

**AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS ACT 1975: sub-section 6(3)**

**PROPOSAL NO. 6 OF 2021  
BY THE AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS**

**SURVEY OF DISABILITY, AGEING AND CARERS**

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) proposes to collect information for the purpose of estimating the number of people in Australia with disability, aged 65 years or older, or who are carers.

The information will be collected:

- from November 2021 to September 2022;
- from people in private households, and from administrators of health establishments such as hospitals, nursing homes and retirement villages;
- as a sample of approximately 16,500 households and 5,000 health establishments;
- by face to face interview for people in households, and by web form or mail-out paper form for health establishments;
- across Australia, excluding very remote areas.

Information will be collected on a range of characteristics including:

- the prevalence of disability in Australia;
- the need for support for people aged 65 years and over and people with disability;
- the number of people who provide care to those with disability and older people; and
- the demographic and socio-economic profile of people with disability, older people and carers compared with the general population.

The information collected will be used by the ABS in the compilation of the *Disability, Ageing and Carers, Australia: Summary of Findings* and will be released as microdata.

The ABS expects to make statistical and related information from the collection available from June 2023.

The principal users of the information the ABS produces will be:

- the Department of Social Services;
- the Department of Health;
- the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet;
- the Productivity Commission;

- the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW);
- state and territory departments responsible for disability, ageing and carer services;
- the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA);
- Carers Australia;
- National Disability Services and non-government service providers;
- local government; and
- university researchers.

To assist in determining the feasibility of the collection and to understand and manage respondent burden consistent with the Government's Regulator Performance Framework, the ABS:

- has considered what existing information is available; and
- has consulted with Commonwealth and state/territory government departments and agencies, community service providers, and university researcher

This collection was last conducted from February 2018 to March 2019 and was previously tabled in Parliament as Proposal No. 9 of 2017.

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