

Appendix 4

Indigenous data sources

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Northern Territory Emergency Response (NTER)	Administrative- various	Various Australian and Northern Territory Government agencies	Northern Territory intervention areas	Aug 07- June 08	Department of Families, Housing, Community Services, and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA): <i>Monitoring Report - Measuring progress of NTER activities, August 2007 to 30 June 2008</i> http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/indigenous/pubs/nter_reports/mon_report/Pages/default.aspx Data sources and key performance indicators are highlighted in Part 2 Appendix and include data on: • Health, education • law and order • sexual assault • housing • income management • employment
	Administrative - NTER Child Health Check data	Department of Health and Ageing (DoHA)	Northern Territory intervention areas		Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) and DoHA: <i>Progress of the Northern Territory Emergency Response Child Health Check Initiative</i> http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/ihw/pnterchci/pnterchci.pdf Provides information on: • number of health checks • patient demographics • health conditions diagnosed • referrals and vaccinations • children requiring follow ups

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Housing	Statistical - Census of Population and Housing	ABS	Collection district (CD) level	5-yearly Last conducted in 2006	ABS: <i>Census of population and housing</i> http://www.abs.gov.au/WEBSITE/DBS/D3310114.nsf/Home/census Can provide information about: • overcrowding • tenure, landlord type, rent and mortgage repayments • dwelling structure, number of bedrooms.
	Statistical - National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Survey (NATSISS)	ABS	State territory and remoteness areas	6-yearly Last conducted in 2002 (2008/09 collection underway)	ABS: <i>National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Survey, 2002</i> http://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/mf/4714.0/ The survey provides the following information on housing: • tenure type, landlord type, rent/mortgage payments • household facilities, number of bedrooms • major structural problems • repairs and maintenance conducted in last 12 months.
	Statistical - Community Housing and Infrastructure Needs Survey (CHINS)	FaHCSIA (collected by ABS)	Discrete Indigenous communities	Last conducted in 2006	ABS: <i>Housing and Infrastructure in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities</i> http://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Lookup/4710.0Main+Features22006 Collects the following data on discrete Indigenous communities: • current housing stock, dwelling management and selected income and expenditure arrangements of Indigenous organisations. • details of housing and related infrastructure in discrete Indigenous communities such as water quality and supply, electricity supply, sewerage systems, drainage, rubbish collection and disposal.
	Administrative - FaHCSIA housing dataset	FaHCSIA	State/territory	Data access on request	AIHW: <i>National Housing Assistance Data Repository</i> http://www.aihw.gov.au/housing/assistance/data/index.cfm The FaHCSIA Housing Dataset holds data on those in receipt of Commonwealth Rent Assistance (CRA). A copy of the dataset is provided to AIHW each year and added to the National Housing Assistance Data Repository.

	Administrative - Supported Accommodation Assistance Program (SAAP)	State/territory SAAP agencies	National for Indigenous data	Annual Latest release 2005-06	AIHW: <i>Supported Accommodation Assistance Program (SAAP) National Data Collection</i> http://www.aihw.gov.au/housing/sacs/ndca/index.cfm The Supported Accommodation Assistance Program (SAAP) National Data Collection is a nationally consistent information system that combines information from SAAP agencies and State/Territory and Commonwealth funding departments. Topics include: • funding, level of support/support provided • client demographics, meeting the needs of clients
	Statistical - National Social Housing Survey	AIHW	State/territory	2005, 2007	AIHW: <i>The National Social Housing Survey</i> http://www.aihw.gov.au/indigenous/housing/somih_survey.cfm The surveys provide data for: • amenity/location, customer satisfaction, tenant satisfaction with service delivery, dwelling condition, • tenant needs and tenant characteristics such as household composition and labour force participation.
	Administrative - Fixing Houses for Better Health Program	FaHCSIA	Data available for participating communities	Ad-hoc	AIHW: <i>Fixing houses for better health (FHBH) dataset</i> http://www.aihw.gov.au/indigenous/datacubes/fhbh.cfm Provides data on the FHBH program. This program is designed to improve the houses and household conditions in rural and remote Indigenous communities across Australia. The data provides information about the quality and health standards of a community's housing stock.

