

**TOTAL INCOME - APPENDIX C:
INDIGENOUS INCOME MODULES**

This appendix contains a tailored version of the basic income module for use in surveys of non-remote indigenous populations as well as a separate income module for use in remote Indigenous populations.

NON-REMOTE INDIGENOUS POPULATIONS

The standard module for non-remote Indigenous populations is essentially the basic income module with some modifications made for specific entitlements for Indigenous students (ie ABSTUDY, Question 6) and other significant sources of income for some indigenous communities (ie art centre distribution, native title payments/royalties from land, distributions from community business organisations or trusts, Question 19).

Question Wording	To population
<p>Q01 I would now like to ask you some questions about income. Information on income provides an indication of living standards in different areas of Australia and for different population groups. This information can be used to help determine the types of services that are needed and who needs them.</p> <p>[Do you/does (proxy name)] receive income from wages or salaries [including from [your/his/her] own incorporated business].</p> <p>1. Yes 5. No</p>	<p>1. ---> Q02 5. ---> Q05</p>
<p>Q02 Before income tax, salary sacrifice or anything else is taken out, how much [do you/does (proxy name)] receive from wages or salaries?</p> <p><i>Interviewer: Enter dollar amount. If respondent is unable to answer, prompt for their best estimate.</i></p> <p>(Allow numeric entry)</p>	<p><1-999999997> ---> Q03</p>
<p>Q03 What period does that cover?</p> <p>1. Week 2. Fortnight 3. Four weeks 4. Calendar month 5. Year 6. Other - please specify</p>	<p>1-5. ---> Q05 6. ---> Q04</p>
<p>Q04 <i>Interviewer: Insert 'other' period.</i> (Allow text entry)</p>	<p>---> Q05</p>
<p>Q05 [Do you/does (proxy name)] receive a government pension, allowance or benefit, for example paid by Centrelink, the Family Assistance Office or the Department of Veterans' Affairs?</p> <p>1. Yes 5. No</p>	<p>1. ---> Q06 5. ---> Q19</p>

Question Wording	To population
<p>Q06 [Do you/does (proxy name)] currently receive any of these pensions, allowances or benefits?</p> <p><i>Interviewer: Show Prompt Card</i></p> <p><i>Only one response is allowed.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Australian Age Pension 2. Service Pension from the Department of Veterans' Affairs. Exclude Defence Force superannuation benefits. 3. Disability Support Pension from Centrelink 4. Newstart Allowance 5. Carer Payment 6. Partner Allowance 7. Widow Allowance from Centrelink 8. Wife Pension 9. Sickness Allowance 10. Special benefit 11. Abstudy 12. No / None of these 	<p>1-11. --->Q07</p> <p>12. --->Q10</p>
<p>Q07 How much [do you/does (proxy name)] receive from [name of pension, benefit, allowance]?</p> <p><i>Interviewer: Enter dollar amount. If respondent is unable to answer, prompt for their best estimate.</i></p> <p>(Allow numeric entry)</p>	<p><1-999997> ---> Q08</p>
<p>Q08 What period does that cover?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Week 2. Fortnight 3. Four weeks 4. Calendar month 5. Year 6. Other - please specify 	<p>1-5. ---> Q10</p> <p>6. ---> Q09</p>
<p>Q09 <i>Interviewer: Insert 'other' period.</i> (Allow text entry)</p>	<p>---> Q10</p>
<p>Q10 [Do you/does (proxy name)] currently receive any of these pensions, allowances or benefits?</p> <p><i>Interviewer: Show Prompt Card</i> <i>Multiple responses allowed</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Family Tax Benefit as a regular payment from the Family Assistance Office 2. Parenting Payment 3. Youth Allowance 4. Carer Allowance 5. War Widow's or Widower's Pension from the Department of Veterans' Affairs, including Income Support Supplement 6. Disability Pension from the Department of Veterans' Affairs 7. Overseas government pension 8. Any other government payment 9. No/none of these 	<p>1-7. ---> Q12</p> <p>8. ---> Q11</p> <p>9. ---> Q19</p>

