



# Building a New Life in Australia

## Summary of Wave 6 changes

This document outlines the main changes that were introduced in Wave 6, compared with previous waves of the study. More detail is provided in the Data Users Guide. If you have any further questions about these changes, please contact the study team on [bnladatamanager@aifs.gov.au](mailto:bnladatamanager@aifs.gov.au)

### Survey content

- The Youth Module was introduced.
- Household demographic information for other people in the household was asked within the questionnaire and was asked of every respondent.
- Respondents were asked for consent to link their survey data with the Medicare Benefits Schedule, Pharmaceutical Benefits Schedule and Centrelink Welfare administrative datasets.

### Data collection

- Introduction of the Computer-Assisted Web Interview.

### Dataset

- Participant types are no longer being used (e.g. PR, SR or SA). Everyone was considered a respondent and all respondents completed the same questionnaire.
- Additional categories have been added to the household structure derive to account for new scenarios.
- New variable *fcountnorel* provides a count of the number of times a respondent used a negative code (-1 does not apply, -2 don't know, -3 prefer not to say) to respond to the 'relationship to respondent' question when reporting on other people in the household. This variable should be used in conjunction with the household structure derive.
- Introduction of *xhh\_id* indicator variable, which links together respondents in the same household.
- The introduction of the web interview meant that respondents could drop out part way through the survey. Respondents that completed at least the first 2 modules were included on the released dataset.
- Data will only be released in a wide file format.

### Data documentation

- Interactive online version of the data dictionary will be available on BNLA study website in addition to the Excel version.