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SURVEYS TO SUPPORT ESTIMATES OF SUB-STATE RESIDENT POPULATION

The Australian Bureau of Statistics proposes to conduct an annual survey to collect information to support the compilation of Estimated Resident Population for sub-state areas for the 2012-13 financial year.

The surveys seek information from Local Government Authorities. The information will be used to validate changes affecting local level population estimates for the financial year ending 30 June.

Information will be collected on a range of indicators including:

- changes in local level population trends;
- estimates of population levels and population change;
- the method/source used in deriving the council's estimate of the population usually resident;
- changes to employing businesses/industries in the area; and
- changes to services in the area.

The survey has been extensively field tested to ensure that the required data are readily available and that provider load has been minimised. There has been a high level of respondent cooperation and no significant adverse respondent reaction is expected.

The information provided in these surveys will be used to assist in the:

- validation of Australian Bureau of Statistics estimates of populations produced through demographic modelling processes;
- distribution of funds to local government; and
- planning of services and other activities undertaken by all levels of government.

The survey is expected to continue on an annual basis.

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