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**BY**

**AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS**

**POULTRY AND GAME BIRDS SLAUGHTERED SURVEY**

The Australian Bureau of Statistics proposes to conduct a quarterly Poultry and Game Birds Slaughtered Survey from December 2016.

The survey will be conducted by mail (mail out- mail back) from a sample of approximately 70 poultry processing businesses nationally.

This survey:

- has been conducted on a quarterly basis since December 2013 and was previously tabled in Parliament as Proposal No.35 of 2013, and
- will continue on a repeating quarterly basis.

Information will be collected on a range of poultry and game bird slaughtering indicators including:

- total poultry, ducks, drakes, turkeys, geese, quail and other game birds slaughtered for meat production, and
- the dressed weight and average value per slaughtered bird.

The primary purpose of the survey is to provide a measure of the number of poultry and game birds slaughtered, the meat produced, and the average value per live bird slaughtered, per calendar quarter.

The principal users of the survey will be:

- Australian Bureau of Statistics in the compilation of the National Accounts
- Meat and Livestock Australia Limited
- Australian Pork 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 poultry and game bird processing industry to assist in policy formulation and 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.

Luise McCulloch  
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