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**Project NG6295**

**Living in Australia  
(HILDA)**

**Household  
Questionnaire**  
Draft 16 date 13/8/01

Full Address

Suburb  
State

ID of person providing most of the information for this form

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Title of this person (eg Mr, Mrs, Miss, Ms, Dr, Prof)

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ID of 1<sup>st</sup> other person providing information for this form

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**Child care questions**

**Q1 CHECK H'HLD FORM: Any children aged 14 or less?**

Yes ..... 1  
No ..... 2 → R1

**Q2 First, we have some questions about childcare. Of all the members in the household, who takes primary responsibility for organising any childcare that might be needed for any of the children who are living with you?**

*This includes parent provided childcare.*

1<sup>st</sup> Person ID (usually a parent)   
2<sup>nd</sup> Person ID (usually a parent)

*If you are not interviewing one of the persons listed above, and the person you are interviewing cannot provide the required details about childcare, skip to R1 and leave completion of this part of the form until you can interview the person(s) needed.*

**Record time now**  :   
USE 24 HOUR CLOCK

**Q3 Looking at SHOWCARD Q3, at any time in the last 12 months, have you used, or thought about using, any of these forms of childcare so you can (both) undertake paid work?**

Yes ..... 1  
No ..... 2 → Q5

**Q4 Using the scale on SHOWCARD Q4, pick a number between 0 and 10 to indicate how much of a difficulty each of the following have been for you in the last 12 months:**

- |  | DK/<br>NA               |
|--|-------------------------|
| a Finding good quality childcare                         | <input type="text"/> 99 |
| b Finding the right person to take care of my child      | <input type="text"/> 99 |
| c Getting care for the hours you need                    | <input type="text"/> 99 |
| d Finding care for a sick child                          | <input type="text"/> 99 |
| e Finding care during school holidays                    | <input type="text"/> 99 |
| f The cost of child care                                 | <input type="text"/> 99 |
| g Juggling multiple childcare arrangements               | <input type="text"/> 99 |
| h Finding care for a difficult or special needs child    | <input type="text"/> 99 |
| j Finding a place at the childcare centre of your choice | <input type="text"/> 99 |
| k Finding a child care centre in the right location      | <input type="text"/> 99 |
| m Finding care my (child is /children are) happy with    | <input type="text"/> 99 |

**Q5 CHECK Q2: Are all the people in this household who care for the children employed [refer to HF Q9]?**

Yes – the people listed at Q2 are all employed .....1

No - not all of the people listed at Q2 are employed.....2 →Q11

**Q6 CHECK H'HLD FORM**

*Check Household Form and confirm with parent:*

At least one child at school.....1 →Q7

No children at school .....2 →Q9

**Q7 LIST EVERY CHILD AT SCHOOL IN GRID BELOW (ONE CHILD PER COLUMN), THEN FOR EACH CHILD ASK:**

**Looking at SHOWCARD Q7. While you (and your partner) are working, who looks after (...name of child(ren) at school...) out of school hours during term time?**

- **CIRCLE EACH CARE TYPE USED** (MULTI RESPONSE), THEN PROBE FOR:
- **NUMBER OF HOURS IN A USUAL WEEK** THAT THE CHILD SPENDS IN THAT CARE TYPE EACH WEEK *WHILE PARENT(S) ARE WORKING*; AND
- **USUAL WEEKLY COST** (AFTER ANY CHILD CARE BENEFIT THEY MAY RECEIVE HAS BEEN DEDUCTED).

