

APPENDIX 2

State Owned and Managed Indigenous Housing Survey 2007 Non-trackable questions

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Introduction

This appendix compares results for questions that have changed from 2005 to 2007 and are considered non-trackable after 2005.

The Steering Committee requested a number of changes to the 2005 questionnaire to streamline the 2007 SOMIH questionnaire and align it with the 2007 public housing NSHS questionnaire. A revised version of the questionnaire incorporating the agreed changes was subsequently submitted to the Steering Committee and the states' representatives for review.

After additional comment from the Steering Committee and the states' representatives and input from the research team and the Quality Assurance team at Roy Morgan Research, a further revision of the questionnaire was developed for cognitive testing. This version of the questionnaire and the subsequent version (with modifications made as a result of the findings from the cognitive testing) were submitted to the Steering Committee and states' representatives for approval.

While non-trackable data is presented in this appendix, it is important to note that it is not possible to make direct comparisons across survey years due to alterations to the questions. As a result, considerable caution needs to be taken when considering differences between years and therefore significance testing is not provided.

Table 1 provides details of trackable and non-trackable questions for the 2005-2007 surveys.

Table 1: Trackable and non-trackable questions 2005-2007

2007 Question	Tracked 2005 - 2007	Details
Question 1	yes	Only minor alterations
Question 2	yes	Only minor alterations
Question 3	yes	Only minor alterations
Question 4	yes	Only minor alterations
Question 5	yes	Only minor alterations
Question 6	yes	Only minor alterations
Question 7	yes	Only minor alterations
Question 8	yes	Only minor alterations
Question 9	yes	Only minor alterations

Table 1 (continued)

2007 Question	Tracked 2005 - 2007	Details
Question 10	yes	Only minor alterations
Question 11	yes	Only minor alterations
Question 12	yes	Only minor alterations
Question 17	yes	Only minor alterations
Question 18	yes	Only minor alterations
Question 19	yes	Only minor alterations
Question 20a	no	Changed in 2007
Question 20b	no	Changed in 2007
Question 21	no	Changed in 2007
Question 22	yes	Only minor alterations
Question 24	yes	Only minor alterations
Question 25	no	Changed in 2007
Question 26	no	Changed in 2007
Question 28	yes	Only minor alterations
Question 29a	yes	Only minor alterations
Question 29b	yes/no	Only half of the question was asked in 2007
Question 32	no	Changed in 2007
Question 32a	no	Added in 2007
Question 32b	no	Added in 2007
Question 33	no	Changed in 2007
Question 36	yes	Only minor alterations

Questions for which wording and/or response options changed were deemed non-trackable when the changes made it likely that clients would interpret the items differently from previous years.

Question 20a

2005 question

Turning to **Card D** (PAUSE), which of these describe why you moved into Aboriginal Housing?

Just say the numbers. Which other reason? Any other reason? (PAUSE)

CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY

COULDN'T AFFORD PRIVATE RENTAL	1
NOT HAVING TO MOVE/SECURITY OF TENURE.....	2
PREVIOUS HOUSING WAS POOR QUALITY/THIS IS A BETTER HOUSE.....	3
WAS IN A VIOLENT/DANGEROUS SITUATION	4
COULDN'T GET A PRIVATE RENTAL HOME.....	5
WANTED TO LIVE IN THIS AREA/MEANT COULD AFFORD TO LIVE IN AREA.....	6
REAL ESTATE AGENTS/PRIVATE LANDLORDS MADE IT DIFFICULT TO RENT.....	7
MOVED INTO AREA	8
AVAILABILITY/ WHAT I GOT	9
NEEDED A BIGGER HOME.....	11
WORK	12
PLACE OF MY OWN.....	13
MOVED OUT OF FAMILY HOME/ OVERCROWDED	14
MEDICAL REASONS.....	15
MOVED IN WITH PARTNER/ FAMILY MEMBER	16
FOR CHILDREN	18
PREVIOUS HOME SOLD/ DEMOLISHED.....	19
OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY) _____	20
DON'T KNOW	X

Note 1: Highlighted codes differ from the 2007 survey

Note 2: Codes 8 to 19 were not asked as part of the read out question in 2005. However, these codes were created from the 'other specify' answer after coding.

