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**AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS**

**2018 SURVEY OF DISABILITY, AGEING AND CARERS**

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) proposes to collect information about people with disability, older people and carers.

The information will be collected:

- from February to December 2018
- from people in private households, and from administrators of health establishments such as hospitals, nursing homes and retirement villages
- as a sample of about 21,000 households and 5,000 health establishments
- by face to face interview for people in households, and by electronic form and mail-out/mail-back paper form for health establishments
- across Australia excluding very remote areas.

Information will be collected on a range of characteristics including:

- the prevalence of disability in Australia
- the need for support of people aged 65 years and over and people with disability
- the number of people who provide care to those with disability and older people
- the demographic and socio-economic profile of people with disability, older people and carers compared with the general population.

Respondents to the household questionnaire who are willing to volunteer follow-up contact details may be asked to do so, for the purpose of assisting the Australian Bureau of Statistics with future health related information collections.

The information collected will be used by the ABS in the compilation of the *Disability, Ageing and Carers, Australia: Summary of Findings* (Catalogue Number: 4430.0) and will also be released as microdata.

The ABS expects to make statistical and related information from the collection available from October 2019.

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

- Department of Social Services
- Department of Health
- Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet
- Productivity Commission
- Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW)
- Council of Australian Governments (COAG)
- State and territory departments responsible for the disability, ageing and carer services
- National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA)
- Carers Australia
- National Disability Services and non-government service providers
- Local government
- University researchers.

Information is collected that will assist government and community agencies to plan appropriate types of services each year, and to plan for future needs. Survey data is also used by groups advocating to government on behalf of people with disability, carers and older people.

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
- has consulted with Commonwealth and state/territory government departments and agencies, community service providers, and university researchers.

This collection was last conducted from February to December 2015 and was previously tabled in Parliament as Proposal 19 of 2014.

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