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CHILDREN'S PARTICIPATION IN CULTURAL AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES

During April 2012, as part of its Monthly Population Survey program, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) proposes to conduct a survey to collect information about Children's Participation in Cultural and Leisure Activities. The information will be collected about children aged 5-14 years by interviewing persons aged 15 years and over in approximately 25,400 households throughout Australia.

The survey will collect information about:

- children's access to the Internet, and use of a mobile phone;
- children's participation in organised sport;
- children's participation in selected organised cultural activities, and selected recreational activities; and
- children's attendance at selected cultural venues and events.

The survey was developed in consultation with major users, including relevant Commonwealth and State government departments and agencies. The information collected will assist in the development, implementation and evaluation of government policies and funding programs.

The information will be used by various Commonwealth government departments including the Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy and the Department of Health and Ageing; State Departments of Sport and Recreation; and other committees, councils and authorities including the Standing Committee on Recreation and Sport Research Group, Sport and Recreation Ministers' Council, and the Australian Communications and Media Authority.

The survey content has been tested and no significant adverse respondent reaction is expected.

Results from the survey are expected to be available in late 2012.

The ABS expects to conduct further surveys on this topic in the future.

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