2007 question

Turning to **Card D (PAUSE)**, why did you move into Aboriginal rental housing?
Just say the numbers. Which other reason? Any other reason? (PAUSE)

CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY

COULDN'T AFFORD PRIVATE RENTAL 1
 NOT HAVING TO MOVE/SECURITY OF TENURE..... 2
 PREVIOUS HOUSING WAS POOR QUALITY/THIS IS A BETTER HOUSE 3
 WAS IN A VIOLENT/DANGEROUS SITUATION 4
 COULDN'T GET A PRIVATE RENTAL HOME..... 5
 WANTED TO LIVE IN THIS AREA/MEANT COULD AFFORD TO LIVE IN AREA..... 6
 REAL ESTATE AGENTS/PRIVATE LANDLORDS MADE IT DIFFICULT TO RENT..... 7
 NEEDED A BIGGER HOME / OVERCROWDED 11
 WORK 12
 PLACE OF MY OWN..... 13
 MOVED OUT OF FAMILY HOME 14
 MEDICAL REASONS 15
 MOVED IN WITH PARTNER/ FAMILY MEMBER 16
 BECAUSE OF/ FOR CHILDREN 18
 PREVIOUS HOME SOLD/ DEMOLISHED..... 19
 OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY) _____ 20
 DON'T KNOW X

Table 2: Reasons for moving into Aboriginal rental housing 2005-2007

	2005 %	2007 %
Couldn't afford private rental	35	35
Not having to move/Security of tenure	13	9
Previous housing was poor quality/This is a better house	20	15
Was in a violent/dangerous situation	7	7
Couldn't get a private rental home	7	8
Wanted to live in this area/Meant could afford to live in area	22	13

Table 2 (continued)

	2005 %	2007 %
Real estate agents/private landlords made it difficult to rent	7	6
Needed a bigger home / overcrowded	2	22
Work	1	4
Place of my own	2	36
Moved out of family home	2	11
Medical reasons	2	12
Moved in with partner/ family member	2	6
Because of/ for children	1	39
Previous home sold/ demolished	1	3
Moved into area	1	-
Availability/ What I got	2	-
Other	13	7
Don't know	<0.5	<0.5

Question 20b

2005 question

What in particular made it hard for you to get a private rental home? Anything else?

CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY

I DIDN'T PAY MY RENT ON TIME.....	1
I HAD BAD DEBTS	2
A PREVIOUS RENTAL PROPERTY WAS DAMAGED.....	3
I COULDN'T GET A REFERENCE	4
I WAS LISTED ON A BAD TENANT DATABASE SUCH AS TICA	5
I WAS DISCRIMINATED AGAINST BECAUSE I WAS INDIGENOUS	6
COULDN'T AFFORD RENT/ LACK OF MONEY	8
TOO MANY CHILDREN.....	9

OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY) _____ 10
 DON'T KNOW X

Note 1: Highlighted codes differ from the 2007 survey

Note 2: Codes 8 and 9 were not asked as part of the read out question in 2005. However, these codes were created from the 'other specify' answer after coding.

2007 question

What in particular made it hard for you to get a private rental home? Anything else?

CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY

I DIDN'T PAY MY RENT ON TIME..... 1
 I HAD BAD DEBTS 2
 A PREVIOUS RENTAL PROPERTY WAS DAMAGED..... 3
 I COULDN'T GET A REFERENCE 4
 I WAS LISTED ON A BAD TENANT DATABASE SUCH AS TICA 5
 I WAS DISCRIMINATED AGAINST BECAUSE I WAS INDIGENOUS 6
 COULDN'T AFFORD RENT..... 8
 TOO MANY CHILDREN..... 9
 OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY) _____ 10
 DON'T KNOW X

Table 3: Reasons for finding hard to get a private rental home 2005-2007

	2005	2007
	%	%
I didn't pay my rent on time	6	5
I had bad debts	4	2
A previous rental property was damaged	<0.5	2
I couldn't get a reference	20	18
I was listed on a bad tenant database such as TICA	4	3
I was discriminated against because I was Indigenous	41	34
Couldn't afford rent/ Lack of money	15	39

Table 3 (continued)

	2005 %	2007 %
Too many children	7	21
Other	21	17
Don't know	6	6

Base: Respondents who had trouble getting a private rental home

Question 21

2005 question wording

How many times have you applied for and been allocated an Aboriginal Housing home?

