“Data integration and good practices in communication between national statistical offices and producers of administrative data.”

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Linking migrant settlement records to other administrative datasets to create new migrant statistics
The ABS Census Data Enhancement project

- The ABS Census Data Enhancement initiative was first announced in 2005.

- The aim was to integrate unit record data from the 2006 Census with other ABS and non-ABS datasets.

- The linking of migrants settlement data to the Census was just one of several Census linking projects being conducted by the ABS at that time.

- The creation of the Australian Census Longitudinal Dataset (ACLD) linking data from the 2006 Census with the 2011 Census was an important element.

- Linking administrative data maximises the use, for statistical purposes, of information available to official bodies.
Why did we link the Census with migrant settlement records?

- Migrants are an important population group – at the 2011 Census 30% of people were born overseas and 56% of people have at least one overseas-born parent.

- Opportunity to provide new insights into migrant settlement outcomes by relating Census information to migrant conditions of entry (e.g. visa, onshore/offshore).

- It is cost effective – we get more out of existing data sources and no additional burden is placed on providers.

- We had the support of the data custodians in the Department of Social Services (DSS) and the Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP).
The Australian Census and Migrants Integrated Dataset (ACMID)
Why integrate the migrant settlement records with personal income tax (PIT) data?

- Provides new data on the income (e.g. wage and salary, foreign income, superannuation etc.) of permanent and provisional migrants who are taxpayers

- Opportunity to provide new insights into migrant settlement outcomes by relating income information to conditions of entry (e.g. visa sub class)

- Increasing call for statistics on migrant outcomes to inform evidence based policy

- It is cost effective – the data exists and no additional burden is placed on providers

- Consistent with Government policy to get more out of existing administrative data sources
The Personal Income Tax and Migrants Integrated Dataset (PITMID)
ACMID - Migrants who are not proficient in spoken English by Visa stream (Aged 5+ years)
ACMID - Industry of employed migrants by Visa stream (Aged 15+ years)
Personal Income of Migrants, Australia (cat. no. 3418.0)

Recent migrants generated $38 billion in total income in 2009-10

Humanitarian migrants have the highest rate of business ownership of all recent migrants
PITMID: Average annual wage and salary income of migrants, By duration of stay and visa stream, 2009/10
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