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CDEP	Administrative - CDEP	FaHCSIA			Data available on request.
	Statistical - Census of Population and Housing	ABS	Collection district (CD) level	5-yearly Last conducted in 2006	ABS: <i>Population Characteristics, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians</i> http://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Lookup/7E338A84EC8B3D1ECA257418000E41AD?opendocument ABS Census data can be used to gain information on CDEP participants as questions are asked about CDEP participation. The actual numbers of participants may be understated but the characteristics of those who did state that they were a CDEP participant will still provide important information.
	Statistical - National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Survey (NATSISS)	ABS	State/territory and remoteness areas	6-yearly Last conducted in 2002 (2008/09 collection underway)	ABS: <i>National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Survey (NATSISS)</i> http://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/mf/4714.0/ ABS NATSISS data can be used to gain information on CDEP participants as questions are asked about CDEP participation. The actual numbers of participants may be understated but the characteristics of those who did state that they were a CDEP participant will still provide important information.
Outstations and small communities	Statistical - Census of Population and Housing	ABS	Home/census Collection district (CD) level	5-yearly Last conducted in 2006	ABS: <i>Census of population and housing</i> http://www.abs.gov.au/WEBSITEDBS/D3310114.nsf/ Provides demographic details about outstations and small communities.
	Statistical - Community Housing and Infrastructure Needs Survey (CHINS)	FaHCSIA (collected by ABS)	Discrete Indigenous communities	Last conducted in 2006	ABS: <i>Housing and Infrastructure in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities</i> http://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Lookup/4710.0Main+Features22006?OpenDocument CHINS can provide information for discrete Indigenous communities on: <i>Indigenous Housing Organisations (IHOs)</i>: management, income, expenditure, housing stock, acquisitions and disposals of housing over the past 12 months. <i>Communities</i>: Population, needs planning, health and public facilities, water supply, electricity/gas supply, transport, and communication.

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Substance abuse and its impact on community wellbeing and the safety of children	Statistical - National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey (NATSIHS)	ABS	State/territory and remoteness areas	6-yearly Last conducted 2004-05	ABS: <i>National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey (NATSIHS)</i> http://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Lookup/4715.0Main+Features12004-05?OpenDocument For persons over 18 years the NATSIHS provides information on: • smoking • alcohol consumption • substance use (non-remote only) • social and emotional wellbeing. There are also data for children aged over 12 years on diet and exercise, as well as information for children aged 0-17 on health conditions such as Asthma, heart conditions, eyesight, hearing problems, long term health conditions and Injuries. Information on health services used those aged 0-17 are also collected. Breast-feeding questions for children under 3 are asked.
	Statistical - National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Survey (NATSISS)	ABS	State/territory and remoteness areas	6-yearly Last conducted 2002 (2008/09 collection underway)	ABS: <i>National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Survey (NATSISS)</i> http://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/mf/4714.0/ For persons over 15 years the NATSISS provides information on: • smoking, alcohol consumption, substance use • social and emotional wellbeing, family stressors • neighbourhood/community problems • if respondents have been the victim of physical/threatened violence • arrest/imprisonment in the past 5 years. There are also questions about children aged 0-14 about: • sleep and nutrition • child health services • life events (social interaction, accommodation in times of stress or crisis etc). Maternal health questions are asked of mothers with children aged 0-3 years. These include questions about smoking, drinking and substance use while pregnant.

