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Topic: Advisory or working groups

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Senator: Ketter, Chris

Question:

"Please provide details of advisory or working groups within the agency.

- 1) Who is on each advisory or working group
- 2) What support is being provided by the agency
- 3) What is the expenditure to date of the advisory or working group
- 4) What reporting mechanisms to the agency executive or the Minister exists"

Answer:

1-4) See table below.

Name of Advisory or Working Group	Australian Statistics Advisory Council (ASAC)
1) Who is on each advisory or working group	<p>Mr Geoff Allen AM (Chair) Mr David W. Kalisch (ex-officio member) Professor Lisa Jackson Pulver AM (<i>reappointment in progress, member</i>) Mr Nigel Ray PSM (member) Professor Judith Sloan (member) Ms Lisa Gropp (member) Professor Deborah Cobb-Clark (member) Dr Luci Ellis (member) Mr Stephen Walters (member) Dr Caralee McLiesh (<i>appointment in progress, state representative, New South Wales Treasury</i>) <i>Victoria - current member resigned, new member yet to be appointed</i>) Mr Antony Skinner (<i>reappointment in progress, state representative, Queensland Treasury</i>) Mr Chris McGowan (state representative, South Australian Department of the Premier and Cabinet) Mr Kurt Sibma (state representative, Western Australian Department of Treasury) Mr Anton Voss (state representative, Tasmanian Department of Treasury and Finance) Mr Craig Graham (territory representative, Northern Territory Department of Treasury and Finance) Ms Kathy Goth (territory representative, Australian Capital Territory Chief Minister Treasury and Economic Development Directorate)</p>
2) What support is being provided by the agency	Secretariat support (agenda/minutes, membership matters, preparation of annual report, meeting logistics).
3) What is the expenditure to date of the advisory or working group	The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) does not record advisory/working group costs data in a way that would readily allow answers to be provided to this question. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.
4) What reporting mechanisms to the agency executive or the Minister exists	<p>A summary record of meetings is provided to Executive Leadership and Senior Management Groups; the Agency's Executive Leadership Group attends meetings (the Australian Statistician is an ex-officio member). Reporting to the Minister is through the ASAC Annual Report - the ASAC Chair also meets regularly with the Minister and the Minister has a standing invitation to attend all ASAC meetings.</p>

Name of Advisory or Working Group	Australian Government Statistics Forum (AGSF)
1) Who is on each advisory or working group	<p>Ms Gemma van Halderen (Chair, General Manager, Strategy and Partnerships Division, ABS)</p> <p>Dr Phillip Gould (Program Manager, Strategic Policy Branch, ABS)</p> <p>Ms Milly Lubulwa (Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences (ABARES))</p> <p>Mr Geoff Neideck (Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW))</p> <p>Ms Julia Neville (Australian Taxation Office)</p> <p>Dr Gary Dolman (Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics (BITRE))</p> <p>Dr Louise Minty (Bureau of Meteorology)</p> <p>Ms Helen Owens (Public Data Branch Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet)</p> <p>Ms Robyn Shannon (Department of Employment)</p> <p>Ms Kerry Olsson (Department of the Environment)</p> <p>Mr Nicky Antonius (Department of Health)</p> <p>Mr Jason Russo (Department of Immigration and Border Protection)</p> <p>Mr Andrew Lalor (Department of Industry)</p> <p>Mr David Dennis (Department of Social Services)</p> <p>Dr Craig Fowler (National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER))</p> <p>Mr Kevin Jeffery (IP Australia)</p> <p>Ms Angelene Falk (Office of the Australian Information Commissioner)</p>
2) What support is being provided by the agency	Chair - General Manager (Strategy and Partnerships Division) (SESB-2); Secretariat support (agenda/minutes, meeting logistics).
3) What is the expenditure to date of the advisory or working group	The ABS does not record advisory/working group costs data in a way that would readily allow answers to be provided to this question. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.
4) What reporting mechanisms to the agency executive or the Minister exists	The Chair is a member of the Agency's Executive Leadership Group; there is no reporting to Minister.

