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Preliminary information

Q1.   In which state or territory are you/your organisation based?

○ ACT
● NSW
○ Victoria
○ Queensland
○ South Australa
○ Western Australia
○ Tasmania
○ Northern Australia
○ Overseas (Please Specify:)

Note: For organisations with offices at more than one location please tick the state or territory where your head office is located.

Q2.   Are you completing this questionnaire as a private individual or as a representative of an organisation?

● Private individual – not representing any organisation
○ Representative of an organisation

Q3.   Which sector best describes your organisation?

○ Government Sector – Federal
○ Government Sector – State
○ Government Sector – Local
○ Private sector (fewer than 20 employees)
○ Private sector (20 or more employees)
○ Other (please specify):

Views on the proposal to enhance the 2006 Population Census dataset

Proposal 1
The ABS is proposing to create the Statistical Longitudinal Census Dataset (SLCD) by:
● combining data from the 2006 Census with data from future censuses; and
● combining data from the 2001 Census with data from the 2006 Census.

Data would be brought together without using name and address, using statistical techniques. Name and address would be destroyed after census processing. The SLCD would be for statistical use only and no identifiable data would be released from the ABS.
The reasons for the ABS considering this proposal are explained in the Discussion Paper in Section 2.

Q4. Do you, or does your organisation, support Proposal 1 if 2006 Census data are combined with data from future censuses?

● Yes
○ No
○ Don't Know

Q5.   What are your reasons?

Addressing the need for the population to access optometry services in all areas of Australia.
Question is: Do we have an oversupply in metro areas and undersupply in rural areas? How can we man the areas of need? HIC stats (Optometry is under Medicare) and the Census database could answer distribution lack/oversupply questions.

Q6. Do you, or does your organisation, support Proposal 1 if 2001 Census data are combined with data from the 2006 Census?

● Yes
○ No
○ Don't Know

Q7.   What are your reasons?

Accurate research data.
Connecting HIC data with census data will enable optometry to be accessible for all Australians.
It will identify areas of need and thus encourage optometrists to visit those areas, hopefully.

Proposal 2
The ABS is proposing to make the SLCD available for use in conjunction with other ABS statistical

collections, such as ABS household surveys, using statistical techniques. Use would be for statistical purposes only, with no identifiable data released outside the ABS.

The reasons for the ABS considering this proposal are explained in the Discussion Paper in Section 3.

Q8. Do you, or does your organisation, support Proposal 2?

● Yes
○ No
○ Don't Know

Q9. What are your reasons?

If the SLCD is connected to the HIC, researchers could plot what amount of eyecare was required for each area. As the population ages, eyecare becomes more important for a healthy lifestyle. Rather than the adhoc basis we use to set up at present, it could be more organized.

Proposal 3
The ABS is proposing to make the SLCD available for use, in conjunction with selected non-ABS datasets. These datasets are birth and death register data, long-term immigration data and national disease registers. This would involve using statistical techniques to bring the datasets together. Use would be for statistical purposes only, and no identifiable data would be released from the ABS.

The reasons for the ABS considering this proposal are explained in the Discussion Paper in Chapter 4.

Q10. Do you, or does your organisation, support Proposal 3?

● Yes
○ No
○ Don't Know

Q11. What are your reasons?

National disease register would highlight eyecare problems such as Age-related Macular Degeneration and Glaucoma which still have so many unanswered questions about their origins. Also, it would show areas that need eye carers to attend to serve.

Proposal 4
(a) The ABS is proposing to use name and address information, available at the time of census processing, to bring together the 2006 Population Census data with the ABS' 2006 Agricultural Census.

Name and address information used in combining the data would be destroyed on completion of census processing. The dataset would be used for statistical purposes only, and no identifiable data would be released from the ABS.

The reasons for the ABS considering this proposal are explained in the Discussion Paper in Section 5.

Q12. Do you, or does your organisation, support Proposal 4(a) if the ABS used 2006 Population Census data with 2006 Agricultural Census data?

- ○ Yes
- ○ No
- ● Don't Know

Q13. What are your reasons?

(b) For quality studies and other particular statistical studies, the ABS proposes to consider the use of name and address information available at the time of census processing to bring together 2006 Population Census data with other selected datasets, namely ABS household surveys, birth and death register data, long-term immigration data and national disease register data.

Any datasets created for these statistical studies would be kept for a limited time and destroyed after completion of each project. Census name and address information would be destroyed on completion of census processing. No identifiable data would be released from the ABS.

The reasons for the ABS considering this proposal are explained in the Discussion Paper in Section 5.

Q14. Do you, or does your organisation, support Proposal 4(b) if the ABS used 2006 Population Census data with these additional datasets?

- ○ Yes
- ○ No
- ● Don't Know

Q15. What are your reasons?

<u>Privacy and Confidentiality</u>

The ABS abides by a range of privacy and confidentiality provisions. These are discussed in Section 6 of the Discussion Paper.

Q16. Are there any additional procedures or protocols you would like the ABS to consider?

Statistical user requirements

Q17. If the ABS adopted any of these proposals, would you, or your organisation, be likely to apply to use the SLCD, either in its own right or in conjunction with one of the other datasets specified in the Discussion Paper?

- ● Yes
- ○ No
- ○ Don't Know

Q18. If yes, what types of projects would you use the datasets for, why would you need the SLCD (or a combination of the SLCD and other datasets) and if known, which data items would you need?

HIC Optometry item numbers, service providers locations (Medicare) would really help. Researching my Masters in Optometry at present on the question of distribution of optometry need in Aust. is something I'm having a hard time with. It would be great to have all this info accessible to me and therefore giving a better, more accurate paper to offer.

General comments

Q19.   Do you have any other comments on the proposal to enhance the census dataset?