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## BIRTHS COLLECTION

The Australian Bureau of Statistics proposes to collect information from administrative records held by state and territory registries of births, deaths and marriages for the Births Collection for the 2014 calendar year.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics expects that this collection will continue to be conducted monthly on an ongoing basis. Data are submitted to the Australian Bureau of Statistics electronically by secure means.

Information will be collected on a range of characteristics including:

- the birth of the child registered by the state and territory registries of births, deaths and marriages;
- gestation period, birth weight, number and sex of live births, Christian name and family name, date of birth, indigenous status and birth location; and
- father and mother, including name and usual residence, relationship, occupation, age and Indigenous status.

The primary purpose of the collection is:

- to determine the number of seats in the House of Representatives for each state and territory;
- to distribute Australian Government funds to state, territory and local governments;
- to inform government policy related to maternal health, health policy planning and service delivery; and
- to inform intercensal population estimates.

The principal users of the collection will be:

- the Australian Government;
- state, territory and local governments;
- United Nations Demographic Yearbook; and
- United Nations World Population Prospects.

Results from the collection are expected to be released from late 2014.

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