*If the respondent does not know the hours or cost of childcare, write in DK.*

| <b>During term time care</b> (type; usual hours in a week while parents are working; usual weekly cost)             |       |      |       |      |       |      |       |
|---|-------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|
| <i>Names of at-school children:</i>   | Hours | Cost | Hours | Cost | Hours | Cost | Hours |
| Me or my partner (for example, you arrange working hours so one of you is always able to care for your child) ..... | 01    |      | 01    |      | 01    |      | 01    |
| The child's brother or sister.....  | 02    |      | 02    |      | 02    |      | 02    |
| Child looks after self.....   | 03    |      | 03    |      | 03    |      | 03    |
| Child comes to my (or my partner's) workplace.....  | 04    |      | 04    |      | 04    |      | 04    |
| Out of hours care at child's school.....  | 05    |      | 05    |      | 05    |      | 05    |
| Out of hours care elsewhere.....  | 06    |      | 06    |      | 06    |      | 06    |
| A relative who lives with us .....  | 07    |      | 07    |      | 07    |      | 07    |
| A relative who lives elsewhere .....  | 08    |      | 08    |      | 08    |      | 08    |
| A friend or neighbour coming to our home .....  | 09    |      | 09    |      | 09    |      | 09    |
| A friend or neighbour in their home .....   | 10    |      | 10    |      | 10    |      | 10    |
| A paid sitter or nanny .....  | 11    |      | 11    |      | 11    |      | 11    |
| Family day care.....  | 12    |      | 12    |      | 12    |      | 12    |
| Other 1<br>(specify).....   | 21    |      | 21    |      | 21    |      | 21    |
| Other 2<br>(specify).....   | 22    |      | 22    |      | 22    |      | 22    |

**Q8** COPY ACROSS NAMES OF AT-SCHOOL CHILDREN INTO GRID BELOW, AND ASK:

**Looking at SHOWCARD Q8. While you (and your partner) are working, who looks after (...name of child(ren) at school...) during school holidays?**

- **CIRCLE EACH CARE TYPE USED** (MULTI RESPONSE), THEN PROBE FOR:
- NUMBER OF **HOURS IN A USUAL WEEK** THAT THE CHILD SPENDS IN THAT CARE TYPE EACH WEEK *WHILE PARENT(S) ARE WORKING*; AND
- **USUAL WEEKLY COST** (AFTER ANY CHILD CARE BENEFIT THEY MAY RECEIVE HAS BEEN DEDUCTED).

*If the respondent does not know the hours or cost of childcare, write in DK.*

| <b>During school holidays</b> (type; usual hours in a week while parents are working; usual weekly cost)            |       |      |       |      |       |      |       |      |       |
|---|-------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|
| <i>Names of at-school children:</i>   | Hours | Cost | Hours | Cost | Hours | Cost | Hours | Cost | Hours |
| Me or my partner (for example, you arrange working hours so one of you is always able to care for your child) ..... | 01    |      | 01    |      | 01    |      | 01    |      | 01    |
| The child's brother or sister.....  | 02    |      | 02    |      | 02    |      | 02    |      | 02    |
| Child looks after self.....   | 03    | \$   | 03    | \$   | 03    | \$   | 03    | \$   | 03    |
| Child comes to my (or my partner's) workplace.....  | 04    | \$   | 04    | \$   | 04    | \$   | 04    | \$   | 04    |
| Vacation care at child's school.....  | 05    | \$   | 05    | \$   | 05    | \$   | 05    | \$   | 05    |
| Vacation care elsewhere.....  | 06    | \$   | 06    | \$   | 06    | \$   | 06    | \$   | 06    |
| A relative who lives with us .....  | 07    | \$   | 07    | \$   | 07    | \$   | 07    | \$   | 07    |
| A relative who lives elsewhere .....  | 08    | \$   | 08    | \$   | 08    | \$   | 08    | \$   | 08    |
| A friend or neighbour coming to our home .....  | 09    | \$   | 09    | \$   | 09    | \$   | 09    | \$   | 09    |
| A friend or neighbour in their home .....   | 10    | \$   | 10    | \$   | 10    | \$   | 10    | \$   | 10    |
| A paid sitter or nanny .....  | 11    | \$   | 11    | \$   | 11    | \$   | 11    | \$   | 11    |
| Family day care.....  | 12    | \$   | 12    | \$   | 12    | \$   | 12    | \$   | 12    |
| Other 1<br>(specify).....   | 21    | \$   | 21    | \$   | 21    | \$   | 21    | \$   | 21    |
| Other 2<br>(specify).....   | 22    | \$   | 22    | \$   | 22    | \$   | 22    | \$   | 22    |

