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**WASTE MANAGEMENT, TRANSPORT AND MOTOR VEHICLE USAGE SURVEY
2012**

In March 2012, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) proposes to conduct a survey to collect information on waste management, transport usage and motor vehicle usage as part of the Monthly Population Survey. This survey will collect information by either personal or telephone interview from approximately 17,000 households throughout Australia.

Information will be collected on a range of indicators including:

- recycling and re-use of household items;
- disposal of hazardous waste items;
- awareness and use of waste disposal or service facilities;
- main form of transport used to travel to work or full-time study;
- use of public transport;
- motor vehicles kept at dwelling; and
- type of fuel used in main motor vehicle.

The information collected will be used for economic and social analysis, and will assist in the development, implementation and evaluation of a range of government policies and initiatives. The information will be used by Australian, state and territory government agencies including the Australian Government Departments of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities; Climate Change and Energy Efficiency; and Infrastructure and Transport; as well as by community organisations and researchers.

The survey questions have been tested to ensure that the required data are 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 in October 2012.

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

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