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Hi all,

FYI – I've taken over from s22 today as the ABS Outposted Officer to the Department of Health.

I understand you have all been involved in preparing the Department's submissions to the 2021 Census topic consultation process.

I wanted to let you know that the Australian Statistician will be writing to the Minister for Health and the Secretary to advise of the 2021 Census Topic Directions publication release on 14 November 2018.

The Minister's letter will outline the key topic directions for:

- Chronic Health Conditions
- Smoking Status
- Sexual Orientation
- Non-binary sex and/or gender identity
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander content changes to improve relevance and participation in Census

The Secretary's letter will outline a general summary of all new topic directions i.e.

The ABS has identified a number of new topics to be tested including chronic health conditions; journey to education; Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural identity; current or previous service in the Australian Defence Force; smoking status; sexual orientation; household and family relationships; and non-binary sex and/or gender identity. The ABS will also explore enhancing existing information collected in areas such as disability aids, shared care arrangements and young carers.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Regards,

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