	Administrative - National minimum data set for alcohol and other drug treatment services	Australian Government and state and territory health authorities	Due to data quality issues only aggregate reporting at a national level is reliable. Some lower level reporting is possible in specific states and/or territories	Annual Latest release 2006-07	AIHW: <i>National minimum dataset available for Alcohol and drug treatment</i> http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10590 Provides data on publicly funded alcohol and other drug treatment services and their clients, including information about the types of drugs for which treatment is sought and the types of treatment provided. Indigenous clients can be identified. However, some community health areas have low quality or no service use data.
	Administrative - Hospital separations data State and territory health authorities	State and territory health authorities	State/territory	Annual Latest release 2006-07	AIHW: <i>National Hospital Morbidity Database</i> http://www.aihw.gov.au/hospitals/nhm_database.cfm Provides data on the number of Indigenous hospitalisations related to alcohol use. The quality of data varies between states and territories. Some state data cannot be used reliably.
	Administrative - State/territory police offence records, state coronial records	State/territory police agencies, coroners	National level for Indigenous data	Annual Latest release 2006-07	Australian Institute of Criminology: <i>National Homicide Monitoring Program</i> http://www.aic.gov.au/publications/mr/01/ Provides information on the number of alcohol and drug influenced homicides.
	Administrative - National Child Protection (NCP) data collection	State and territory child protection and support services	State/territory	Annual Latest release 2006-07	AIHW: <i>National Child Protection (NCP) data collection</i> http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10566 Provides data on: • child protection notifications, investigations and substantiations • children on care and protection orders • children in out-of-home care. Indigenous status of children can be identified. However, the quality of data on Indigenous child protection varies between states and territories. Some state data cannot be used reliably.

	Administrative - National Perinatal Data Collection	State/territory health authorities	State/territory	Annual Latest release 2006	AIHW: <i>Australia's mothers and babies</i> http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10634 Provides estimates of Indigenous smoking rates during pregnancy, for all states/territories except Victoria. There is work in progress to collect consistent data on alcohol and tobacco use during pregnancy.
	Administrative - Drug and Alcohol Service Report (DASR) data collections	DoHA	Applicable to Drug and Alcohol Service Report (DASR) organisation locations	Annual Latest release 2005-06	DoHA: <i>Drug and Alcohol Service Report (DASR) data</i> http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/health-oatsih-pubs-dasr-2005-2006 Service level data is collected by questionnaire from the 40 Australian collections Government funded stand-alone Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander substance use services. The information collected includes: • episodes of care provided • service resources • staffing profiles • the broad range of activities undertaken to help prevent and treat substance use covering a twelve month period.
	Statistical - National Drug Strategy Household Survey	AIHW	National level for Indigenous data due to small sample	Last conducted in 2007	AIHW: <i>National Drug Strategy Household Survey</i> http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10674 Provides information for people living in non-remote areas, including: • drug use prevalence • drug-related behaviours and incidents • support for drug-related policy and legislation.

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Mental health services	Statistical - National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey (NATSIHS)	ABS	State/territory and remoteness areas	6-yearly Last conducted in 2004-05	ABS: <i>National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey (NATSIHS)</i> http://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Lookup/4715.0Main+Features12004-05?OpenDocument Adults over the age of 18 were asked selected questions from the SF.36 and the Kessler Psychological Distress Scale.
	Administrative - Hospital separations data	State/territory health authorities	State/territory	Annual Latest release 2006-07	AIHW: <i>National Hospital Morbidity Database</i> http://www.aihw.gov.au/hospitals/nhm_database.cfm Can provide data on the number of Indigenous hospitalisations related to mental and behavioural disorders. The quality of data varies between states and territories. Some state data cannot be used reliably.
	Statistical and administrative - various mental health related sources	State/territory health authorities, AIHW, ABS, DoHA	Due to data quality issues only aggregate reporting at a national level is reliable. Some lower level reporting is possible in specific states and/or territories	Latest release 2005-06	AIHW: <i>National Community Mental Health Care Database</i> http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10594 The Mental Health Care Database provides information on the number of mental health service contacts for Indigenous peoples. However, numbers are understated due to reporting issues. The <i>Mental health services in Australia 2005-06</i> publication contains information about both Indigenous and non-Indigenous mental health services. It uses an array of administrative and survey data sources. However, only Indigenous status data for New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, Western Australia, South Australia and public hospitals in the Northern Territory have been included due to data quality issues.

