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BY
AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS

RELEASE OF LIST OF BUSINESSES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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 ABS has released a list of business characteristics, the details of which are as follows.

The ABS has disclosed to the Department of Education and Training a list of names and addresses of approximately 43,000 businesses taken from the ABS Business Register. The list will be a representative statistical sample of businesses that will be used by the Department of Education and Training to conduct a survey on employer use and views of the Vocational Education and Training (VET) system in Australia. The information collected in this survey will contribute to the annual reporting requirements for the VET system. The survey is not compulsory for any business or other organisation that is selected.

For each business in the sample, the ABS will provide:

- The name, address and phone number
- The State/Territory of the business
- The industry of the business (based on the division level of the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industry Classification 2006)
- Number of employees (ranges: 1 – 9, 10 – 99, >= 100).

The ABS has released lists of businesses for the purpose of conducting surveys on employer use and views of the VET system in Australia every two years since 1995, excluding 2003. This supports the accuracy of the survey and adequate coverage of businesses.

The Department of Education and Training has provided the ABS with a signed undertaking that it and its contractors and subcontractors will:

- a. Use the list specified in the Schedule to this undertaking only for the purpose of conducting the 2019 Survey of Employer Use and Views of the VET System (the Survey), which does not involve the enforcing of any obligation or liability under any enactment.
- b. Not release the list or any part of the list to another person or organisation except if approved by the Australian Statistician. If it is necessary for a contractor or subcontractor to have access to the list for the purpose of providing services to conduct the Survey, this must be approved by the Australian Statistician before the access is granted. In addition, the Department of Education and Training will ensure that the Australian Statistician receives relevant undertakings signed by the contractor or subcontractor and every person employed by the contractor or subcontractor who has access to the list or any part of the list.

- c. Appoint a contact officer who will manage the processes for individuals within the Department of Education and Training to request access to the list release; and will circulate information to individuals within the Department of Education and Training who are granted approval by the ABS to access the list.
- d. Ensure that the Department of Education and Training and every person employed by the Department of Education and Training who has access to the list provides the Australian Statistician with a relevant Undertaking prior to accessing the list, if requested by the Statistician.
- e. 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.
- f. Destroy all copies of the list or return them to the ABS as soon as the survey has been completed.



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