Data Opportunities to Help Guide Welfare Reform

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Welfare Reform Context

- Complexity of people’s lives
- Linkages across governments and with community sector
- Complexity of welfare system and welfare reform
Data and Research

Environment in which welfare reform is being delivered

Outcomes from current (and past) policy and service delivery interventions?

Estimating likely impact from possible future strategies
Data and information opportunities

- Considerable upside potential
- Considerable information contained in government administrative data
- Limited usefulness in current siloed uses
Major opportunity to combine major admin data with ABS Census and survey information

ABS well placed to support an extensive data integration resource

ABS has progressed some projects and more underway in 2015-16 as a priority

NZ already using such a data integration facility, through Statistics NZ