

# STATS MATTER

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The Stats Matter Strategy received Cabinet approval on 17 June 2013. Read [the Strategy](#) online.

### **Message from the Project Manager Hayden Jones, Assistant Director, OeG**

I am pleased to announce that the Stats Matter Strategy has been endorsed by Cabinet. Stats Matter is a whole of government strategy developed to lift statistical practices and capability.

The Stats Matter Strategy (the Strategy) is a joint initiative of DPAC and Treasury in collaboration with the ABS.

The Strategy is a long-term plan to improve the way we use, interpret, analyse and share quality data. It will help us actively manage our statistical assets as an important part of the business of government and will enhance our capacity to demonstrate accountability.

I would like to thank agencies for the contributions that were made to the Strategy during consultations and throughout its development over the past year.

Ongoing agency support and participation will be a critical success factor in implementing the Strategy and so I encourage you to become familiar with [the Strategy](#); and the actions and initiatives that will arise as it is implemented across government over the next five years.

### **SES and Heads of Agencies Forum**

On Wednesday 28 August a Stats Matter Information Forum will be held. At the forum we will give an overview of the Strategy and the role that agencies will play in its successful implementation.

Speakers will also address the issues and opportunities associated with increasing the use of evidence, program evaluation and performance measurement to ensure we are making sound investments and effective decisions in an environment of restricted resources and funding.

Forum details will be circulated shortly to Heads of Agencies.

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