**Q9 CHECK H'LD FORM**

*Check Household Form and confirm with parent:*

At least one child not yet at school ..... 1 ➔ Q10

All children at school ..... 2 ➔ Q11

**Q10** LIST EVERY PRE-SCHOOL AGE CHILD IN GRID BELOW (ONE CHILD PER COLUMN), THEN FOR EACH CHILD ASK:  
**Looking at SHOWCARD Q10. While you (and your partner) are working, who looks after (...name of child(ren) not yet at school...)?**

- **CIRCLE EACH CARE TYPE USED** (MULTI RESPONSE), THEN PROBE FOR:
- **NUMBER OF HOURS IN A USUAL WEEK** THAT THE CHILD SPENDS IN THAT CARE TYPE EACH WEEK *WHILE PARENT(S) ARE WORKING*; AND
- **USUAL WEEKLY COST** (AFTER ANY CHILD CARE BENEFIT THEY MAY RECEIVE HAS BEEN DEDUCTED).

*If the respondent does not know the hours or cost of childcare, write in DK.*

| <b>Pre-school care</b> (type; usual hours in a week while parents are working; usual weekly cost)                   |       |      |       |      |       |      |       |      |       |      |
|---|-------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|------|
| <i>Names of pre-school children:</i>  | Hours | Cost |
| Me or my partner (for example, you arrange working hours so one of you is always able to care for your child) ..... | 01    |      | 01    |      | 01    |      | 01    |      | 01    |      |
| The child's brother or sister.....  | 02    |      | 02    |      | 02    |      | 02    |      | 02    |      |
| A relative who lives with us .....  | 03    |      | 03    |      | 03    |      | 03    |      | 03    |      |
| A relative who lives elsewhere .....  | 04    |      | 04    |      | 04    |      | 04    |      | 04    |      |
| A friend or neighbour coming to our home .....  | 05    |      | 05    |      | 05    |      | 05    |      | 05    |      |
| A friend or neighbour in <i>their</i> home .....  | 06    |      | 06    |      | 06    |      | 06    |      | 06    |      |
| A paid sitter or nanny .....  | 07    |      | 07    |      | 07    |      | 07    |      | 07    |      |
| Family day care.....  | 08    |      | 08    |      | 08    |      | 08    |      | 08    |      |
| Long day care centre at workplace .....   | 09    |      | 09    |      | 09    |      | 09    |      | 09    |      |
| Private or community long day care centre .....   | 10    |      | 10    |      | 10    |      | 10    |      | 10    |      |
| Kindergarten / preschool .....  | 11    |      | 11    |      | 11    |      | 11    |      | 11    |      |
| Other 1 (specify).....  | 21    |      | 21    |      | 21    |      | 21    |      | 21    |      |
| Other 2 (specify).....  | 22    |      | 22    |      | 22    |      | 22    |      | 22    |      |

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**Q11 Do you currently receive the Child Care Benefit (formerly called Childcare Assistance and the Child Care Rebate)?**

*This is not the same as child endowment.*

*The respondent has to have dependent children in paid childcare before they can be eligible for this benefit.*

- Yes ..... 1  
No ..... 2 → R1  
Don't know ..... 9 → R1
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**Q12 How is the payment made?**

- Fortnightly reduction in child care fees ..... 1  
Annually as a lump sum payment ..... 2  
Don't know ..... 9

Record time now  :   
USE 24 HOUR CLOCK

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**Household questions**

Record time now  :   
USE 24 HOUR CLOCK

**R1 How many bedrooms are there here (in the home in which you live)? Count in bedrooms even if not currently used as such (eg studies).**

*If a bed sit, studio or single room caravan, then the answer should be zero.*

*Only count those rooms belonging to household members; do not count those belonging to any other household in the same dwelling.*