2007 question wording

How many times have you moved since you became a tenant in Aboriginal rental housing?

Table 4: Times moved since became a tenant in Aboriginal rental housing 2005-2007

	2005 %	2007 %
None	1	46
One	64	21
Two	21	13
Three	6	9
Four	3	5
Five or more	2	6
Can't say	3	-
Not answered	-	1
Mean	1.51	1.27

Question 25

2005 question

Turning to **Card F** (PAUSE), where do you see yourself living five years from now?
Just say the number.

CIRCLE ONCE ONLY

A HOUSE OR UNIT I/ WE OWN/ ARE BUYING	1
PRIVATE RENTAL HOME	2
HOUSING OWNED AND MANAGED BY ABORIGINAL HOUSING ORGANISATIONS .	3
ABORIGINAL HOUSING	4
PUBLIC HOUSING	5
OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY) _____	0
DON'T KNOW	X

2007 question

Turning to **Card F** (PAUSE), where do you see yourself living five years from now?
Just say the number.

CIRCLE ONCE ONLY

IN THE SAME HOUSE	1
A HOUSE OR UNIT I/ WE OWN/ ARE BUYING	2
ABORIGINAL RENTAL HOUSING	3
PRIVATE RENTAL HOME	4
PUBLIC HOUSING	5
HOUSING OWNED AND MANAGED BY ABORIGINAL HOUSING ORGANISATIONS .	6
OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY) _____	0
DON'T KNOW	X

Note: Highlighted codes differ from the 2005 survey

Table 5: Where see himself/herself living in 5 years 2005-2007

	2005 %	2007 %
In the same house	-	64
A house or unit I/we own/are buying	16	9
Aboriginal rental housing	1	14
Private rental home	16	2
Public housing	60	2
Housing owned and managed by Aboriginal housing organizations	2	4
Other	2	2
Don't know	3	4
Not answered	<0.5	<0.5

Question 26

2005 question

Turning to **Card G** (PAUSE), what is currently stopping you from buying a home? Just say the number.

CIRCLE ONCE ONLY

- DON'T WANT TO 1
- CAN'T GET A DEPOSIT OR A LOAN 2
- CAN'T AFFORD THE REPAYMENTS..... 3
- HAVEN'T GOT A SECURE INCOME 4
- AGE** 5
- LACK OF MONEY** 6
- OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY) _____ 0
- DON'T KNOW / CAN'T SAY X

Note: Highlighted codes differ from the 2007 survey

2007 question

Turning to **Card G** (PAUSE), what is currently stopping you from buying a home?
Just say the number.

CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY

- DON'T WANT TO 1
- CAN'T GET A DEPOSIT OR A LOAN 2
- CAN'T AFFORD THE REPAYMENTS/NOT ENOUGH MONEY 3
- HAVEN'T GOT A SECURE INCOME 4
- I AM TOO OLD 5
- I AM A PENSIONER 6
- OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY) _____ 0
- DON'T KNOW / CAN'T SAY X

Note: Highlighted codes differ from the 2005 survey

Table 6: Reason for not buying a home 2005-2007

	2005 %	2007 %
Don't want to	15	15
Can't get a deposit or a loan	31	34
Can't afford the repayments/Not enough money	20	50
Lack of money	2	-
Haven't got a secure income	22	19
I am too old/Age	1	12
I am a pensioner	-	33
Other	7	7
Don't know	3	2
Not answered	<0.5	<0.5

Question 32

2005 question

Which one of the following **best describes** your current employment situation? Are you:

→ **READ OUT**

In full time paid work (35 hours or more a week).....	1
In part time paid work (less than 35 hours a week).....	2
In a Community Development Employment Program (CDEP)	3
Unemployed (actively looking for work in the last 4 weeks).....	4
Not actively looking for or available for work in the last 4 weeks.....	5

2007 question

In relation to your employment situation, are you?

