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**PROPOSAL NO. 12 OF 2019
BY THE AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS**

RECORDED CRIME – OFFENDERS, AUSTRALIA

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) proposes to collect information for the purpose of providing comprehensive statistics on the number and characteristics of alleged offenders who were proceeded against by police.

The information will be collected:

- from July 2019 on an annual basis; and
- from the administrative records held by State and Territory police agencies.

Information will be collected on the number and characteristics of alleged offenders who are proceeded against by police in Australia including:

- offender characteristics;
- the nature of the offence; and
- the number of times an alleged offender was proceeded against by police

The information collected will be used by the ABS in the compilation of the *Recorded Crime – Offenders, Australia* (cat. no. 4519.0) publication.

The ABS expects to make statistical and related information from the collection available from February 2020.

The principal users of the collection are:

- State and Territory police agencies;
- Commonwealth, State and Territory Attorney-General's and Justice departments;
- government crime and justice research institutes;
- crime and justice research centres within universities across Australia; and
- the public

Statistics produced from the collection will be used to make meaningful comparisons of the level and nature of offending behaviour across states and territories in Australia. This will allow policy makers to assess and evaluate crime and justice related policy used throughout the states and territories and facilitate both researchers and policy makers to identify emerging trends in offending behaviour and respond accordingly.

This collection was last conducted in July 2018 and was previously tabled in Parliament as Proposal 20 of 2016.

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