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WOOL RECEIVALS, PURCHASES AND SALES SURVEY

The Australian Bureau of Statistics proposes to conduct a quarterly Wool Receipts, Purchases and Sales Survey from December 2016.

The survey will be collected by mail (mail out-mail back) from a sample of approximately 180 Wool Brokers and Dealers nationally

Information will be collected on a range of indicators including:

- The weight and value of wool purchases and sales, and
- The weight of wool receipts and stocks held.

The primary purpose of the survey is to provide a measure of the weight and value of wool purchases and sales by registered brokers and dealers during each quarter; including a measure of the weight of receipts during each quarter as well as unsold stock held at the end of each quarter.

The principal users of the survey will be:

- Australian Bureau of Statistics in the compilation of the National Accounts
- Australian Wool Forecasting Committee – Australian Wool Innovation Limited
- Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences - Department of Agriculture and Water Resources, and
- State agricultural departments and other key industry bodies.

Results from the survey will be used to monitor the wool industry to assist in policy formulation and in forecasting of future industry activity.

The survey has been running since December 2013 and provider burden has been minimised to 20-30 minutes per survey with a very high level of provider cooperation.

Survey results will be released approximately six weeks after the end of each quarterly reference period, commencing with the December 2016 quarter.

This survey:

- has been conducted on a quarterly basis since December 2013 and was previously tabled in Parliament as Proposal No.36 of 2013, and
- will continue on a repeating quarterly basis.

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