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Release of list of local government Business Characteristics to Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, and the Arts

In accordance with the requirements of section 14 of *the Census and Statistics (Information Release and Access) Determination 2018*, made under section 13 of the *Census and Statistics Act 1905*, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) has released a list of business characteristics, the details of which are as follows:

The ABS has disclosed to Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, and the Arts (DITRDCA) a list of local government council business characteristics from the annual Government Finance Statistics collection.

The list will be used by DITRDCA for the purpose of research and to analyse local government characteristics associated with financial sustainability. Findings of this research may inform future policy development for local government funding.

For each business in the list, the ABS provided:

A list of transactions and balance sheet items for each local government for each financial year from 2016-17 through to 2021-22.

Transactions were revenues; expenses; and transactions in non-financial assets:

- by economic type framework at 4-digit level
- by classification of functions of government – Australia.

Balance sheet items were defined by the type of asset and liability classification at 1-digit level.

The list was disclosed on 31st of May 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Katherine Keenan'.

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