Question Wording	To population
<p>Q11 <i>Interviewer: Enter name of other government payment</i></p> <p>(Allow text entry)</p>	<p>---> Q12</p>
<p>Q12 How much [in total] [do you/does (proxy name)] receive from [list pensions, allowances or benefits identified as being received in _Q10]?</p> <p><i>Interviewer: Enter dollar amount. If respondent is unable to answer, prompt for their best estimate.</i></p> <p>(Allow numeric entry)</p>	<p><1-999997> ---> Q13</p>
<p>Q13 What period does that cover?</p> <p>1. Week 2. Fortnight 3. Four weeks 4. Calendar month 5. Year 6. Other - please specify</p>	<p>1-5. --->Q15 6. ---> Q14</p>
<p>Q14 <i>Interviewer: Enter 'other' period</i></p> <p>(Allow text entry)</p>	<p>---> Q15</p>
<p>Q15 - sequence guide If Q10 = 1 and (Q10= one or more of 2 to 8) Else</p>	<p>---> Q16 ---> Q19</p>
<p>Q16 How much of this amount [do you /does [proxy name]] receive from Family Tax Benefit payment?</p> <p><i>Interviewer: Enter dollar amount</i></p> <p>(Allow numeric entry)</p>	<p><1-999997> ---> Q17</p>
<p>Q17 What period does that cover?</p> <p>1. Week 2. Fortnight 3. Four weeks 4. Calendar month 5. Year 6. Other</p>	<p>1 - 5. ---> Q19 6. ---> Q18</p>
<p>Q18 <i>Interviewer: Enter 'other' period</i></p> <p>(Allow text entry)</p>	<p>---> Q19</p>

Question Wording	To population
<p>Q19 [Do you/does (proxy name)] currently receive income from any of the following sources:</p> <p><i>Interviewer: Show Prompt Card</i></p> <p><i>If 'yes', prompt for which ones. Multiple responses allowed.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Child support or maintenance 2. Superannuation, an annuity or private pension 3. Workers' compensation 4. Art Centre distribution 5. Native title payments or royalties from land 6. Distributions from community business organisations or trusts 7. None of the above 	<p>1- 6. ---> Q20</p> <p>7. ---> Q23</p>
<p>Q20 How much [do you/does (proxy name)] receive from [source]?</p> <p><i>Interviewer: enter dollar amount. If respondent is unable to answer, prompt for their best estimate.</i></p> <p>(Allow numeric entry)</p>	<p>Q20 to Q22 are asked of each income reported in Q19 then Q23</p>
<p>Q21 What period does that cover?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Week 2. Fortnight 3. Four weeks 4. Calendar month 5. Year 6. Other - please specify 	<p>1-5. ---> Q23</p> <p>6. ---> Q22</p>
<p>Q22 <i>Interviewer: Insert 'other' period</i></p> <p>(Allow text entry)</p>	<p>---> Q23</p>
<p>Q23 [Do you/does (proxy name)] currently have any rental investment property?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Yes 5. No 	<p>1. ---> Q24</p> <p>5. ---> Q27</p>
<p>Q24 [Do you/does (proxy name)] expect to make a profit or loss from [your/his/her] rental investment property this financial year?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Profit 2. Loss 	<p>1. ---> Q25</p> <p>2. ---> Q26</p>
<p>Q25 Before income tax is taken out, but after investment expenses have been deducted, how much profit [do you/does (proxy name)] expect to make from [your/his/her] share in rental investment property this financial year?</p> <p><i>Interviewer: If respondent unable to answer, prompt for their best estimate or ask for previous financial year profit as a proxy.</i></p> <p><i>Enter dollar amount.</i> (Allow numeric entry)</p>	<p>---> Q27</p>

