



## Review of 2021 Census topics

### Assessment Criteria

**1. The topic is of current national importance.**

You may wish to consider the following points in your response.

- data is required for an electoral or legislative purpose
- data is needed to support policy development, planning or program monitoring
- data is used for research purposes

**2. There is a need for data from a Census of the whole population.**

You may wish to consider the following points in your response.

- data is needed for small population groups
- data is needed for small geographic areas
- the value of the topic is enhanced through combining with other characteristics collected in the Census

**3. The topic can be accurately collected in a form which the household completes themselves.**

You may wish to consider the following points in your response.

- the topic is likely to be easily understood by respondents
- the topic can be collected in a simple question or questions
- respondents will easily know the answer to the question(s)
- the question(s) is easy and quick to answer

**4. The topic would be acceptable to Census respondents.**

You may wish to consider the following points in your response.

- the topic is not likely to be considered intrusive, offensive or controversial
- respondents are likely to be willing and able to answer accurately
- are there other considerations for specific groups?

**5. The topic can be collected efficiently.**

You may wish to consider the following points in your response.

- the topic or question will not present major difficulties for coding the information
- the topic or question will not require extensive processing
- the topic will not significantly add to the overall cost of the Census
- the topic will not require a lengthy instruction or explanation
- the collection of data on the topic will not require a large number of response categories or multiple questions



**6. There is likely to be a continuing need for data on the topic in the following Census.**

You may wish to consider the following points in your response.

- there is a need for time series data on the topic
- the topic is likely to remain relevant in the future

**7. There are no other suitable alternative data sources or solutions that could meet the topic need.**

You may wish to consider the following possible data sources and identify any barriers to access in your response.

- data which is collected for administrative purposes
- the topic is collected in an ABS survey or by another organisation
- data is produced through integration of existing data sources