



Re: [redacted] media enquiry [redacted]
to: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]

09/08/2016 09:57 AM

Hi all - [redacted]

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[redacted]

Thanks,

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[redacted] --09/08/2016 08:38:47 AM--Hi [redacted] [redacted] from [redacted] has sent these questions for a story he's doing on [redacted]? His dead

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To: [redacted] Staff/ABS@ABS,
Cc: [redacted] Staff/ABS@ABS, [redacted] Staff/ABS@ABS, [redacted] Staff/ABS@ABS
Date: 09/08/2016 08:38 AM
Subject: [redacted] media enquiry

Hi [redacted]

[redacted]

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Thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Thanks,

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Subject: **Fw: Census questions**

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To: [REDACTED] Staff/ABS@ABS, [REDACTED] Staff/ABS@ABS,
Date: 09/08/2016 12:00 PM
Subject: **Fw: Census questions**

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Date: 09/08/2016 11:59 AM
Subject: RE: Census questions

Thanks. FOI time. ☐

I'm including your response along with what we've heard from insiders, as well as my full list of unanswered questions in today's edition.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 9 August 2016 11:53 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Census questions

Hi [REDACTED]

That's all I can give you sorry.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ---09/08/2016 11:44:25 AM---Hi [REDACTED] Thanks for this. But can I please get direct responses to my questions? Point by point. You

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Date: 09/08/2016 11:44 AM
Subject: RE: Census questions

Hi [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 9 August 2016 11:41 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Census questions

Hi [REDACTED]

Please find the ABS response below. Also here is a link to the processing procedures <http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/Lookup/by%20Subject/2008.0~2016~Main%20Features~Processing~94>

The ABS has stringent privacy practices, starting with employee training and the signing of an Undertaking of Fidelity and Secrecy. This ensures staff understand and uphold their obligations, and perform their duties in accordance with the Census and Statistics Act 1905.

The ABS' data handling policies and procedures are subject to audit by external assessors as

well as international peer reviews.

ABS' IT security conforms to Australian Government Standards and is compliance tested by the Australian Signals Directorate.

The ABS securely manages hundreds of thousands of electronic and paper forms every year - with more than 9 million forms received during a Census year alone. Forms are tracked from the point of collection to secure destruction. On-line forms are increasingly used to capture information. A benefit of on-line forms is the added security – the content is encrypted and received directly by the ABS.

The public can be confident that the ABS has stringent policies and vigilant staff to protect privacy and confidentiality.

The ABS is committed to maintaining the privacy of people who supply their information .

Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ---09/08/2016 08:28:47 AM---Thanks [REDACTED] much appreciated! From: [REDACTED]

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To: [REDACTED]
Date: 09/08/2016 08:28 AM
Subject: RE: Census questions

Thanks [REDACTED] much appreciated!

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 9 August 2016 8:24 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: census.media@abs.gov.au
Subject: Re: Census questions

Hi [REDACTED]

I'll see if I can organise this.

Thanks,
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ---09/08/2016 08:08:15 AM---Census questions

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[REDACTED] 09/08/2016 08:08 AM

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09/08/2016 08:08 AM

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Hi,

I'm doing a piece on the Census this morning, and I'm hoping you are able to provide answers to the following questions:

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My deadline is 11:30am.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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How bout this?

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Date: 09/08/2016 10:21 AM
Subject: Re: Urgent: [REDACTED] media enquiry re. ABS staff and processing

Hi

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Nothing is impossible - the word itself says I'm possible! Audrey Hepburn

[redacted] Hi all, [redacted] 09/08/2016 10:05:02 AM

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Cc: [redacted] Staff/ABS@ABS, [redacted] Staff/ABS@ABS
Date: 09/08/2016 10:05 AM
Subject: Urgent: [redacted] media enquiry re. ABS staff and processing

Hi all,

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Thanks,

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