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Abbreviations

| ABS | Australian Bureau of Statistics |
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| ACT | Australian Capital Territory |
| AIHW | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |
| AIHW Act | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare Act 1987 |
| APS | Australian Public Service |
| ARCPOH | Australian Research Centre for Population Oral Health |
| BEACH | Bettering the Evaluation and Care of Health |
| CAC Act | Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997 |
| CIHI | Canadian Institute for Health Information |
| COAG | Council of Australian Governments |
| DoHA | Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing |
| EL | Executive Level |
| FaHCSIA | Australian Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs |
| GP | general practitioner |
| HIV | human immunodeficiency virus |
| HTML | Hypertext Markup Language |
| ICT | information and communications technology |
| IT | information technology |
| METeOR | the AIHW's Metadata Online Registry |
| MoU | memorandum of understanding |
| NSW | New South Wales |
| OECD | Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development |
| PBS | Portfolio Budget Statement |
| PDF | Portable Document Format |
| RTF | Rich Text Format |
| SA | South Australia |
| WA | Western Australia |
| WHO | World Health Organization |
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Glossary

| COAG | The Council of Australian Governments is the peak intergovernmental forum in Australia, comprising the Prime Minister, state premiers, territory chief ministers and the President of the Australian Local Government Association. (See http://www.coag.gov.au for more information.) |
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| COAG building blocks | The building blocks endorsed by COAG underpin the Closing the Gaps targets for overcoming Indigenous disadvantage. (See http://www.aihw.gov.au/closingthegap/resources/building-blocks.cfm for more information.) |
| data linkage | The bringing together (linking) of information from two or more different data sources that are believed to relate to the same entity—for example, the same individual or the same institution. This can provide more information about the entity and in certain cases it can provide a time sequence, helping to 'tell a story', show 'pathways' and perhaps unravel cause and effect. The term is used synonymously with 'record linkage'. |
| disability (for Commonwealth Disability Strategy purposes) | When commencing employment at the AlHW, employees are asked to self-identify and self-report their disability by responding to the question 'Do you have a disability that is likely to last 2 years or more?' |
| financial results | The results shown in the financial statements of this AIHW annual report. |
| full-time equivalent (staff numbers) | A standard measure of the number of workers that takes account of the number of hours that each works. During 2009–10 AIHW staff members considered full time were committed to working 37 hours and 5 minutes per week. |
| indicator | A key statistical measure selected to help describe (indicate) a situation concisely, to track change, progress and performance, and to act as a guide to decision making. |
| Indigenous (person) | A person of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent who identifies as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander. |
| Indigenous status (of a person) | Whether a person identifies as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin. |
| outcomes (of the AIHW) | The results, impacts or consequences of actions by the Commonwealth public sector on the Australian community. This may include proposed or intended results, impacts or consequences of actions. |
| outcome (health outcome) | A health-related change due to a preventive or clinical intervention or service. (The intervention may be single or multiple, and the outcome may relate to a person, group or population, and may be partly or wholly due to the intervention.) |

| outputs | Goods or services produced by the AIHW for external organisations or individuals, including goods or services produced for areas of the Commonwealth public sector external to the AIHW. |
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| performance indicators (of the AIHW) | Measures (indicators) that can relate to the AIHW's effectiveness in achieving the Australian Government's objectives. |
| performance indicators (of the health system) | Measures that can relate to the health system as a whole or to parts of it such as hospitals, health centres and so forth. The measures include accessibility, effectiveness, efficiency and sustainability, responsiveness, continuity of care and safety. |
| Portfolio Budget Statements | Statements prepared by Australian Government portfolios to explain the Budget appropriations in terms of outputs and outcomes. The AIHW contributes to the statements of the Health and Ageing portfolio, usually published in May each year. |

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