Key:

- There has been a minor change to the format only of this question. Researchers using this question should be aware of the change, but are advised that data is not expected to be affected.
- There has been a change to this question which may affect data. Researchers using this question may need to consider this in their analysis.
- There has been a significant change to this question. It is highly likely that data will be affected. Researchers using this question are advised to consider this in their analysis.

Note that changes are respective to the previous version.

Topic	Variable/s	V1 question no.	V2 question no.	V3 question no.	V2 Modifications BLFM0706 BLFF0706	V3 Modifications BLFM0710 BLFF0710
Supporters logos	-	-	-	-	Beyond blue logo added	DADHC logo added
General questions about you						
Date of birth	Age (derived)	1	1	1	No change	No change
Today's date	datentoday	2	2	2	No change	No change
Height	height heightu	3	3	3	No change	No change
Weight	weight weight u	4	4	4	No change	No change
Highest qualification completed	highestqual	5	5	5	No change	No change
ATSI origin	ATSI	6	6	6	Change of dash to comma, to read "Yes, Aboriginal" and "Yes, Torres Strait Islander"	No change
Country of birth	CountryBorn & bornOthertext= CofO (in	7	7	7	No change	No change

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Year of arrival in Australia	yeararrivalAust	8	8	8	No change	No change
Ancestry	ancesAust ancesEnglish ancesIrish ancesChinese ancesItalian ancesGreek ancesScot ancesGerman ancesLebanese ancesDutch ancesMaltese ancesPolish ancesFilipino ancesIndian ancesCroatian ancesVietnam ancesOther ancesOthertext_recoded	9	9	9	No change	No change
Language spoken at home	otherlanghomeyn	10	10	10	Change of "in the home" to "at home"	No change
Smoking	smoeverregyn smoagestart smoregnowyn smoagestop smocigsperday smopipecigarperday	11	11	11	No change	No change
Alcohol consumption	alcdrinksperweek alcdaysperweek	12	12 &13	12 & 13	Question divided into two questions to preserve appropriate numbering of	No change

					questions subsequent to number 17	
Relationship situation	currentsingle currentmarried currentpartner currentwidowed currentdivorced currentseparated	13	14	14	Change to question number	No change
Current housing	currenthousing	14	15	15	Change to question number	Change to the ordering of options
Physical activity	walktimesperweek walktotalminweek walktotalhrsweek vigourtimesperweek vigourtotalhrsweek modtimesperweek modtotalminweek modtotalhrsweek	15, 16 & 17	16 & 17	16 & 17	Active Australia physical activity questions amended so that question requesting "Number of times" an activity is done appears first, followed by question about the amount of time spent doing that activity. Time spent doing activities includes hours option (previously was total minutes)\	"Walking briskly" changed to "Walking continuously, for at least 10 minutes" "Moderate physical activities (like social tennis, golf, gentle swimming, vigorous gardening or work around the house)" changed to "Moderate physical activity (like gentle swimming, social tennis, vigorous gardening or work around the house)" "Vigorous leisure activities (that made you breathe harder or puff and pant, like

						aerobics, vigorous sport, cycling, swimming, running)" changed to "Vigorous physical activity (that made you breathe harder or puff and pant, like jogging, cycling, aerobics, competitive tennis, but no household chores or gardening) The order that the categories of physical activity were listed was changed (Walking, Moderate and Vigorous changed to Walking, Vigorous, Moderate)
Questions about your family			T	T		
Immediate family illnesses	fhheartmother fhheartfather fhheartbrosis fhhighbpmother fhhighbpfather fhhighbpbrosis fhstrokemother fhstrokefather fhstrokebrosis fhdiabetmother fhdiabetfather fhdiabetbrosis	18	18	18	No change	No change

	fhAlzhmother			
	fhAlzhfather			
	fhAlzhbrosis			
	Parkinmother			
	Parkinfather			
	Parkinbrosis			
	fhdepressmother			
	fhdepressfather			
	fhdepressbrosis			
	fharthritismother			
	fharthritisfather			
	fharthritisbrosis			
	fhbreastcamother			
	fhbreastcafather			
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	fhmelanomamother			
	melanomafather			
	melanomabrosis			
	fhprostatecafather			
	fhprostatecabrother			
	fhovariancamother			
	fhovariancasister			
	fhosteomother			
	osteofather			
	fhosteobrosis			
	fhhipfracmother			
	fhhipfracfather			
	fhhipfracbrosis			
	fhnotknowmother			
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	fhnotknowfather fhnotknowbrosis					
Children given birth to & breastfeeding	motherchildrennum motheragefirstchild motheragelastchild breastfeedduration	19F	19F	19F	No change	No change
Children fathered	fatherchildrennum fatheragefirstchild fatheragelastchild	19M	19M	19M	No change	No change
Unable to father children	maleinfertileyn	20M	20M	20M	No change	No change
Questions about your health						
Passive smoking	passivesmohomehours passivesmootherhours	20F & 21M	20F & 21M	20F & 21M	No change	No change
Contraceptive use	ocuseeveryn ocuseyearsnum ocuseagelast ocusecombined ocuseprogesterone ocusedepoprovera ocuseimplant ocuseunknowntype	21F	21F	21F	Correction to the spelling of Depo Provera	No change
Urination	difficurine starturine weakurine intermitturine againurine notemptyurine nighturinenever nighturinesome nighturinenum	22M	22M	22M	No change	No change
HRT	Hrteveryn hrtuseyearsnum	22F	22F	22F	No change	No change