Name of Advisory or Working Group	State Statistical Forum (SSF)
1) Who is on each advisory or working group	<p>Ms Luise McCulloch (Chair, Deputy Australian Statistician, Statistical Services Group, ABS)</p> <p>Ms Jacky Hodges (General Manager, Industry Statistics Division, ABS)</p> <p>Mr Bruce Hockman (General Manager, Macro-economic Statistics Division, ABS)</p> <p>Dr Paul Jelfs (General Manager, Population and Social Statistics Division, ABS)</p> <p>Ms Gemma Van Halderen (General Manager, Strategy and Partnerships Division, ABS)</p> <p>Mr Chris Libreri (General Manager, Census and Statistical Network Services Division, ABS)</p> <p>Mr Michael Gadiel (New South Wales Treasury)</p> <p>Mr Mark Rodrigues (Victorian Department of Treasury and Finance)</p> <p>Mr Antony Skinner (Queensland Treasury)</p> <p>Mr Chris McGowan (South Australian Department of the Premier and Cabinet)</p> <p>Mr Kurt Sibma (Western Australian Department of Treasury)</p> <p>Mr Anton Voss (Tasmanian Department of Treasury and Finance)</p> <p>Mr Craig Graham (Northern Territory Department of Treasury and Finance)</p> <p>Ms Kathy Goth (Australian Capital Territory Chief Minister Treasury and Economic Development Directorate)</p>
2) What support is being provided by the agency	Chair - Deputy Australian Statistician (Statistical Services Group) (SESB-3); Secretariat support (agenda/minutes, meeting logistics).
3) What is the expenditure to date of the advisory or working group	The ABS does not record advisory/working group costs data in a way that would readily allow answers to be provided to this question. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.
4) What reporting mechanisms to the agency executive or the Minister exists	The Chair is a member of the agency's Executive Leadership Group; there is no reporting to Minister.

Name of Advisory or Working Group	Population and Social Statistics Advisory Group (PSSAG) (as at 4 November 2016 meeting)
1) Who is on each advisory or working group	(Chair) Serena Wilson, Deputy Secretary, Social Security, Department of Social Services Graeme Barden, Division Head, Research Data and Evaluation, Department of Health Rachael Spalding, First Assistant Secretary, Strategic Policy and Planning Division Marty Robinson, Principal Advisor Social Policy Division, The Treasury Troy Sloan, First Assistant Secretary, Information and Analysis Branch, Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet Marilyn Chilvers, Executive Director, Family and Community Services Analysis and Research, NSW Department of Families and Communities Louise Galloway, Director, Prevention and Population Health, Victorian Department of Health and Human Services Professor Matthew Gray, Director, Australian Centre for Applied Social Research Methods Dr Deidre Howard -Wagner, Senior Research Fellow Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, University of Sydney Peter Davidson, Senior Advisor, Australian Council of Social Services Dr Tom McClean, Acting Head, Research, Innovation and Advocacy, Uniting Care Australia Dr Tom Wilson, Principal Research Fellow, Demography and Growth Planning, Charles Darwin University Luise McCulloch, Deputy Australian Statistician, Australian Bureau of Statistics Dr Paul Jelfs, General Manager, Population and Social Statistics Division, Australian Bureau of Statistics Mary McDonald, Group Manager, Evidence and Assessment, Department of Education
2) What support is being provided by the agency	Secretariat for meetings.
3) What is the expenditure to date of the advisory or working group	The ABS does not record advisory/working group costs data in a way that would readily allow answers to be provided to this question. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.
4) What reporting mechanisms to the agency executive or the Minister exists	Minutes of meetings are distributed to members and ABS Executive. There is no reporting to the Minister.

