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WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE SERVICES SURVEY 2012-13

In October 2013, The Australian Bureau of Statistics proposes to conduct a Water Supply and Sewerage Services Survey for the 2012-13 reference period.

The survey will be conducted by mail and/or e-forms, from a sample of approximately 350 businesses nationally.

Information will be collected on a range of indicators including:

- income and expenses, including capital expenditure, relevant to water supply services;
- volumes of water extracted, used and supplied;
- environmental flows of water; and
- reuse and sewerage services relating to water.

The primary purpose of the survey will be to assist in understanding the nature of water supply services in the Australian economy.

The principal users of the survey will be:

- Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities;
- National Water Commission;
- Commonwealth, state and territory treasury departments;
- state and territory water and pricing regulatory authorities; and
- water supply industry.

Results from the survey will be used to:

- assist in understanding the nature of water supply services in the Australian economy in both physical (i.e. volume) and monetary terms;
- provide data for economic planning and performance analysis; and
- compile the Australian Bureau of Statistics publication *Water Account, Australia*.

The survey questions have been extensively field tested to ensure that the required data are readily available and that provider load has been minimised. No significant adverse respondent reaction is expected.

Results from the survey are expected to be released in late 2014.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics expects to conduct this survey annually on a continuing basis.

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