	hrtcurrentyn					
	hrtagestopped					
Medications in last 4 weeks	medic4weekyn	23	23	23	Some change to	No change
	medic4multivmin				layout of response	
	medic4multivonly				options ("aspirin for	
	medic4fishoil				other reasons" and	
	medic4gluco				"aspirin for the	
	medic4omega3				heart").	
	medic4paracetamol					
	medic4aspirinhrt				New fields added:	
	medic4spirinother				"Zoloft"; "Cipramil";	
	medic4lipitor				and "Efexor"	
	medic4avapro					
	medic4warfarin					
	medic4Pravachol					
	medic4Coversyl					
	medic4Lasix					
	medic4Zocor					
	medic4Cardizem					
	medic4Micardis					
	medic4Nexium					
	medic4Norvasc					
	medic4Fosamax					
	medic4Somac					
	medic4Tritace					
	medic4Caltrate					
	medic4Losec					
	medic4Noten					
	medic4Oroxine					
	medic4Ventolin					
	medic4Zyloprim					
	medic4Diabex					
	medic4Zoloft (V2 onwards)					
	medic4Cipramil (V2 onwards)					
	medic4Efexor (V2 onwards)					

Doctor diagnosed illness	evertoldskinyes	24	24	24	Inclusion of	No change
	evertoldskinage				questions on	
	evertoldmelanyes				depression and	
	evertoldmelanage				anxiety.	
	evertoldprostateyes					
	evertoldprostateage				Separation of	
	evertoldbreastyes				responses for	
	evertoldbreastage				asthma and	
	evertoldothercayes				hayfever	
	evertoldothercaage					
	evertoldothercatype					
	evertoldhrtyes					
	evertoldhrtage					
	evertoldhrttype					
	evertoldhighbldyes					
	evertoldhighbldage					
	evertoldhighbldpregyes					
	evertoldhighbldpregage					
	evertoldhighbldothyes					
	evertoldhighbldothage					
	evertoldstrokeyes					
	evertoldstrokeage					
	evertolddiabetyes					
	evertolddiabetage					
	evertoldbldclotyes					
	evertoldbldclotage					
	EvertoldIrgprosyes					
	evertoldlrgprosage					
	evertoldasthmayes(V1 only)					
	evertoldasthma2yes (V2 onwards)					
	evertoldasthma2age (V2 onwards)					
	evertoldhayfever2yes (V2 onwards)					
	evertoldhayfever2age (V2 onwards)					
	evertolddepression2yes (V2 onwards) evertolddepression2age (V2 onwards)					
	evertoldanxiety2yes (V2 onwards)					
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	evertoldanxiety2age (V2 onwards) evertoldParkinyes evertoldParkinage evertoldnoneyes					
Current treatment	trtcanceryes trtcancerage trthrtattackyes trthrtattackage trtothheartage trthighbldyes trthighbldage trthighcholyes trthighcholage trtbloodclottyes trtbloodclottage trtasthmayes trtasthmayes trtasthmage trthayfeveryes trthayfeverage trtarthritisyes trtarthritisage trtthyroidage trttbyroidage trtdepressionyes (V1 only) trtdepression2yes (V2 onwards) trtanxiety2yes (V2 onwards) trtanxiety2age (V2 onwards) trtnoneyes	25	25	25	Separation of questions on depression and anxiety. Removal of hayfever field	No change
Other important illnesses	nowotherillyn	26	26	26	No change	No change

Assistance with daily tasks	help4disabilityyn	27	27	27	No change	No change
Health limitations	limitvigor limitmod limitlift limitupfew limitupone limit1km Limithalfkm limit100m limitbend	28	28	28	No change	No change
Operations	operationskinyes operationskinage operationvasectyes operationvasectage operationprostatepartyes Operationprostatepartage operationprostatetotyes operationprostatetotage operationhystyes operationhystage operationovariesyes operationovariesage operationtubesage operationtubesage operationrepairyes operationkneereplacyes operationkneereplacyes operationhipreplacyes operationgallbyes operationgallbage operationheartyes operationheartage	29	29	29	Correction of typographical error – addition "the" to "have you ever had any of the following". Added "most recently" to instructions	No change

Carer status	caresickyn carefulltime carehoursperweek	30	30	30	No change	Wording changed to "family member or friend"
Self-assessment of overall health, quality of life, eyesight, memory, teeth and gums	ratehealth ratequality ratevision ratememory rateteeth	31	31	31	No change	No change
Hearing loss	hearinglossyn	32	32	32	No change	No change
Teeth	teeth	33	33	33	No change	No change
Falls	falls12monum	34	34	34	No change	No change
Bone breaks/fractures	brokeboneyn brokebonewrist brokebonearm brokeboneankle brokebonerib brokebonefinger brokeboneother brokeboneage	35	35	35	No change	No change
Leaking urine	urineleak	36	36	36	No change	No change
Menopause	menopauseno menopausenotsure menopauseirregular menopauseyes menopauseage	37F	37F	37F	After "yes", change in wording to read "How old were you when you went through menopause?"	No change
Erection	erection	37M	37M	37M	No change	No change

