and Science has provided a written undertaking that it will:

- a) use the list specified in the Schedule of this undertaking only for the purpose of conducting the pilot test on innovation in businesses, which does not involve the enforcing of any obligation or liability applicable under any enactment;
- b) not release the list or any part of the list, either directly or indirectly, to another person outside of the Department of Industry and Science other than to a contractor who may require access to the list for the purposes of providing services to the Department;
- c) appoint a contact officer who will manage the processes for individuals within the Department of Industry and Science to request access to the list release; and will circulate information to individuals within the Department of Industry and Science who are granted approval by the ABS to access the list;
- d) maintain a register of all officers of the Department of Industry and Science who have access to the list and provide a copy of that register to the ABS on request, and on return or destruction of the list provide a copy of that register to the ABS;

- e) if it is necessary for a contractor to have access to the list for the purpose of providing services to the Department of Industry and Science, the Department will ensure that the contractor and every person employed by the contractor who has access to the list provide the Australian Statistician with a relevant undertaking prior to accessing the list;
- f) advise respondents in writing that the pilot test on innovation in businesses;
 - i. is conducted on behalf of the Department of Industry and Science from lists of names and addresses obtained from the ABS in accordance with legislation and guidelines;
 - ii. is not covered by the ABS guarantee of confidentiality; and
 - iii. is not compulsory;
- g) clear any relevant explanatory material for the pilot test on innovation in businesses with the ABS prior to dispatch;
- h) provide a copy of results from the pilot test on innovation in businesses and any information relevant to the maintenance of the ABS registers if so requested by the ABS;
- i) for the purpose of conducting a compliance audit concerning observance of the terms and conditions under which the list is disclosed allow ABS officers access to necessary documents and information; and
- j) return or destroy all copies of the list to the ABS as soon as the pilot test on innovation in businesses has been completed.

The AIRC has provided a written undertaking that it will:

- a. use the list specified in the Schedule to this undertaking only for the purpose of the pilot test on innovation in businesses, which does not involve the enforcing of any obligation or liability applicable under any enactment;
- b. not release the list or any part of the list to another person or organisation, other than a proprietor, partner, officer or employee of AIRC who has given the Australian Statistician an undertaking; and
- c. return or destroy the list and all copies of it to the Department of Industry and Science after the completion of the pilot test on innovation in businesses.

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