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**PROPOSAL NO. 13 OF 2019
BY THE AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS**

RECORDED CRIME – VICTIMS, AUSTRALIA

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) proposes to collect information for the purpose of providing comprehensive statistics on the number and characteristics of recorded victims of crime in Australia.

The information will be collected:

- from February 2020 on an annual basis; and
- from the administrative records held by State and Territory police agencies.

Information will be collected on the level and nature of recorded crime victimisation in Australia, including:

- victim characteristics;
- the nature of the incident;
- the outcome of police investigations at 30 days; and
- the relationship of the offender to the victim.

The information collected will be used by the ABS in the compilation of the *Recorded Crime – Victims, Australia* (cat. no. 4510.0) publication.

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

The principal users of the collection will be:

- 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 recorded crime victimisation across jurisdictions in Australia. This will allow policy makers to assess and evaluate crime and justice related policy used throughout different jurisdictions and facilitate both researchers and policy makers to identify emerging trends in victimisation and respond accordingly.

This collection was last conducted in February 2019 and was previously tabled in Parliament as Proposal 22 of 2016.

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