

AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS ACT 1975: subsection 6(3)**DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM REPORTING DATA (DEPR), DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AUSTRALIA (DSS)**

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) proposes to collect information concerning barriers to and support for employment opportunities, with respect to people living with disability. These data were collected by DSS in the administration of providing employment services for people with disability, and will help with public research and statistical analysis purposes.

The information collected covers reference periods from 2010 to the current extraction date, and will be provided to the ABS by DSS using a secure file transfer. Future reference periods will be arranged following the successful completion of this collection, and its integration with the Person Level Integrated Data Asset (PLIDA).

Information will be collected on a range of characteristics including:

- basic demographic information;
- job capacity and employment services assessment;
- assessed barriers to employment;
- vulnerability indicators;
- payment information around employment programs.

The ABS expects to make statistical and related information from the collection available from late 2026 onwards. The principal users of the information are authorised researchers for approved projects accessing PLIDA.

PLIDA combines data on healthcare, education, government payments, income and taxation, employment, and population demographics. PLIDA provides whole-of life insights that can improve the lives of all Australians, facilitating the use and re-use of public data for research purposes.

Linking DEPR data with PLIDA will enhance insights around barriers to, and supports for employment outcomes concerning people living with disability, and support improvements to employment services, by enabling detailed analysis of employment outcomes associated with employment services.

The principal users of the linked data will be sophisticated researchers accessing PLIDA in the ABS DataLab. These include State and Federal Government agencies, advanced level university researchers, and public policy organisations.

Consistent with the Government's Regulator Performance Framework, this administrative data collection avoids potential costs and reporting burden by reusing available data.

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