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2014 GENERAL SOCIAL SURVEY

The Australian Bureau of Statistics proposes to conduct a General Social Survey between March and June 2014.

The survey will be collected by personal interviews from a sample of approximately 15,000 randomly selected persons aged 15 years and over from 15,000 private dwellings across Australia.

Information will be collected on a range of topics including:

- demographic characteristics;
- a wide range of social dimensions such as education, employment, income, health, social networks and participation, crime and safety, experiences of homelessness, transport, voluntary work; and
- difficulties accessing services.

The primary purpose of the survey will be to assist in social understandings by enabling analysis of the interrelationships between social circumstances and outcomes, including the exploration of advantage and multiple disadvantage experienced by individuals.

Principal users of the General Social Survey information include:

- Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet;
- Department of Social Services;
- Department of Immigration and Border Protection;
- Fair Work Australia;
- Australian Institute of Health and Welfare;
- New South Wales Families and Communities;
- Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research;
- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development;
- Grattan Institute;
- PricewaterhouseCoopers; and
- Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth.

Results from the survey will be used to analyse and monitor the social and economic welfare of Australians, particularly within potentially disadvantaged groups, and will assist in the planning of services and support arrangements. The results will also provide indicators for some key factors of social inclusion which will contribute to the social inclusion monitoring and reporting framework.

Based on previous General Social Survey collections and field testing no significant adverse respondent reaction to the survey is expected.

First results from the survey are expected to be published from April 2015.

The General Social Survey is expected to be conducted every 4 years, and was previously conducted in 2002, 2006 and 2010.

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