

expenses reported in the Interview Survey are either relatively large, such as property, automobiles, or major appliances, or are expenses which occur on a fairly regular basis, such as rent, utility bills, or insurance premiums.

The Diary (or recordkeeping) Survey is completed at home by the respondent family for two consecutive one-week periods. The primary objective of the Diary Survey is to obtain expenditure data on small, frequently purchased items which normally are difficult to recall over longer periods of time.

**II. Current Action**

Office of Management and Budget clearance is being sought for the proposed revision of the Consumer Expenditure Surveys: The Quarterly Interview and the Diary.

Every ten years the CE survey updates its sample of primary sampling units (PSUs) based on the latest decennial census in order to make sure its sample accurately reflects the latest geographic shifts in the American population. The 2015 sample design implements new geography for CE. This involves dropping PSUs, adding PSUs, and dropping and adding counties within existing PSUs.

Beginning in 2015, the first wave bounding interview of the Consumer Expenditure Quarterly Interview Survey will be phased out and a four wave survey will be implemented. All four waves will have a three month reference period and data from all waves will be used in the final, published data. The decision to eliminate the bounding

interview was based on substantial research on the ineffectiveness of the bounding interview, and its negative impact on respondent burden and survey costs.

Additionally, to keep the survey current and to fulfill the requirements of the Consumer Price Index (CPI), question wording of some items was simplified, some items were deleted, and other items were added. In the Interview instrument, those change are as follows: (1) New screeners including a business expense screener that will screen out households who do not have any business expenses from the business expense questions and a detailed phone bill screener that will screen out breakout questions for TV, Internet, etc., when a bill is not available; (2) questions added on Tricare and on health care exchanges; (3) questions and screeners deleted including the alcohol screener question, a question on if anything else is included in a package trip, a question on the number of trips purchased for non CU members, and questions on federal and state/local income taxes and refunds; and (4) simplified question wording.

In the 2015 Diary CAPI instrument, questions on regular grocery expenses and expenses for food from places other than a grocery store were reworded to match Interview.

A full list of the proposed changes to the Quarterly Interview Survey and Diary Survey are available upon request.

In addition, the Consumer Expenditure program is planning

several tests over the next several years in an effort to improve the CE surveys in the areas of both data quality and respondent burden.

**III. Desired Focus of Comments**

The Bureau of Labor Statistics is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility.
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

*Type of Review:* Revision, of a currently approved collection.

*Agency:* Bureau of Labor Statistics.

*Title:* The Consumer Expenditure Surveys: The Quarterly Interview and the Diary.

*OMB Number:* 1220-0050.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.

**TOTAL RESPONSE BURDEN FOR THE QUARTERLY INTERVIEW AND DIARY SURVEYS**

	CEQ-interview 2015	CEQ-interview (after 2015)	CED-diary	Total (2015)	Total (after 2015)
Number of responses .....	32,895	32,447	36,895	69,790	69,342
Total burden hours .....	27,708	27,332	33,599	61,307	60,931

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* \$0.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance):* \$0.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they also will become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 27th day of June 2014.

**Kimberley Hill,**

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Bureau of Labor Statistics.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

**Office of Workers' Compensation Programs**

**Division of Federal Employees' Compensation; Proposed Renewal of the Existing Collection; Comment Request**

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an

opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) [44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)]. This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is soliciting comments concerning the proposed collection: Claim for Compensation (CA-7); Authorization for

Examination and/or Treatment (CA-16); Duty Status Report (CA-17); Attending Physician's Report (CA-20); Request for the Services of an Attendant (CA-1090); Referral to a Medical Specialist (CA-1305); OWCP Requirements for Audiological Examination (CA-1087); Referral for a Complete Audiologic and Otologic Examination (CA-1331); Outline for Audiologic Examination (CA-1332); Work Capacity Evaluation, Psychiatric/Psychological Conditions (OWCP-5a); Work Capacity Evaluation, Cardiovascular/Pulmonary Conditions (OWCP-5b); and Work Capacity Evaluation, Musculoskeletal Conditions (OWCP-5c). A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addresses section of this Notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addresses section below on or before September 2, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** Ms Yoon Ferguson, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave. NW., Room S-3201, Washington, DC 20210, telephone (202) 693-0701, fax (202) 693-1447, Email [ferguson.yoon@dol.gov](mailto:ferguson.yoon@dol.gov). Please use only one method of transmission for comments (mail, fax, or Email).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*I. Background:* The Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP) administers the Federal Employees'

Compensation Act (FECA), 5 U.S.C. 8101 et. seq. The statute provides for the payment of benefits for wage loss and/or for permanent impairment to a scheduled member, arising out of a work related injury or disease. The Act outlines the elements of pay which are to be included in an individual's pay rate, and sets forth various other criteria for determining eligibility to and the amount of benefits, including: Augmentation of basic compensation for individuals with qualifying dependents; a requirement to report any earnings during a period that compensation is claimed; a prohibition against concurrent receipt of FECA benefits and benefits from OPM or certain VA benefits; a mandate that money collected from a liable third party found responsible for the injury for which compensation has been paid is applied to benefits paid or payable. This information collection is currently approved for use through October 31, 2014.

*II. Review Focus:* The Department of Labor is particularly interested in comments which:

- \* Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

- \* evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the

proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

- \* enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and

- \* minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

*III. Current Actions:* The Department of Labor seeks extension of approval to collect this information collection in order to carry out its statutory responsibility to compensate injured employees under the provisions of the Act.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Agency:* Office of Workers' Compensation Programs.

*Title:* FECA medical Reports, Claim for Compensation.

*OMB Number:* 1240-0046.

*Agency Number:* CA-7; CA-16; CA-17; CA-20; CA-1090; CA-1305; CA-1087; CA-1331; CA-1332; OWCP-5a; OWCP-5b; and OWCP-5c.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Federal Government.

*Total Respondents:* 282,353.

Form	Time to complete (min)	Number of responses	Hours burden
CA-7 .....	13	500	120
CA-16 .....	5	29,519	2,460
CA-17 .....	5	182,793	15,233
CA-20 .....	5	56,394	4,700
CA-1090 .....	10	234	39
CA-1305 .....	20	136	45
CA-1331/CA-1087* .....	5	1,062	89
CA-1332 .....	30	30	6
OWCP-5's .....	15	11,651	2,913
<b>Totals .....</b>	.....	<b>282,353</b>	<b>25,605</b>

\* Responses and hours associated with Form CA-1087 are included in the estimates for the Form CA-1331. The Form CA-1087 is attached to the Form CA-1331.

*Total Annual Responses:* 232,353.

*Average Time per Response:* 5 minutes-30 minutes.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 25,605.

*Frequency:* As Needed.

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* \$0.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance):* \$ 110,118.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the

information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: June 30, 2014.

**Yoon Ferguson,**

*Agency Clearance Officer, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, U.S. Department of Labor.*

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**MARINE MAMMAL COMMISSION**

**Solicitation for Nominations of Potential Members of the Committee of Scientific Advisors on Marine Mammals**

**AGENCY:** Marine Mammal Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Marine Mammal Commission was created under Title II of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended. The Commission is