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From: Guy Lewis
Sent: Monday, 12 August 2019 11:19 AM
To: Stephanie Maxwell; Angelo Rojas
Subject: FW: Indigenous population statistics [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]
Attachments: Indigenous data for Min meeting Aug 2019.docx

I have updated the Indigenous data we prepared last week as requested by Delyse. I would be grateful if you could both review asap and add comments as you wish. I need to get Tita's sign off by cob today if possible

regards

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Hi Guy

Can you update this doc with Jeffs comments below.

Can I see it first thing in the morning to give Robyn time to clear it.

Thanks Delyse

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Hi Delyse

Can your team please work with BIREI to amend as requested? I need to get it to Jeff tomorrow COB.

Thanks

Robyn Legg | Assistant Commissioner

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Subject: RE: Indigenous population statistics [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Hi Robyn

The work you and your team are continuing to do on the analysis of indigenous enrolment is excellent and extremely valuable. As you can see from our discussion with the Assistant Minister on Thursday last week, this data is extremely important (and as you know we already have a request from the Finance Minister's Office for this data).

I would like to provide both Minister's this data within the next 2-3 business days but before doing so I think we need to do a couple of things with the documents produced:

- Firstly, and most critically, at the start of the document we need to outline the methodology used but in particular we need to emphasise that this data is based on estimates on top of estimates so they clearly understand that this data is not and cannot be considered 100% accurate. This document will need to be a stand alone document if we are going to provide it into the Office's and whilst I can verbally convey the caveats I don't want those to be lost over time so can we please embed a paragraph or two at the top of the document that provides that critical context (a fair bit of which you have in your email below).
- I think table 3 should precede table 2 because table 3 looks like the high level summary of table 2 and I think we need a few sentences that outlines the differences between the high level data in table 1 and the high level data in table 3 (which I am proposing becomes table 2) – which you also have in your email below.
- I also note there is a slight discrepancy in the numbers of unenrolled in tables 2 and 3 – of about 700 electors. We will need to reconcile that or explain it as that will be quickly picked up by the advisors.

Grateful for an updated draft of the document by cob tomorrow please so I can look at providing to the Minister's Offices.

Regards

JP

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Subject: RE: Indigenous population statistics [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi Jeff

In the attachment we have provided:

- Table 1 - our published estimated Indigenous Enrolment rates based on self-identified Indigenous people on Centrelink data as compared to the Roll and taken as a percentage of estimated Indigenous eligible population
- Table 2 – the Divisional breakdown of the 72K or so Indigenous people identified from that original Centrelink data who were contacted as part of the Feb stimulation event (data was cleansed to remove over 65s and to removed those who we thought were on the roll – minimising mis-matches) and excludes those who enrolled before the federal election (ie. those identified as unenrolled). It also details the number of people that we were able to match from the Centrelink data (those identified as enrolled).
- Table 3 - the same data as above by State.
- Table 4 - ABS estimated Indigenous population, over 18yo – **not** eligible population. This is not available broken down any further.

I preface all of it by saying that only Table 1 and the ABS data at Table 4 are published externally. While there are multiple caveats due the nature of the data it certainly gives us much to work on. Aside from the ABS data, the rest is all based on June 18 so getting older now (although not irrelevant) and we are working on the new data sets now.

We have done some internal breakdowns for IEPP officers but we wouldn't feel comfortable sharing this as the further we break it down, the greater risk of error. They remain indicative and we have had to make some assumptions from the data.

As I mentioned in my previous email we are working through the latest June 2019 Centrelink data with BIREI at the moment and as this will be our second time around, hope to have increasing confidence in our estimates, albeit still limited by some of the quality issues with their data.

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Hi Andrew and Robyn

Can you please advise how long it will take for us to pull together our data estimates to respond to the questions below from the Minister's Office. I am assuming we have something close to ready (noting our data limitations on this issue) as part of our preparation for the Assistant Minister's visit on Thursday. I would like to get something to Daniel within the next 48 hours.

Regards
JP

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Hi Jeff

Could I please get some statistics on Indigenous population distributions, insofar as this data is held by the AEC?

For instance Indigenous enrolment by electorate, and/or Indigenous enrolment by suburb/ town?

I also wonder what data we have on under-enrolment of Indigenous Australians by location? For instance the AEC certainly has the ABS estimate of the Census undercount in the NT, but I wonder if there is similar data for other locations.

Thanks
Daniel

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