

Thank you for shedding some light on Census night

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) would like to thank everyone around Australia for participating in the 2011 Census of Population and Housing.

Head of the Population Census program, Paul Lowe is reminding everyone there is still time to join the rest of Australia and shed some light on who we are by accurately completing the Census.

"If you haven't received a Census form or need an eCensus Number, you can request one online at www.abs.gov.au/census," Mr Lowe says.

"eCensus remains open, so anyone who was in Australia on Census night, 9 August, but hasn't completed the Census can do it online at www.census.gov.au.

"Simply fill it in to reflect your circumstances on 9 August," Mr Lowe adds.

Census Collectors will be returning to households to pick up completed forms until 28 August, so if you chose to fill out a paper form on Census night, please have it ready to give to your Collector when they return. The information you provide about you and your family is completely private.

"Your Census form contains personal, confidential information. You would never leave your bank details unattended on your front step, so please don't leave your completed Census form," Mr Lowe says.

All genuine ABS Census Collectors will be wearing visible photo identification when they collect completed Census forms and carrying highly visible yellow satchels.

Census Collectors will not return to households who completed their Census form online using eCensus.

The first results of the Census will be released in June 2012. The Census collects vital information about the population to help plan for services and infrastructure in all communities.

More information is available online at www.abs.gov.au/census or by calling 1300 338 776.