

AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS ACT 1975: sub-section 6(3)**MISSION AUSTRALIA HOMELESSNESS DATA, MISSION AUSTRALIA**

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) proposes to collect personal information concerning homelessness and access to homelessness services from Mission Australia, collected in the administration of providing services for homeless people, for public interest research and statistical analysis purposes.

The information will be collected in relation to reference periods from 1 January 2019 to 1 November 2024 and is sourced from the Mission Australia Homelessness Masterfile, held by Mission Australia. Data will be supplied to the ABS using a secure file transfer.

Information will be collected on a range of characteristics of homeless people, including:

- basic demographic information;
- engagement with and use of homelessness services;
- circumstances of homelessness;
- circumstances prior to homelessness; and
- employment information.

The ABS expects to make statistical and related information from the collection available from mid-2025 onwards. The principal users of the information are authorised researchers for approved projects accessing Person Level Integrated Data Asset (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 Mission Australia homelessness data with PLIDA will enhance insights to homelessness and support improvements to homelessness services by enabling detailed analysis of homelessness outcomes associated with homelessness services.

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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