

Appendix 1: Drug legislation

Selected legislation covering illicit drugs

New South Wales	<i>Drug Misuse and Trafficking Act 1985</i>
Victoria	<i>Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981</i>
Queensland	<i>Drugs Misuse Act 1986</i>
Western Australia	<i>Misuse of Drugs Act 1981</i>
South Australia	<i>Controlled Substances Act 1984</i>
Tasmania	<i>Poisons Act 1971</i>
Northern Territory	<i>Misuse of Drugs Act NT 1990</i>
Australian Capital Territory	<i>Drugs of Dependence Act 1989</i>
Commonwealth	<i>Customs Act 1901</i> <i>Crimes (Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances) Act 1990</i>

Appendix 2: Major datasets

Data set title	National Drug Strategy Household Survey
INVESTIGATORS	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (1998); Commonwealth Department of Health and Aged Care (all previous)
PERIOD OF RECORDS HELD	1985, 1988, 1991, 1993, 1995, 1998
SCOPE	National
METHODOLOGY	Geographic stratified random sample selection of households; personal interview and self-complete questionnaire
DATA ITEMS HELD	Sex, age, marital status, education, country of birth, languages spoken, income, employment status, alcohol and other drug-related attitudes, awareness, knowledge, behaviours
SIZE OF COLLECTION	1998: 10,000+ records
PURPOSE OF COLLECTION	Health policy monitoring and development
CONTACT	Mark Cooper-Stanbury, Data and Information Services Unit, AIHW, (02) 6289 7027, mark.cooper-stanbury@aihw.gov.au

Data set title	Australian Secondary Schools Alcohol and other Drugs Survey
INVESTIGATORS	Centre for Behavioural Research in Cancer; Commonwealth, State and Territory health authorities (in Qld, Education Dept)
PERIOD OF RECORDS HELD	1984, 1987, 1990, 1993, 1996
SCOPE	National; illicit drug information only collected from 1996
METHODOLOGY	Geographic stratified random selection of secondary schools; self-complete questionnaire
DATA ITEMS HELD	Sex, age, education, drug-related knowledge, attitudes, awareness, behaviours
SIZE OF COLLECTION	1996: 29,700 records
PURPOSE OF COLLECTION	Health policy development and monitoring
CONTACT	David Hill, Centre for Behavioural Research in Cancer, (03) 9279 1180

Data set title	National Hospital Morbidity Database
INVESTIGATORS	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
PERIOD OF RECORDS HELD	1985–86 to 1996–97 (not all States and Territories, or all hospitals before 1995–96)
SCOPE	National, all hospital admissions (not all States and Territories, or all hospitals before 1995–96)
DATA ITEMS HELD	Sex, birthdate, country of birth, Aboriginality, marital status, usual State of residence, employment status, health insurance status, episode type, admission and discharge data, diagnoses and procedures (ICD-9-CM), DRG, admission weight (neonates), referral source, external cause, major diagnostic category
SIZE OF COLLECTION	5+ million records each year
PURPOSE OF COLLECTION	Health monitoring, health service use analysis
CUSTODIAN	Jenny Hargreaves, AIHW, (02) 6244 1121, jenny.hargreaves@aihw.gov.au

Data set title	National Mortality Database
INVESTIGATORS	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
PERIOD OF RECORDS HELD	1964–1997
SCOPE	National
DATA ITEMS HELD	Sex, age, state of registration, usual State of residence, year of registration, occupation, birthplace, duration of Australian residence, marital status, date of marriage, age at marriage, duration of marriage, number of children, date of death, cause of death (ICD), certification, post-mortem flag; and from 1980: Aboriginality, place of marriage, registration district, registration number
SIZE OF COLLECTION	12+ million (129,000 per year)
PURPOSE OF COLLECTION	Mortality monitoring
CUSTODIAN	Dr Paul Jelfs, AIHW, (02) 6244 1140, paul.jelfs@aihw.gov.au