

**CENSUS AND STATISTICS ACT 1905- section 13**

**STATEMENT NO. 4 OF 2012**

**BY**

**AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS**

**LIST OF BUSINESSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION,  
SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATION (DIISRTE)**

1. 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, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education (DIISRTE) for use by the National Centre for Vocational Education Research Ltd (NCVER), a list of up to 60,000 employing businesses taken from Australian Bureau of Statistics Business Register, which is constructed from the Australian Business Register maintained by the Australian Taxation Office.
2. The list will be used by NCVER to conduct the Survey of Employer Use and Views of the Vocational Education and Training (VET) system, 2013. This survey will obtain information on how well the VET System is meeting its objectives against a range of key performance measures relating to employers.
3. The survey seeks information on employers' views of the relevance and usefulness of skills acquired through the VET system. DIISRTE prepares an Annual National Report on the VET system for the Parliament, in which information is presented on how well the VET system is meeting its objectives against a range of key performance measures relating to employers. This survey will be the main source of data for that measurement.
4. The information to be released in respect of the 60,000 employing businesses will be:
  - name, mailing address and telephone number;
  - a geographic code;
  - a measure of size (number range of employees); and
  - an industry classification code.
5. The Australian Bureau of Statistics Business Register is superior to commercial listings in its coverage of employers, accuracy, currency of contact details and classifications for key groupings such as industry. Use of the Australian Bureau of Statistics Business Register list enables more efficient use to be made of public funds through lower attrition rates and reduced provider load.
6. DIISRTE has provided me with a written undertaking that it will:
  - a. use the list specified in the Schedule to the undertaking only for the purpose of conducting the 2013 Employer Use and Views on Vocational Education and Training in Australia Survey, 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 DIISRTE or to any organisation other than the NCVER and Wallis Consulting Group;
- c. maintain a register of all DIISRTE officers who have access to the list, and provide a copy of that register to the Australian Bureau of Statistics on request and on return of the list to the Australian Bureau of Statistics;
- d. ensure that a responsible officer of NCVER, and the employees of NCVER who have need to access the list, sign a relevant undertaking prior to accessing the list or any part of the list;
- e. ensure that a responsible officer of Wallis Consulting Group subcontracted by NCVER, and the employees of Wallis Consulting Group who have need to access the list, sign a relevant undertaking prior to accessing the list or any part of the list;
- f. indicate to respondents that the survey is not conducted by or on behalf of the Australian Bureau of Statistics, and obtain written clearance from the Australian Bureau of Statistics of any relevant explanatory material for the survey prior to dispatch;
- g. inform respondents that response to the survey is not compulsory;
- h. advise respondents in writing that their name came from an Australian Bureau of Statistics list in accordance with legislative guidelines, and that the information collected by DIISRTE will not be covered by the Australian Bureau of Statistics' guarantee of confidentiality;
- i. for the purpose of conducting a compliance audit concerning observance of the terms and conditions under which the list is disclosed, allow Australian Bureau of Statistics officers access to necessary documents and information;
- j. return all copies of the list to the Australian Bureau of Statistics as soon as the survey is completed; and
- k. ensure, if the Group Manager, or if DIISRTE is no longer responsible for conducting the Survey of Employer Use and Views of the Vocational Education and Training system, 2013, that within three months, a new undertaking is signed, or all copies of the list are returned to the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

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