Name of Advisory or Working Group	Economic Statistics Advisory Group (ESAG)
1) Who is on each advisory or working group	<p>External Members</p> <p>Jim Minifie, Productivity Growth and Program Director, Grattan Institute (Chairman)</p> <p>Bob Gregory, Economics Program, Research School of Social Science, Australian National University</p> <p>Don Parker, Financial Analysis and Macroeconomics, Victorian Department of Treasury and Finance</p> <p>Lynne Cockerell, Deputy Head, Economic Analysis Department, Reserve Bank of Australia</p> <p>Christine Barron, Division Head, Macroeconomic Conditions Division, The Department of the Treasury</p> <p>Riki Polygenis, Head of Australian Economics Research, National Australia Bank</p> <p>Alicia Hall, Acting Director, Statistics and Mapping, Department of Parliamentary Services</p> <p>Jo Wood, Group Manager, Economic Strategy Group, Department of Employment</p> <p>Jenny Gordon, Principal Advisor Research, Research Group, Productivity Commission</p> <p>Mark Cully, Chief Economist, Economic & Analytical Services, Department of Industry</p> <p>Membership list ABS</p> <p>David Kalisch, Australian Statistician, Australian Bureau of Statistics</p> <p>Luise Mcculloch, Deputy Australian Statistician, Statistical Services Group, Australian Bureau of Statistics</p> <p>Bruce Hockman, General Manager, Macroeconomic Statistics Division, Australian Bureau of Statistics</p> <p>Jacky Hodges, General Manager, Industry Statistics Division, Australian Bureau of Statistics</p> <p>Gemma Van Halderen, General Manager, Strategic Partnerships and Projects Division, Australian Bureau of Statistics</p> <p>Paul Jelfs, General Manager, Population and Social Statistics Division</p> <p>Jacqui Jones, Program Manager, Labour and Income Statistics Branch, Australian Bureau of Statistics</p> <p>Michael Smedes, Program Manager, Transforming Economic Statistics, Australian Bureau of Statistics</p> <p>Bill Allen, Program Manager, Business Characteristics and Indicators Branch</p> <p>Paul Roberts, Program Manager, National Accounts Branch, Australian Bureau of Statistics</p>
2) What support is being provided by the agency	<p>ABS facilitates the meeting providing meeting rooms and Secretariat functions.</p> <p>The ABS also accommodates travel for the external Chairman Jim Minifie from Melbourne to Canberra to Chair the twice-yearly held meetings.</p>
3) What is the expenditure to date of	<p>The ABS does not record meeting costs data in a way that would readily allow answers to be provided to this question. To attempt</p>

the advisory or working group	to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.
4) What reporting mechanisms to the agency executive or the Minister exists	ABS senior executives including the Australian Statistician are members of the Group, and receive direct feedback participating in meetings and correspondence. There is no reporting to the Minister.

Name of Advisory or Working Group	Statistical Business Transformation Program (Executive Program Board)
1) Who is on each advisory or working group	<p>The Statistical Business Transformation Program (SBTP) governance includes the SBTP Executive Program Board, comprising senior representation from across all ABS Groups and three independent members.</p> <p>David Kalisch, Australian Statistician - Chair Trevor Sutton, Deputy Australian Statistician Jonathan Palmer, Deputy Australian Statistician Luise McCulloch, Deputy Australian Statistician David Borthwick, Consultant David Whiteing, CIO, Commonwealth Bank Peter Harper, past-Deputy Australian Statistician</p>
2) What support is being provided by the agency	The Program Office provides Secretariat support to the SBTP Executive Program Board.
3) What is the expenditure to date of the advisory or working group <i>*for 2015-16 year</i>	The ABS does not record advisory/working group costs data in a way that would readily allow answers to be provided to this question. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.
4) What reporting mechanisms to the agency executive or the Minister exists	The SBTP Executive Board is chaired by the Australian Statistician and ABS members include all Deputy Australian Statisticians. The Minister is provided a Brief on the program progress following each SBTP Executive Program Board meeting.