Record whole number

**R2 Do you (or any other members of this household) own this home, rent it, or do you live here rent free?**

- Own / currently paying off mortgage ..... 1 → R6  
Rent (or pay board) / Rent-buy scheme ..... 2  
Live here rent free / Life Tenure ..... 3 → R23

*'Life Tenure' refers to households or individuals who have a life tenure contract to live in the dwelling but usually do not have any equity in the dwelling.*

*If they do have some equity in the dwelling, then it should be coded as 'own'.*

**R3 Who does this household rent from (or pay board to)?**

- A private landlord or real estate agent ..... 1  
Caravan park owner or manager ..... 2  
A Government housing authority ..... 3  
A Community or Co-operative housing group ..... 4  
An employer ..... 5  
Someone else (not included above) (specify) ..... 6
- .....  
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**R4 How much does this household usually pay in rent or board?**

Record whole dollars

Indicate frequency:

\$

Week ..... 1

Fortnight ..... 2

Four weeks ..... 3

Calendar month ..... 4

Quarter ..... 5

Other specify ..... 6

Use space at left to specify

Don't know ..... 99999

**R5 CONFIRM: Are you involved in a rent-buy arrangement?**

Yes ..... 1  
No ..... 2 → R25

**Owners only**

**R6 Do any of the members of this household pay board to another member of the household?**

*Include here any children who pay board to their parents.*

Yes ..... 1  
No ..... 2 → R9

**R7 How many members of this household pay board to another member of the household?**

Record whole number

**R8 Which members of this household pay board to another member of the household?**

*Write ID numbers of the household members paying board.*

*There should be the same number of ID's recorded as the answer to R7.*

**R9 Have any of the owners of this home owned a home previously?**

Yes ..... 1  
No ..... 2

**R10 Do you know what the approximate value of your home is? I mean, how much would it bring if you sold it today?**

**Include land, home improvements, and fixtures (such as curtains and light fittings) usually sold with a home. Exclude home contents.**

*Round to nearest thousand dollars.*

*If respondent does not know, probe for an estimate.  
If range given, write in lowest figure.*

Record nearest thousand of dollars

Don't know ..... 9999

**R11 Did you (or any other members of this household) take out mortgages or home loans from a bank, (credit union, or some other financial institution) to help pay for your home?**

Yes ..... 1  
No ..... 2 → R17

**R12 Has this household paid off this loan/these loans completely now?**

Yes ..... 1 → R17  
No ..... 2

**R13 How much is left to pay on this/these loan(s)?**

*If respondent does not know, probe for an estimate.  
If respondent has an offset account or line of credit, take what the current outstanding balance is.*

Record nearest thousand of dollars

Don't know ..... 9999

**R14 How much is the usual repayment on this /these loans?**

*If no specific payments are usually made (eg line of credit), then record zero dollars and 'no payments required' option.*

Record whole dollars      Indicate frequency:

Week ..... 1  
Fortnight ..... 2  
Four weeks ..... 3  
Calendar month ..... 4  
Quarter ..... 5  
No payments required ..... 6  
Other specify ..... 7  
Use space at left to specify

Don't know ..... 99999

**R15 And would you say you are paying this loan/these loans off ahead of the required schedule, behind schedule or about on schedule?**

Ahead of schedule ..... 1  
Behind schedule ..... 2  
About on schedule ..... 3  
Don't know ..... 9

**R16 When do you expect this loan/these loans will be fully paid off?** Record year

Don't know.....9999

**R17 Did you (or any other members of this household) (also) borrow from anyone else, such as a friend, relative, solicitor or community organisation, to help pay for this home?**

Yes .....1  
No .....2 ➔ R19

**R18 How much of this loan/these loans is/are still owed?**

Record nearest thousand of dollars  \$ ,000

None .....9997  
Don't know.....9999

**R19 Do you (or any other members of this household) have any OTHER home loans secured against this property? For example, you might have a second mortgage as well as the first one, or you might have a home equity loan.**