(Mark one response only)

→ **READ OUT**

Employed full-time (35 hours or more a week).....	1
Employed part-time (less than 35 hours a week).....	2
Employed on a casual basis	3
In a Community Development Employment Program (CDEP)	4
Unemployed (actively looking for work in the last 4 weeks).....	5
Not actively looking for or available for work in the last 4 weeks.....	6

Table 7: Work status 2005-2007

	2005 %	2007 %
Employed full-time	10	13
Employed part-time	10	8
Employed on a casual basis	-	6
In a Community Development Employment Program	4	2
Unemployed (actively looking for work last 4 weeks)	12	13
Not actively looking or available for work in last 4 w.	64	59

Question 33

2005 question

Turning to **Card H** (PAUSE), using this scale, please tell me how much influence if any each of the following reasons, which I'll read out, have on you being unemployed or not actively looking for or available for work? Just say the number.

CIRCLE ONCE ONLY IN EACH ROW

	READ OUT			
	↓			
	Strong Influence	Little Influence	No Influence	Don't know/not applicabl e to me
There are no jobs where I live or in the type of work I want	1	2	3	X
I need more training, education or work experience	1	2	3	X
If I work, my rent might go up	1	2	3	X
If I work the pay I would get might be too low or my pensions/benefits might be reduced	1	2	3	X
Child care is too expensive or unavailable	1	2	3	X
Transport to work is too expensive or unavailable	1	2	3	X
I am unable to work (e.g. too young, too old, ill or disabled)	1	2	3	X
I have a permanent medical condition that requires ongoing treatment	1	2	3	X
I am a full time parent	1	2	3	X
I am a full time carer for a family member	1	2	3	X

Note: Highlighted codes differ from the 2007 survey

2007 question

Turning to **Card H** (PAUSE), using this scale, what is the influence of the following reasons, which I will read out, on your employment situation? Just say the number.

CIRCLE ONCE ONLY IN EACH ROW

READ OUT
↓

	Strong Influence	Little Influence	No Influence	Don't know/not applicabl e to me
There are no jobs where you live or in the type of work you want	1	2	3	X
You need more training, education or work experience	1	2	3	X
If you work, my rent might go up	1	2	3	X
If you work the pay you would get might be too low or your pensions/benefits might be reduced	1	2	3	X
Child care is too expensive or unavailable	1	2	3	X
Transport to work is too expensive or unavailable	1	2	3	X
You want/need to stay home to take care of your children	1	2	3	X
You need to stay home to take care of another family member	1	2	3	X

Note: This question was only asked to unemployed respondents or respondents employed part-time/on casual basis but would work more hours or full-time if work is available in 2007

Table 8: Reasons for employment situation 2005-2007

		Strong influence %	Little influence %	No influence %	Don't know/ not applicable %
There are no jobs where you live or in the type of work you want	2005	8	11	25	32
	2007	7	11	16	8
You need more training, education or work experience	2005	17	8	19	31
	2007	13	9	12	6
If you work, my rent might go up	2005	16	9	24	27
	2007	11	8	16	6
If you work the pay you would get might be too low or your pensions/benefits might be reduced	2005	16	10	22	28
	2007	10	9	16	6

Table 8 (continued)

		Strong influence %	Little influence %	No influence %	Don't know/ not applicable %
Child care is too expensive or unavailable	2005	11	5	20	40
	2007	9	5	15	11
Transport to work is too expensive or unavailable	2005	5	9	28	34
	2007	8	6	19	8
I am unable to work (e.g. too young, too old, ill or disabled)	2005	30	6	21	19
I have a permanent medical condition that requires ongoing treatment	2005	22	5	24	24
You want/need to stay home to take care of your children	2005	34	4	13	24
	2007	22	4	9	6
You need to stay home to take care of another family member	2005	15	3	23	34
	2007	9	4	19	10

Base: Unemployed respondents or respondents employed part-time/on casual basis but would work more hours or full-time if work is available