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Senator Rhiannon asked:

Is the Department working towards redefining primary homelessness to include equally the experiences of men and women to enable accurate data to be obtained and to also look at primary homelessness and secondary homelessness?

Answer:

Existing homelessness data such as the ABS 2006 Counting the Homeless report and the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) Specialist Homelessness Services Collection September quarter 2011 report provide detailed data disaggregated by gender. Future reporting by the ABS and AIHW is expected to continue that level of detail. The Department is not planning to redefine homelessness for data purposes. The ABS is currently reviewing its approach to measuring homelessness.