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AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS

MAJOR LABOUR COSTS SURVEY

The Australian Bureau of Statistics proposes to collect information for the purpose of measuring major labour costs for the public and private sectors.

The information will be collected:

- from June 2016 on an 5 yearly basis
- from a sample of approximately 7,000 employers
- by electronic forms. Administrative data will be used to supplement the directly collected estimates, and
- across Australia.

Information will be collected on a range of indicators including:

- number of employees
- earnings, and
- other labour costs.

The information collected will be used by the ABS in the compilation of the 6348.0 Labour Costs

The ABS expects to make statistical and related information from the collection available in mid-2017

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

- National Accounts (ABS)
- Federal and State Treasury departments, and
- Department of Employment.

To assist in determining the feasibility of the collection and to understand and manage respondent burden the ABS:

- has undertaken a conceptual review of user requirements
- has considered what existing information is available, and
- will be required to clear the collection through the Statistical Clearing House.

This collection was last conducted in 2010/11 and was previously tabled in Parliament as Proposal no. 5 of 2011

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