

Frequently Asked Questions



Performance Indicators

Q – What are ‘performance indicators’?

Performance Indicators refers to the monitoring and reporting of statistics in relation to the state’s planning system. It also relates to the monitoring of the strategic planning or performance targets of Joint Planning Boards or State Planning Policies. Monitoring the development application process relates to collecting data such as assessment decision outcomes and timeframes, or the numbers of applications being processed to enable reporting across the planning sector.

Q – Can councils still provide quarterly DA statistics to AGD?

In short - no. The state-wide ePlanning platform constantly captures all relevant data and accumulates it into an online system where it can be retrieved as required. The ongoing collection of data obviates the need for councils to submit planning data each quarter.

Q – Does the performance indicators scheme monitor trends in development activity, as well as standard information, like timeframes for development assessment?

Yes. While the ePlanning platform collects standard or expected information, the system is also intelligent and responsive to individual inquiry, able to draw statistics together to produce comparative analysis of data, whether over time, between different types of development or across various geographical zones or council areas.

Q – How can professionals or the public access statistics on the planning system?

The State Planning Commission is required to release an annual report which includes statistics and other information about the operation of the planning system. The ePlanning system also provides online capabilities - for both professionals and the public - to access data and statistics on the planning system.

Q – Can you to access specific sets of statistics to create customised reports?

Users of the ePlanning system can access available data in order to customise their own individual reports about aspects of the development sector.

Q – Can professionals or the public compare the performance or other statistics of different planning authorities?

Yes. Because all planning authorities will submit development applications via the PlanSA Portal, it is the single entry point for all planning proposals across our state. As such, the data collected can be compared between different planning authorities or geographical regions etc.

Q – How will planning statistics be used by the state government?

The main purpose of performance indicators is to assist the state government to identify where and how adjustments in policies, legislation and administration could potentially lead to greater equity and improved efficiencies in the planning system. Improvements to the planning system can be identified by analysing statistics over time, which can then be addressed.

Q – Do councils still need to provide statistics to the ABS?

Among a number of clear imperatives is that the new planning system is open and transparent to all parties. The Australian Bureau of Statistics should therefore be able to access relevant statistics directly from the Portal for their specific purposes in order to report on South Australia's housing or development trends when and as needed.

Q – Will the state government release annual reports on the operation of the planning system?

Yes. Set data and statistics will be furnished to the State Planning Commission for its annual report in order to provide comprehensive information on the planning system to government; access to this data may also prove useful for individuals, whether planning industry professionals or members of the public.

Q – When did the system indicators scheme commence under the PDI Act?

Monitoring of the development sector commences with the introduction of the Planning and Design Code across the state on 19 March 2021.