

**AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS ACT 1975: sub-section 6(3)****SURVEY OF INCOME AND HOUSING**

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) proposes to collect detailed information on income, wealth and housing to provide a measure of the economic wellbeing of Australian households.

The information will be collected:

- between July 2025 and June 2026
- from all persons aged 15 years and over
- as a sample of approximately 31,000 households
- by a web form, telephone or face to face interview
- across Australia, excluding very remote areas and discrete Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Information will be collected on a range of characteristics including:

- demographic and socioeconomic characteristics (including education, labour force status and disability status)
- financial details (including income, assets and liabilities) and
- housing characteristics (including tenure, mobility, dwelling characteristics and housing costs).

The information collected will be used by the ABS in the compilation and analysis of the distribution of income and wealth in Australian households, and changes in economic wellbeing over time.

The ABS expects to make statistical and related information from the collection available from mid-2027.

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

- Treasury
- Department of Social Services
- Reserve Bank
- Productivity Commission
- Department of Employment and Workplace Relations
- State/Territory Housing Authorities and Treasuries
- Academic and community researchers.

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

- considered what existing information is available
- consulted with key stakeholders to identify priority data requirements
- tested new survey content to ensure that the required data are readily available and the respondent burden has been minimised.

This collection was last conducted from July 2023 to June 2024 and was previously tabled in Parliament as Proposal No. 1 of 2023.

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