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CENSUS 2006 - AUGUST 8 COMMUNITY LANGUAGES SCHOOLS IN AUSTRALIA HAVE A ROLE TO PLAY OVER COMING WEEKS

August 8, 2006 is Census Night!

Community Languages Australia calls on community language schools in Australia to promote this important event.

The Census results assist Governments in their planning at various levels.

Ethnic Community members hold the key to many issues such as:

- Identity,
- Languages spoken,
- Religion,
- English proficiency and
- other areas.

This information tells us in more detail about our Australian make up
The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) has provide support to Community Languages Australia and member schools to promote this event

CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

Attached are a series of classroom activities for all levels.

We encourage ALL SSCHOOLS AROUND AUSTRALIA to undertake these activities in their classrooms in the last weekend of July and first week of August 2006.

They are aimed at children taking work home and discussing the issues with their parents.

SOME OF THE QUESTIONS

Question 12 Asks which country you were born in. Knowing where people come from will help in providing appropriate services.

Question 13 Asks when you first arrived in Australia. This information can help them understand how long it takes groups to adjust to life in Australia. Services and Funds can be provided to particular groups.

Questions 14 & 15 will identify people according to generations

Question 16. Asks whether you speak another language –

This information can be used to provide language services in particular areas.

Question 17 of the census will identify how quickly people from different groups learn to speak English.

Question 18. A person's ancestry may be different from the place a person was born.

Question 19. Asks about your religion. You may need to write in and specify if your religion or the rite of your religion is not listed

AFESA Members are requested to circulate this information to all schools

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