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#### **Statistical office support for emission trading schemes: Developments in Australia**

The Australian Government is establishing an emissions trading scheme. The design is scheduled to be completed in by the end of 2008, with the scheme expected to start in 2010. This paper explores how official statistics can be used to support emissions trading schemes, both in design and implementation. In Australia's case, a key role for official statistics is to provide Input-Output tables of improved quality and timeliness to support the economic modelling underlying the scheme. Emissions trading schemes also provide opportunities for new types of statistics and they have implications for the measurement of economic activity in particular sectors and for the nation as a whole.