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Subject: RE: FW: 2021 Census questions for Min. Colbeck [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi s22 ,

You might have seen some media on this topic over the weekend. See here for the ABS statement in response.

Regards,

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From: s22
Sent: Thursday, 3 October 2019 6:06 PM
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Subject: RE: FW: 2021 Census questions for Min. Colbeck [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Cheers s22 . Do we know if they have included gender and sexual orientation ?

From: s22
Sent: Thursday, 3 October 2019 5:07 PM
To: s22

Cc: s22

Subject: Re: FW: 2021 Census questions for Min. Colbeck [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi s22   ,

Sorry for the delay in response. Key people have been away on all day workshops for the past 2 days.

I have been in touch with the Census content team, and they have advised the following:

- A recommendation from the Assistant Treasurer (and Minister responsible for the ABS) on 2021 Census Content has been sent to the Prime Minister for approval, we expect to hear an outcome in the coming days.
- Treasury will run an open consultation process (likely in November, but yet to be confirmed) whereby the public will be exposed to the proposed inclusions and removals on the 2021 Census
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- I can confirm a long-term health conditions question will be tested in the October field test, and it does include a Dementia response category
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- I can confirm there will be no removals within the CALD suite (but will have some minor enhancements for better capture of information on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander populations), or the Need for Assistance suite of questions
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- The ABS outlined in our November 2018 publication, that we were considering the removal of the both number of motor vehicles garaged, and the household internet access topics from the 2021 Census.
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I have been advised by the Census enumeration team of the following:

- Plans for the enumeration and engagement of Non Private Dwellings (including Hospitals and Residential care facilities) are currently being developed. This takes into consideration recommendations arising from the 2016 Census, in particular improving the identification and response rates of Non Private Dwellings. We expect to be able to consult with key stakeholders in the first part of 2020 to ensure our thinking is aligned with stakeholder expectations. We welcome the opportunity to work with the Department of Health on the enumeration of older Australians ahead of the 2021 Census.

We hope this information is of use.

Kind regards,

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Hi there,

Any suggestions on how to respond to my Aged Care Reporting colleagues here at Health.

Regards,

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Subject: 2021 Census questions for Min. Colbeck [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi Js22 –

I have been asked to develop a brief for Minister Colbeck on the work being done for the 2021 Census, including the status of content review requests from the Department and the targeting strategy for improving the response rate for both older people and people in residential aged care facilities.

Question content review
Is there any information we can provide to the Minister on the status of the 2021 Census content review process, including whether the questions on health condition (particularly dementia) and gender and sexual orientation are likely to be included in the Cabinet submission? Any information on the timeframe and current progress with this work also be really helpful. I have also been asked about the likelihood for CALD background and need for assistance questions being removed from the 2021 Census to make way for additional questions, given that they were initially proposed for removal from the 2016 Census. If there are questions that are up for consideration for removal, it would be helpful to know whatever information you are able to share on those.

Targeting strategy
Following the publication of the Planning the 2021 Census, Australia (Cat No. 2089.0), the Secretary has also asked that we advise the Minister on the specifics of what targeting is being done for the older population and the people in residential care facilities. Is it possible to obtain some additional information on what strategies are being considered for 2021, and also on the strategies that were included for the 2016 Census and whether they were considered successful?

Please let me know if you have any questions or if you'd like to meet to discuss it.

Cheers
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