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MULTIPURPOSE HOUSEHOLD SURVEY

The Australian Bureau of Statistics proposes to conduct a Multipurpose Household Survey for the 2013-14 financial year.

The survey will be conducted from June 2013 and will collect information by telephone and over the internet from a sample of approximately 34,000 households throughout Australia.

Information will be collected on a range of indicators including:

- work-related injuries;
- participation in sport and physical recreation;
- attendance at selected cultural venues and events;
- participation in selected cultural activities;
- patient experience; and
- crime victimisation.

The primary purpose of the survey will be to assist the understanding of, and to inform, economic and social analyses of households.

The survey results will be used by Commonwealth, State and Territory government agencies including:

- Department of Treasury;
- Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations;
- Department of Regional Australia, Local Government, Arts and Sport;
- Department of Health and Ageing;
- Attorney-General's Department (including police agencies) and their State and Territory equivalents; and
- community organisations and researchers.

Results from the survey will be used to assist in the development, implementation and evaluation of a range of government policies and initiatives.

The survey questions have been extensively field tested to ensure that the required data is readily available, and that provider load has been minimised. In previous surveys there has been a high level of respondent cooperation and no significant adverse respondent reaction is expected.

Results from the survey are expected to be published from late 2014.

The Multipurpose Household Survey is expected to be repeated annually on an ongoing basis.

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