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Subject: RE: Request for Extension - Consultation on the Census and Statistics Amendment (Statistical Information) Regulations 2019 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
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Dear Colleagues

As discussed this morning, I am writing to confirm that the Department of Health anticipates providing a substantive submission to the consultation on the *Census and Statistics Amendment (Statistical Information) Regulations 2019* next week.

We anticipate providing a submission indicating the Department's in-principle support for the proposed Regulations and in particular strong support for the proposed additional topic relating to health conditions diagnosed by a doctor or a nurse in Item 2, Schedule 1 – Amendments. The Department notes that robust and nationally inclusive Census level data inform health policies and planning and help to ensure access to appropriate health- and aged-care services for all Australians. In June 2019 the Department provided submissions to the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) in relation to four potential Census topics:

- chronic health conditions: https://consult.abs.gov.au/census/census-topics/consultation/view_respondent?_b_index=120&uuld=68887345
- sex, gender, and sexual orientation: https://consult.abs.gov.au/census/census-topics/consultation/view_respondent?_b_index=120&uuld=178418291
- nation, clan and mob identification of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander respondents: https://consult.abs.gov.au/census/census-topics/consultation/view_respondent?_b_index=120&uuld=337663723
- smoking status: https://consult.abs.gov.au/census/census-topics/consultation/view_respondent?_b_index=120&uuld=163091333

You may be aware that on 25 November 2019 the Minister for Health the Hon Greg Hunt MP wrote to the Assistant Treasurer the Hon Michael Sukkar MP in his capacity as Minister responsible for the ABS. In his letter (attached) Minister Hunt indicated his support for the inclusion of questions concerning sexual orientation and gender identity in the 2021 Census, as they will generate important demographic data to better inform health service delivery.

I would be grateful for confirmation of receipt of this email.

Kind regards

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Dear Colleagues

The Department of Health respectfully seeks an extension to provide a submission in relation to the *Census and Statistics Amendment (Statistical Information) Regulations 2019*.

The Department is progressing a submission in relation to key areas of interest for health policy development however a range of immediate priorities for key officers have prevented finalisation of the submission.

We anticipate being able to provide a submission by COB Friday 17 January and would be grateful for an extension to accommodate this timing, if possible.

Thanks in advance for your consideration.

Kind regards,

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