Mammogram	mammogramyn Mammogramyearsago (V1 only) Mammogramyear (V2 onwards) mammogramtimesnum	38F	38F	38F	Measure changed from "about how many years ago was your last mammogram?" to "what year did you have your last mammogram?"	No change
PSA	PSAyn PSAyearsago (V1 only) PSAyear (V2 onwards) PSAtimesnum	38M	38M	38M	Measure changed from "about how many years ago was your last PSA test?" to "what year did you have your last PSA test?"	No change
Bowel screening	bowelscreenyn bowelscreentestfobt bowelscreensigmoid bowelscreencolonoscopy bowelscreenyearsago (V1 only) bowelscreenyear (V2 onwards)	39	39	39	Measure changed from "about how many years ago was the most recent of these tests" to "What year did you have the most recent of these tests?"	No change
Questions about your diet						
Food eaten each week	numredmeat (V1 only) numredmeattwo (V2 onwards) numchicken (V1 only) numchickentwo (V2 onwards) numsausages numfish numcheese	40	40	40	Replacement of the term "red meat" with "beef, lamb or pork" Replacement of term "chicken or	No change

					pork" with "chicken, turkey or duck" Addition of "bacon" to "processed meat"	
Bread and cereal consumption	numbrownbread numbreakfastcereal cerealbranyes cerealbiscuityes cerealoatyes cerealmuesliyes cerealotheryes	41	41	41	No change	No change
Milk	milkwhole milkreducedfat milkskim milksoy milkother milkdontdrink	42	42	42	No change	No change
Vegetables	vegcookedperday vegrawperday vegdonteat	43	43	43	No change	No change
Fruit	fruitperday fruitjuiceperday fruitdonteat	44	44	44	No change	No change
Food never eaten	nevereatredmeat nevereatchicken nevereatpork nevereatdairy nevereatmeat nevereateggs nevereatsugar nevereatwheat	45	45	45	No change	No change

	nevereatfish nevereatseafood nevereatcream nevereatcheese							
	Questions about time and work							
Household income	income	46	46	46	No change	No change		
Work status	workfulltime workparttime workfullyretired workpartretired workdisabledsick workselfemployed workunpaid workstudyonly workhomefamily workunemployed workother	47	47	47	No change	No change		
Retirement	retireage retirereachedage retirereachedage retireillhealth retireredundant retirelifestyle retirecarer retirenotfindjob retireother	48	48	48	No change	No change		
Hours spent working	paidworkhoursnum unpaidworkhoursnum	49	49	49	No change	No change		
Health cover	insurprivateextras insurprivatenoextras	50	50	50	No change	No change		

	insurDVA insurhealthcarecard insurnoneofthese					
Skin colour	skincol	51	51	51	No change	No change
Effect of sun-exposure on skin	tannability	52	52	52	No change	No change
Hours spent outdoors	sunhoursweekdaynum sunhoursweekendnum	53	53	53	No change	No change
Sedentary activities	dayhourssleeping dayhourssitting dayhoursscreenwatch dayhoursstanding	54	54	54	No change	No change
Social connectedness	socialvisittimes socialtelephonetimes socialgrouptimes peopledependnum	55 & 56	55 & 56	55 & 56	No change	No change
Kessler 10 measure of psychological distress	feeltired feelnervous feeltoonervous feelhopeless feelrestless feeltoorestless feeldepressed feeltoodepressed feeleffort feelworthless feelsosad (V2 onwards)	57	57	57	On line 8, "depressed" has been changed to "sad, consistent with the current recommended format of the K10 Note new field created "feelsosad"	No change
Emotional problems	psychlessworkyn psychlessachieveyn	58	58	58	Correction of typographical error:	No change

	psychlesscareyn				"that" changed to "than"	
Address details		-	-	-	"Incorrect" changed to "correct" to avoid confusion resulting from double negative	No change
Consent form						
Consent form		-	-	-	The line above the signature now refers to the Information for Participants leaflet, to clarify where information about the Study is located	No change
Consent form – extra contact details		-	-	-	Addition of request for participants' email address	No change

NOTE: V3 in the dataset also includes the additional versions 3A and 3B. However, the version_no variable does not differentiate between 3, 3A and 3B as the latter two versions have only minor modifications. These modifications are as follows:

V3A:

Question 14 (variables: currentsingle, currentmarried, currentpartner, currentwidowed, currentdivorced, currentseparated) instruction amended to read "please cross one box"

V3B:

Question 16 and 17 (variables: walktimesperweek, walktotalminweek, walktotalhrsweek, vigourtimesperweek, vigourtotalhrsweek, modtotalhrsweek, modtotalhrsweek) instructions amended to read "put "0" if you did not do this activity".