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RECORDED CRIME – VICTIMS, AUSTRALIA

In February 2017 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 recorded victims of crime. Data is submitted to the ABS electronically by secure means. The ABS expects that the collection will continue to be undertaken annually in the future.

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
- the relationship of the offender to the victim

The principal users of the collection will be:

- 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 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.

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

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