Question Wording	To population
<p>QQ26 After investment expenses have been deducted, how much [do you/does (proxy name)] expect to lose from [your/his/her] share in rental investment property this financial year?</p> <p><i>Interviewer: If respondent unable to answer, prompt for their best estimate or ask for previous financial year loss as a proxy.</i></p> <p><i>Enter dollar amount.</i> (Allow numeric entry)</p>	<p>---> Q27</p>
<p>Q27 [Apart from [your/his/her] rental investment property], [do you/does (proxy name)] currently have any unincorporated businesses whether owned outright by [you/him/her] or through [your/his/her] share in a partnership?</p> <p>1. Yes 5. No</p>	<p>1. ---> Q28 5. ---> Q31</p>
<p>Q28 [Do you/does (proxy name)] expect to make a profit or loss this financial year?</p> <p>1. Profit 2. Loss</p>	<p>1. ---> Q29 2. ---> Q30</p>
<p>Q29 Before income tax is taken out, but after business expenses have been deducted, how much profit [do you/does (proxy name)] expect to make from [your/his/her] share in unincorporated businesses this financial year?</p> <p><i>Interviewer: If respondent unable to answer, prompt for their best estimate or ask for previous financial year profit as a proxy.</i></p> <p><i>Enter dollar amount.</i> (Allow numeric entry)</p>	<p><1-9999997> ---> Q31</p>
<p>Q30 After business expenses have been deducted, how much [do you/does (proxy name)] expect to lose from [your/his/her] share in unincorporated businesses this financial year?</p> <p><i>Interviewer: If respondent unable to answer, prompt for their best estimate or ask for previous financial year loss as a proxy.</i></p> <p><i>Enter dollar amount.</i> (Allow numeric entry)</p>	<p><1-9999997> --->Q31</p>
<p>Q31 [Do you/does (proxy name)] currently receive income from dividends from shares?</p> <p>1. Yes 5. No</p>	<p>1. ---> Q32 5. ---> Q35</p>

Question Wording	To population
<p>Q32 How much [do you/does (proxy name)] expect to receive from dividends from shares this financial year?</p> <p><i>Interviewer: if respondent unable to answer, prompt for their best estimate or ask for previous financial year income as a proxy.</i></p> <p><i>Enter dollar amount. If 'nil' enter zero.</i> (Allow numeric entry 9 digits)</p>	<p><0-9999997> --->Q35</p>
<p>Q33 - Sequence guide If there have been no missing responses to income amounts other than dividends Else</p>	<p>---> Q34 ---> Q35</p>
<p>Q34 Would the amount [you/(proxy name)] expect[s] to receive from dividends from shares (this financial year) be less than \$100?</p> <p>1. Yes 5. No</p>	<p>---> Q35</p>
<p>Q35 [Do you/does (proxy name)] currently receive income from interest?</p> <p>1. Yes 5. No</p>	<p>1. ---> Q36 5. ---> Q39</p>
<p>Q36 How much [do you/does (proxy name)] expect to receive from interest this financial year?</p> <p><i>Interviewer: Enter dollar amount. If 'nil' enter zero.</i></p> <p>(Allow numeric entry)</p>	<p><0-9999997> ---> Q39</p>
<p>Q37 If there have been no missing responses to income amounts other than interest Else</p>	<p>---> Q38 ---> Q39</p>
<p>Q38 Would the amount [you/(proxy name)] expect[s] to receive from interest (this financial year) be less than \$100?</p> <p>1. Yes 5. No</p>	<p>---> Q39</p>
<p>Q39 [Do you/does (proxy name)] currently receive income from any other source?</p> <p>1. Yes 5. No</p>	<p>1. ---> Q40 5. ---> Q44</p>
<p>Q40 What are these sources? (Allow text entry)</p>	<p>---> Q41</p>
<p>Q41 How much [do you/does (proxy name)] receive from (this source/these sources)?</p> <p><i>Interviewer: Enter dollar amount.</i> (Allow numeric entry)</p>	<p><1-9999999997> ---> Q42</p>

Question Wording	To population
<p>Q42 What period does that cover?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Week 2. Fortnight 3. Four weeks 4. Calendar month 5. Year 6. Other - please specify 	<p>1-5. ---> Q44</p> <p>6. ---> Q43</p>
<p>Q43 <i>Interviewer: Insert 'other' period</i></p>	<p>---> Q44</p>
<p>Q44 (Optional) <Note: Main source of income can be derived if complete data are available for each source of income. For those reporting just one source, that is their main source. Where complete data are not reported for each source, for instance where the respondent did not know the amount, it is suggested that respondents be sequenced to this question></p> <p>You have told me that [you / proxy name] [receive/receives] [list all source of income].</p> <p>What is [your / (proxy name)'s] main source of income? [Please consider dividends from shares, and interest as one source.]</p> <p>Show prompt card.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wages or salary (including from own incorporated business) 2. Own unincorporated business or share in a partnership 3. Government pension or allowance 4. Rental investment property 5. Superannuation, an annuity or private pension 6. Dividends from shares and/or interest 7. Other 8. Nil or negative 9. Don't know 	<p>---> END</p>

