

## **Summary of ABS activities over 2001/2002 of interest to the Voorburg group**

### **Developments in producer price indexes for service industries**

- Accommodation Services (5710), index development completed;
- Pipeline Transport (6501), index development completed;
- Construction Industry, (Road and Bridge Construction 4121), index development complete;
- Pipeline Transport (6501) and Services to Air Transport (6630), indexes published for the first time in ABS cat 6427.0 for June quarter 2001
- Weighting basis for all ABS Service Industry Producer Price Indexes benchmarked to 1996/97 input-output values for June quarter 2001 publication
- Development of price indexes for all components of ANZSIC division J, Communication Services (consisting of Postal, Courier & Telecommunications services) progressing well.
- Development of a price index for Other Financiers (7330) is progressing well.
- Development of a price index for Travel Agency services (6641) is progressing well.

The following existing ABS service industry PPIs are currently under review (to improve pricing methodology & coverage)

Road Freight (6110), Rail Freight (6200) , Air Freight (640), Coastal Water Transport (6302), Grain Storage (6701), Scientific Research (7810), Computer Consultancy Services (7834), Advertising Services (7851), Commercial Art & Display Services (7852), Security & Investigative Services (7864), Cleaning Services (7866).

NB The above numerical codes relate to the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industry Classification (ANZSIC). All ABS producer price indexes for service industries are now published in Producer Price Indexes, Australia (ABS cat. no. 6427.0).

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## **Sales of service products**

Industries being surveyed in respect of 2001/02 financial year. Collection of income by detailed service products within these industries.

<b>ANZSIC</b>	<b>Industry</b>
7720	Real Estate Services
7741	Motor Vehicle Hiring
7743	Plant, Hiring and Leasing
9111	Film and Video Production
9122	Television Services
9241	Music and Theatre Production
	Performing Arts Festivals
9519	Personal and Household Goods Hiring
9634	Waste Disposal Services

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## **Information Society statistics**

ABS has continued to survey and publish data on IT&T use and supply in Australia. Publications cover use by households, children, businesses, farms, and government. The 2001 national population census included two specific questions on IT use. Supply-side publications include a survey of the IT (supply) sector, including relevant services, and a survey of Internet Service Providers.

Work is underway on developing an IT satellite account in the national accounts.

In August 2002, ABS published a Discussion Paper: *"Measuring a Knowledge-based Economy and Society --- An Australian Framework"*. The paper presents a descriptive framework for measuring the knowledge-based economy and society through use of relevant statistics, including selected IT-related statistics. The framework also covers: context, innovation and entrepreneurship, human capital, and economic and social impacts. The next step is to flesh the framework out with actual data.

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