Queensland Preventive Health Telephone Survey 2015

What are the preventive Health telephone surveys?
The Preventive Health Telephone Surveys (also known as the Self Reported Health Surveys) are telephone surveys asking Queenslanders about their health and lifestyle. Questions are usually about things like food intake, physical activity, smoking, and alcohol use. Sometimes questions include things like diabetes, high blood pressure or sun exposure.

How are they used?
The results are used to improve the health of Queenslanders. The information is used by government and non-government organisations to help make the best decisions about health policies and services.

Who runs them?
The Queensland Government Department of Health in conjunction with the Queensland Government Statistician’s Office.

When does it happen?
There is an annual survey of adult health, a child health survey approximately every 2 years, and an infant survey approximately every 5 years. Both the adult and child surveys run from approximately March 2015 to June 2015.

Do I have to participate?
Participation is completely confidential and voluntary. If you decide to participate you may refuse to answer particular questions.

Why does it matter where I live?
Surveys are used to assess health needs in local government areas and health and hospital services. You may be asked information about where you live to help us make sure the results for your area are accurate.

How did you get my telephone number?
Queensland Government Statistician’s Office randomly selects households based on information from databases which are either publicly available or kept for official statistical purposes under the authority of the Statistical Returns Act (1896).

Is my information safe?
All responses are strictly confidential and are protected by the Queensland Government’s Statistical Returns Act (1896). This means that penalties apply under the laws of Queensland for anyone who releases your responses in a way which would identify you, without your explicit consent.

Where can I find the results?
Results are available in several reports such as the Chief Health Officer reports and summary reports from each survey. You can find these at Epidemiology publications (http://www.health.qld.gov.au/epidemiology/publications/default.asp). For information about the Queensland Government Statistician’s Office please visit: QGSO:FAQ (http://www.qgso.qld.gov.au/about-us/our-services/surveys/research-survey-participation/index.php) If you would like to speak to someone personally please call the Queensland Government Statistician’s Office on the toll-free line 1800 068 587.