Word Substitution

Question word sub appears in	Details
<p>Q01, Q02, Q05, Q06, Q07, Q10, Q12, Q16, Q19, Q20, Q23, Q24, Q25, Q26, Q27, Q28, Q29, Q30, Q31, Q32, Q35, Q36, Q39, Q41</p>	<p>[do you/does (proxy name)] Insert 'do you' if respondent answering for self. Otherwise insert 'does (proxy name)'</p>
<p>Q01, Q24, Q25, Q26, Q27, Q29, Q30</p>	<p>[your/his/her] Insert 'your' if respondent answering for self. Insert 'his' if proxy respondent is male. Insert 'her' if proxy respondent is female.</p>

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Q01	<p>[including from [your/his/her] own incorporated business] Insert 'including from [your/his/her] own incorporated business' if respondent indicated in other survey modules that they have their own incorporated business. Note, if this information is not available then this word sub should be permanently on.</p>
Q07	<p>[name of pension, benefit, allowance] Insert allowance reported in Q06</p>
Q12	<p>[in total] Insert 'in total' if more than one source reported in Q10.</p>
Q12	<p>[list pensions, allowances or benefits identified as being received in Q10] List allowances reported in Q10</p>
Q20	<p>[source] Insert source reported in Q19 Note that Q20 is asked separately of each source reported in Q19</p>
Q27	<p>[Apart from [your/his/her] rental investment property] Insert if Q23 = Yes</p>
Q27	<p>[you/him/her] Insert 'you' if respondent answering for self. Insert 'him' if proxy respondent is male. Insert 'her' if proxy respondent is female.</p>
Q34, Q38, Q44	<p>[you/(proxy name)] Insert 'you' if respondent answering for self. Otherwise insert '(proxy name)'</p>
Q34, Q38	<p>[s] Insert 's' if reporting for proxy respondent.</p>
Q44	<p>[receive/receives] Insert 'receive' if respondent answering for self. Insert 'receives' if answering for proxy respondent.</p>

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Q44	<p>[your/(proxy name)'s] Insert 'your' if respondent answering for self. Otherwise insert '(proxy name)'s'</p>
Q44	<p>[list all sources of income] List applicable sources with a comma between each if multiples apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. wages or salary (if Q01 = Yes) b. own unincorporated business or share in a partnership (if Q27 = Yes) c. government pensions or allowances (if Q05 = Yes) d. profit or loss from rental investment property (if Q23 = Yes) e. superannuation, an annuity or private pension (Q19 = 2) f. [dividends from shares and interest / dividends from shares / interest] (if Q31 = Yes and Q35 = Yes / if Q31 = Yes and Q35 = No / if Q31 = No and Q35 = Yes) g. child support or maintenance (Q19 = 1) h. workers' compensation (Q19 = 3) i. income from another source (Q39 = Yes)
Q44	<p>[Please consider dividends from shares, and interest as one source.] Insert if Q31 = 1 and Q35 = 1.</p>

REMOTE INDIGENOUS POPULATIONS

The standard income module for remote Indigenous communities is much shorter and structured quite differently to the non-remote Indigenous income module and is therefore not recommended for use outside its intended context.

It should be noted that the Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) program is undergoing some important changes, with no new participants in the program from 1 July 2009. CDEP participation in the Torres Strait Islands is not affected by these changes. More information about CDEP is available on the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs website.

Question Wording	To population
<p>Q01 I would now like to ask you some questions about any money you get.</p> <p>Do you get money from:</p> <p><i>Multiple responses allowed.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CDEP or STEP? 2. Wages or salary? 3. The Government Family Payment? 4. Any other government pension or allowance? 5. Any other regular source? 	<p>Yes 1- 5. ---> Q2</p> <p>No --->END</p>
<p>Q2 How much do you receive from [source]?</p> <p><i>Interviewer: enter dollar amount. If respondent is unable to answer, prompt for their best estimate.</i></p> <p>(Allow numeric entry)</p>	<p>Q2 to Q4 are asked of each income reported in Q1</p>
<p>Q3 How often is that?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Weekly 2. Fortnightly 3. Every four weeks 4. Every calendar month 5. Other - please specify 	<p>1-4. ---> END</p> <p>5. ---> Q4</p>
<p>Q4 <i>Interviewer: Insert 'other' period</i></p> <p>(Allow text entry)</p>	<p>---> END</p>

Word Substitution

Question word sub appears in	Details
Q2	<p>[source] Insert source reported in Q1 Note that Q2 is asked separately of each source reported in Q1</p>