
2026 Census

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Dear SA Rainbow Advocacy Alliance,

Thank you for your email regarding the 2026 census.

As the Federal member for Kingston, I have a proud record of supporting the LGBTIQ+ community and in particular I am proud to have supported the campaign for marriage equality since I was elected in 2007.

I am pleased to advise that the Albanese Government is setting a new topic of 'sexual orientation and gender' for inclusion in the 2026 Census.

This will allow the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) to ask questions on sexual orientation and gender for the first time, in keeping with their recommendation to government.

These questions will only be asked of people aged 16 and over, and the ABS has told the Government that people will have the option to not answer.

The new topic reflects consultation with the ABS' LGBTIQ+ Expert Advisory

Committee, including key peak bodies in the sector.

I value every Australian, regardless of their faith, race, gender or LGBTIQ+ status. The Government's position follows further engagement with the community and additional discussions with the ABS.

The Government will make a legislative instrument to implement these changes, and will introduce this instrument before the end of the year.

As your local Federal Member I will continue to fight for our LGBTIQ+ community.

Kind regards,



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Federal Member for Kingston



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