*Do not include any loans the respondent (or other members of the household) may have borrowed to fund a business, even if the home was used as security.*

Yes .....1  
No .....2 ➔ R22

**R20 How much is left to pay on this loan / these loans against your property?**

Record nearest thousand of dollars  \$ ,000

None .....9997  
Don't know.....9999

**R21 How much is the usual repayments on this loan / these loans?**  
*If no specific payments are usually made (eg line of credit), then record zero dollars and 'no payments required' option.*

Record whole dollars Indicate frequency:

\$ Week .....1  
Fortnight .....2  
Four weeks .....3  
Calendar month .....4  
Quarter .....5  
No payments required.....6  
Other specify .....7  
Use space at left to specify

Don't know.....99999

**R22 (all owners and rent-buyers) SKIP TO R25  
(R23 & R24 are for free housing h'holds only)**

### **Free housing households only**

**R23 If your household doesn't own this home and doesn't rent it, how is your housing provided?**

Housing is part of job compensation.....01  
Home owned by a relative not living here.....02  
Home owned by someone else (not a relative) / household received housing as a gift from owner .....03  
Sold home but have not moved yet .....04  
Public housing .....05  
Staying with friends or relatives rent-free .....06  
Home owned by a trust or company that is owned by a household member or other relative .....07  
Life Tenure contract.....08  
Other (specify) .....98  
.....  
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**R24 And if your household had to pay rent for this property, about how much do you think you would have to pay each week?**

*We are interested in the respondent's assessment of what this property would fetch in the private rental market.*

Record whole dollars  \$

Don't know.....9999

## All households join back in here

- R25 In total, how many registered cars, vans, and trucks etc owned or used by members of this household are usually garaged or parked near this dwelling. Include vans and company vehicles kept here.

*Exclude cars owned but used mostly by and garaged with someone living elsewhere.*

Record number

- R26 And what about registered motorcycles or motor scooters? (How many such vehicles owned or used by members of this household are usually garaged or parked near this dwelling?)

*Exclude vehicles owned but used mostly by and garaged with someone living elsewhere.*

Record number

- R27 I now am going to ask you some questions about household spending.

SHOWCARD R27 LISTING WHAT IS INCLUDED

**How much does this household spend on groceries in a *normal* week?**

**Your best guess will do.**

*Probe for supermarket shopping, meat, fish, fruit & veg, bread, pet food*

Record whole dollars

Don't know.....9999

- R28 SHOWCARD R28 LISTING WHAT IS INCLUDED  
**And of this, about how much of the weekly grocery bill goes on food and drink (but not alcohol)?**

**Your best guess will do.**

*The gap between this and R27 should be mostly cleaning products and toiletries. If the gap is substantial, or the amounts are the same, probe to check accuracy.*

Record whole dollars

Don't know.....9999

- R29 Approximately, how much would this household usually spend per week on meals outside the home; that is, restaurants, take-aways, bought lunches and snacks? Do not include anything spent on alcohol.

*Where applicable prompt: Include your children's expenditure e.g. lunch money etc*

Record whole dollars

\$

Don't know.....9999

- R30 SHOWCARD R30 Thinking of your household's total monthly income, is your household able to make ends meet ...

with great difficulty? .....1  
with difficulty? .....2  
with some difficulty? .....3  
fairly easily? .....4  
easily? .....5  
very easily? .....6

- R31 Can I just confirm your street address (read street address as per label on the Household Form).

Correct – no changes needed .....1  
Changes made (make changes on HF label) .....2

Record time now

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USE 24 HOUR CLOCK

### INTERVIEWER DECLARATION

I certify that this is a true, accurate and complete interview, conducted in accordance with the IQCA standards and the MRSA Code of Professional Behaviour (ICC/ESOMAR). I will not disclose to any other person the content of this questionnaire or any other information relating to this project.

Interviewer's Name: .....

Interviewer's Signature: .....

Interviewer's ID

Date: ...../...../.....