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RECORDED CRIME – OFFENDERS, AUSTRALIA

In July 2016 the Australian Bureau of Statistics proposes to collect information from administrative records held by State and Territory police agencies on the number and characteristics of alleged offenders who were proceeded against by police. Data is submitted to the ABS electronically by secure means. The collection will continue to be undertaken annually.

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
- the number of times an alleged offender was proceeded against by police

The principal users of the collection are:

- State and Territory police agencies
- Commonwealth and State and Territory Attorney-Generals and Justice departments
- government crime and justice research institutes
- crime and justice research centres within universities across Australia
- 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.

Results from the collection are expected to be released in early 2017.

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