Name of Advisory or Working Group	Methodology Advisory Committee (MAC)
1) Who is on each advisory or working group	(Chair) Siu-Ming Tam (Chief Methodologist and General Manager Methodology Divison) Professor Robert (Bob) Breunig (Australian National University) Professor Alan H. Welsh (Australian National University) Professor Kevin J. Fox (University of New South Wales) Dr. Tue Gorgens (Australian National University) Professor Raymond (Ray) Chambers (University of Wollongong) Professor David Steel (University of Wollongong) Mr Alistair Gray (Associate Statistics Research Associates Ltd) Associate Professor Robert Clark (University of Wollongong) Professor Robin (Rob) Hyndman (Monash University) Professor Steven Stem (Queensland University of Technology) Professor James Brown (University of Technology Sydney) Distinguished Professor Louise Ryan (University of Technology Sydney) Professor Kerrie Mengersen (Queensland University of Technology)
2) What support is being provided by the agency	The ABS hosts and coordinates this committee which meets once annually face-to-face and (up to) twice annually via multi-site Video Conference for half a day for the purpose of providing the ABS advice on specific statistical and methodological issues that arise in data collection, estimation, analysis and dissemination.
3) What is the expenditure to date of the advisory or working group	The ABS does not record advisory/working group costs data in a way that would readily allow answers to be provided to this question. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.
4) What reporting mechanisms to the agency executive or the Minister exists	The Chief Methodologist (CM) chairs all MAC meetings, and the CM reports on methodological issues directly to the Australian Statistician and to other Executive fora. There is no reporting to the Minister.

Name of Advisory or Working Group	Statistical Spatial Framework (SSF) Forum	
1) Who is on each advisory or working group	Name	Agency
	John Sims	ABARES
	Chris Beer	ABS
	Dean Bowley	ABS
	Liz Kalinin	ABS
	Marcus Blake	ABS
	Martin Brady	ABS
	Matt Jakab	ABS
	Rob Walter	ABS
	Tom Walter	ABS
	Paul Taylor	ABS - Address Register
	Natalie Cooper	ABS Outposted - Health
	Timothy Lo	ABS Outposted - ATO
	Sally Rayner	ABS Outposted - Dept of Social Services
	Joanne Baker	ABS Outposted - DIBP
	Sue Phillips	ABS Outposted - Health
	Gabrielle Williams	AEC
	Kellie Browning	AEC
	Nicole Taylor	AEC
	David Whitelaw	AIHW
	Jen Mayhew	AIHW
	Leo Carroll	AIHW
	Nick Vonsanden	AIHW
	Peita Bonato	AIHW
	Tracy Dixon	AIHW
	Harrison Lee	ATO - Australian Business Register
	Garrick Welsh	Dept Education and training
	Kadi Ibrahim	Dept Education and training
	Paul Oboohov	Dept Education and training
	Salma Bilquis	Dept Education and training
	Andrew Gatenby	Dept Employment
	Craig Kaida	Dept Employment
	James Jordan	Dept Employment
	Simeon Spry	Dept Employment
	James Balogh	DHS
	Michael Barac	DHS
	Nigel O'Keefe	DHS
	Siobhan Burns	DHS
	Anil Chhabra	DIBP
	Debbie Claridge	DIBP
	Gill McPadden	DIBP
	Lindsay Ollenich	DIBP
	Syed Ali	DIBP
	Andre Simpson	DSS
	Chris Wicks	DSS
	Damien Clarke	DSS
	Jason Kroeger	DSS
	Mark Stott	DSS
	Rick Jackson	DSS
	Samantha Edwards	DSS

	Scott Langman DSS Sebastian Harvey DSS Tara Spinks DSS Graham Logan GA Russell Hay GA Shelby Canterford GA Simon Costello GA Adam Catchpole Health Catherine Cuteri Health Colin Wilcox Health Paul Cutting Health Thomas Mueller Health Brian Sloan PM&C David Jory PM&C Judi Dawton PM&C Tim Neal PM&C Adam Baxter Shared Services Brendan Halloran Shared Services Maria Bachos Shared Services
2) What support is being provided by the agency	The ABS hosts and coordinates this Whole of Government forum to encourage Australian Government agencies, who are custodians of socio-economic statistics and data, to engage and collaborate about geospatial issues.
3) What is the expenditure to date of the advisory or working group	The ABS does not record advisory/working group costs data in a way that would readily allow answers to be provided to this question. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.
4) What reporting mechanisms to the agency executive or the Minister exists	The Forum reports to internal ABS Statistical Geospatial Advisory Committee as required, which would advise Ministers through ABS briefings as required.