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Access to education facilities	Statistical - Census of Population and Housing	ABS	Home/census Collection district (CD) level	5-yearly Last conducted in 2006	ABS: <i>Census of population and housing</i> http://www.abs.gov.au/WEBSITE/DBS/D3310114.nsf/ Provides data on: • number of school age children • number of children attending school • number of adults studying
	Statistical - Community Housing and Infrastructure Needs Survey (CHINS)	FaHCSIA (collected by ABS)	Discrete Indigenous communities	Last conducted in 2006	ABS: <i>Housing and Infrastructure in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities</i> http://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Lookup/4710.0Main+Features22006?OpenDocument Provides data on access to schools and other educational facilities in the discrete Indigenous communities surveyed.
	Statistical - National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Survey (NATSISS)	ABS	State/territory and remoteness areas	6-yearly Last conducted in 2002 (2008/09 collection underway)	ABS: <i>National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Survey (NATSISS)</i> http://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/mf/4714.0/ Provides data on: • full time/parttime of adults/children • educational participation of Indigenous children • reasons for not attending school, if applicable.
	Administrative - National Schools Statistics Collection	ABS (data provided by state, territory and Australian Government education departments)	State/territory Annual	Latest release 2007	ABS: <i>The National Schools Statistics Collection (NSSC)</i> http://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Latestproducts/10782996EC272F0FCA2572FE001D9184?opendocument Provides aggregated data on: • school enrolments • school attendance • school/staffing profile

Statistical/administrative-National Preschool Census	Department of Education Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR)	Information is currently available at national and state/territory level, Statistical Districts and MCEETYA classification areas of Metropolitan, Provincial and Remote areas	Annual Latest release 2007	<i>The National Preschool Census</i> http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/Latestproducts/F38F636C3009D757CA2572FE001D61D2?opendocument Provides information on preschool student enrolments, with a focus on Indigenous students. The collection counts enrolled students if they were on the roll during the census week and had attended a preschool education program in the last month.
Administrative - Higher Education Student Statistics Collection (HESSC)	Department of Education Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR)	State/territory	Annual Latest release 2007	DEEWR: <i>Higher Education Student Statistics Collection (HESSC)</i> http://www.dest.gov.au/sectors/higher_education/publications_resources/statistics/higher_education_statistics_collection.htm Provides data on student enrolments and student load. Administrative – National Vocational Education and Training Provider collection VET providers National Centre for Vocational Education Research National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER): <i>National Vocational Education and Training Provider collection</i> http://www.ncver.edu.au/statistic/publications/2019.html
Administrative - National Vocational Education and Training Provider collection	VET providers	State/territory	Annual Latest release 2007	National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER): <i>National Vocational Education and Training Provider collection (NVETPC)</i> http://www.ncver.edu.au/statistic/publications/2019.html Provides data on Vocational Education and Training (VET) enrolment rates and attainment rates.

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Indigenous enterprise and employment	Statistical - Census of Population and Housing	ABS	Home/census Collection district (CD) level	5-yearly Last conducted in 2006	ABS: <i>Census of population and housing</i> http://www.abs.gov.au/WEBSITE/DBS/D3310114.nsf/ Provides information on: - labour force status - self-employment - industries/occupation of employment - hours worked
	Statistical - National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey (NATSIHS)	ABS	State/territory and remoteness areas	6-yearly Last conducted in 2004-05	ABS: <i>National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey (NATSIHS)</i> http://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Lookup/4715.0Main+Features12004-05?OpenDocument Provides information on: - labour force status (incl. CDEP) - duration of unemployment - hours usually worked - full time/part time status of employment
	Statistical - National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Survey (NATSISS)	ABS	State/territory and remoteness areas	6-yearly Last conducted in 2002 (2008/09 collection underway)	ABS: <i>National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Survey (NATSISS)</i> http://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/mf/4714.0/ Provides information on: - labour force status (incl. CDEP), duration on CDEP - duration of unemployment, hours usually worked - full time/part time status of employment - job security - employment sector - reasons not looking for work, difficulties finding work - whether work allows for cultural responsibilities - access to employment support services - reason did not use employment support services

	Statistical - Labour Force Survey	ABS	State/territory and remoteness areas	Annual Latest release 2007	ABS: <i>Labour Force Characteristics of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, Experimental Estimates from the Labour Force Survey</i> http://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/allprimarymainfeatures/203A6267794D53EECA2570AB0082C2F0?opendocument Provides information about the labour force characteristics of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians using the Monthly Labour Force Survey. The estimates use methodological and definitional differences when compared with other sources of Indigenous Labour Force data, such as the five-yearly Census of Population and Housing, the 2002 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Survey (NATSISS), and the 2004-05 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey (NATSIHS). The differences in the methodologies used affect the comparability of the estimates.
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