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2016 SUPPLEMENTARY DISABILITY SURVEY

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) proposes to collect information for the purpose of measuring the prevalence of disability in Australia using the United Nations' endorsed Washington Group short set of questions. The information will also allow international reporting and comparison of prevalence rates of disability.

The information will be collected:

- from 10 January to 27 February 2016;
- on a voluntary basis from people who have agreed to take part in a follow up survey following participation in the Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers (SDAC)
- from a sample of approximately 6,250 private dwellings;
- by telephone interview; and
- across Australia, excluding very remote areas.

Information will be collected on a range of characteristics which will include activities that people may have difficulty doing (such as walking, remembering, seeing, hearing).

The information collected will be used by the ABS in the analysis of estimates of disability prevalence based on the Washington Group short set of questions and to compare the characteristics of the Washington Group disability population with the SDAC 2015 disability population.

The ABS expects to make statistical and related information from the collection available from June 2016.

The principal user of the information the ABS produces will be the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) for the purpose of strengthening disability data collection globally to develop a consistent international approach.

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
- consulted with DFAT.

This will be the first time this collection has been run.

Luise McCulloch
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