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Australian Census – Tuesday 10th August 2021

Every five years, the Australian Bureau of Statistics undertakes a census that counts every person and household in Australia. The next census will take place on the night of Tuesday 10 August 2021. Along with questions that help identify the economic, social and cultural make-up of the country, the census also includes an optional question where one can nominate their religion.

The Alliance of Australian Muslims (AAM) encourages all Australian Muslims to complete the census, including nominating Islam as their religion. This is to be done for each member of the household when answering the questionnaire on Census.

The data is referred to by, and assists, Governments and governmental departments relating to policies, initiatives and allocation of resources. It is also referred to by peak Muslim bodies like AAM to assist in relation to its advocacy work, public relations initiatives and lobbying. Thus, participation in the census and nomination of religion is vital.

Under law, the Census data is kept secure by the Australian Bureau of Statistics and it must not show information about a person, household or business that identifies them. All Information on Census forms is protected by the secrecy provisions of the Census and Statistics Act 1905.

For further information visit https://www.census.abs.gov.au/

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