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**Appendix 5
Social Security Measures - Additional Information**

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I. INTRODUCTION

Purpose of this Appendix

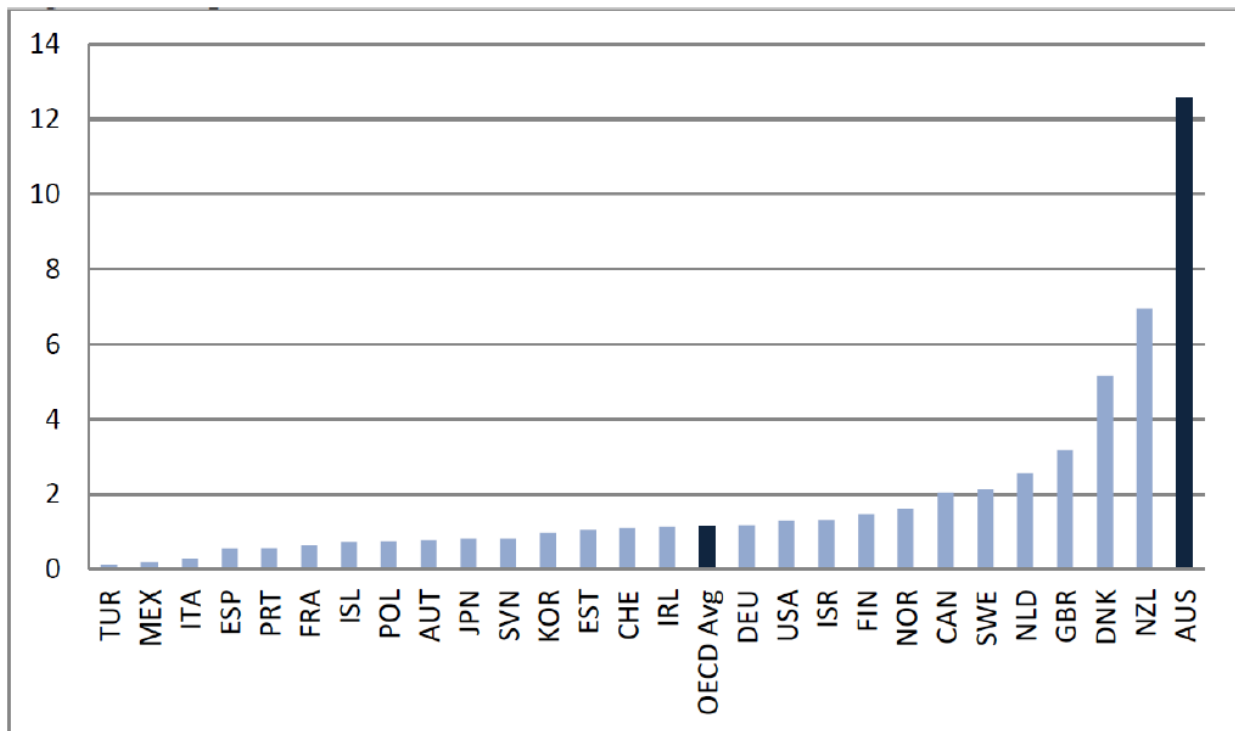
1. The Australian Government is pleased to present this Appendix to Australia's fifth report under articles 16 and 17 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR).
2. The information in this Appendix is intended to supplement the material provided in Australia's fifth report under ICESCR. Specifically, this Appendix provides additional data income inequality and should be read alongside the Australia's response to the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights' Concluding Observation 20 of 12 June 2009 (E/C.12/AUS/CO/4).

II. SOCIAL SECURITY MEASURES

Income Inequality Data

The OECD Income Distribution Database (IDD)

3. To benchmark and monitor income inequality and poverty across countries the OECD relies on a dedicated statistical database, the OECD Income Distribution Database (IDD). This database is annually updated and available online.¹
4. The chart below, which utilises IDD data, indicates how effective Australia's system is in targeting payments to the lowest income households.
5. It should be noted that IDD data is not available for all OECD countries, and the periods differs slightly between countries from 2005 to 2010. Australian data is for 2009-10.



Source: Department of Social Services, *answer to question on notice*, received 13 November 2014, p. 2.

¹ Further information available at: <http://www.oecd.org/social/income-distribution-database.htm>