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TOPIC TO BE INCLUDED AS A SUPPLEMENT TO THE MONTHLY POPULATION SURVEY: CHARACTERISTICS OF RECENT MIGRANTS

In November 2013, the Australian Bureau of Statistics proposes to conduct a survey to collect information on the characteristics of recent migrants, as part of the Monthly Population Survey.

Information will be collected by telephone, personal interview or self completed on-line questionnaire with selected individuals from a sample of approximately 23,000 households nationally.

Information will be collected on a range of indicators including:

- type of visa when arriving in Australia;
- current type of visa;
- education and employment before and after arriving in Australia; and
- any difficulties experienced finding work since migration.

The primary purpose of the survey will be to assist in the understanding of the labour force status and other characteristics of recent migrants. In particular, the survey focuses on their longer term employment outcomes.

The principal users of the survey are:

- The Department of Immigration and Citizenship;
- Department of Industry, Innovation, Climate Change, Science, Research and Tertiary Education;
- Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs;
- Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations;
- Department of Human Services; and
- The Treasury.

Results from the survey will be used to formulate, target and monitor the effectiveness of immigration, education and employment policies and programs, particularly in the area of migrant support.

The survey has been conducted on a regular basis since 1993 with a high level of respondent cooperation and no significant adverse respondent reaction is expected.

Results from the survey are expected to be available in mid 2014.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics expects to conduct this survey every three years.

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