Variable Label	Variable Description	Variable Notes
BIRTH DEFECTS		
BDOB	Full Date of Birth for the Case (fetus/baby/child). Subset dates of birth are also provided below	DDMMYYYY. Justification must be provided for full DOB as sensitive
BDOB	Month and Year of Birth for Case	MMYYYY
BDOB	Year of Birth for Case	YYYY
Bsex	Sex of the case recorded	Includes 'indeterminate' and 'not recorded' due to early gestation and other factors
Outcome	Birth outcome of pregnancy	
DeathAge	Death Age in days for the case	Derived from Case's Date of Birth vs Date of Death. Case's Date of Death is not available for CARES
Bweight	Weight at birth for the case	Not all weights available or recorded
GestationalAge	Duration of pregnancy in the number of weeks gestation	Not always known. Completed gestational weeks only (e.g. '40')
PluralCode	Plurality for pregnancy indicating whether it was a multiple birth	Not all plurality available or recorded
BirthHospital	Hospital of Birth	Not always known. Includes interstate and overseas births. Justification must be provided as sensitive
Postcode	Postcode for Mother's residence available closest to birth or first notification of diagnosis	Not always known. Justification must be provided as sensitive
Brace	Coded race for the case	Not always known. Determined by Mother's race (except for Aboriginal cases can is determined by Mother or Father)
BabyEthnicity	Coded ethnicity for the case	ABS ethnicity values. Not always known. Determined by Mother's ethnicity (except for Aboriginal cases which can be determined by Mother or Father)
MDOB	Full Date of Birth for the Mother. Subset dates of birth are also provided below	DDMMYYYY. Justification must be provided for full DOB as sensitive
MDOB	Month and Year of Birth for Mother	MMYYYY
MDOB	Year of Birth for Case	YYYY

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FatherDOB	Full Date of Birth for the Father. Subset dates of birth are also provided below	DDMMYYYY. Justification must be provided for full DOB as sensitive. Father's DOB not always available or recorded
FatherDOB	Month and Year of Birth for Father	MMYYYY. Father's DOB not always available or recorded
FatherDOB	Year of Birth for Father	YYYY. Father's DOB not always available or recorded
MultCode	Indicates whether birth defects are isolated or multiple	Not available for all historical cases
MotherEthnicity	Coded ethnicity for the Mother	ABS ethnicity values. Only introduced in 2018. Not available for all historical cases
FatherEthnicity	Coded ethnicity for the Father	ABS ethnicity codes. Only introduced in 2018. Not available for all historical cases. Father's details not always known
DiagnosisCode1 - DiagnosisCode10	Diagosis Codes for the case's birth defects	ICD-9-BPA coding (British Paediatric Association). There can be up to 10 birth defects recorded for each case
DiagnosisDescription1 - DiagnosisDescription 10	Diagnosis Description of the case's coded birth defects. Provides more specific information over than what the diagnosis code indicates	This description is connected to the diagnosis code. Linked to the coded birth defects (1-10)
DiagnosisTime1 - DiagnosisTime10	Diagnosis Age of the case's coded birth defects. This is not the specific age, but rather age ranges e.g. antenatal, < 1 week, < 1 month	Age at diagnosis for the coded birth defect. This is connected to the coded birth defects (1-10)
IsMajor1 - IsMajor10	Diagnostic severity of the case's coded birth defects. Is either Major or Minor	Most coded birth defects will be Major. This is connected to the coded birth defects (1-10)

DiagArCat1 - DiagArCat10	Diagnosis Annual Report Codes for the case's coded birth defects. These are very broad body system diagnostic categories converted from ICD-9-BPA Diagnosis Code	Some coded birth defects will be aggregated to an 'Other' Annual Report Diagnostic category e.g. congenital infections, inborn errors of metabolism, drug embryopathies. This is connected to the coded birth defects (1-10)
NotifierArCat1 - NotifierArCat10	Notifier Annual Report Codes for the cases. These are very broad categories for describing the source of notifications for birth defects	These are NOT linked to the coded birth defects. So no inference can be made as to the source of diagnosis using these codes

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Bdob	Subset child's date of birth	MMYYYY
Bdob	Full child's date of birth	DDMMYYYY (Justification must be provided for full DOB)
Sex	Child's sex	
Cptypepredom1	Predominant CP type	
Cpsev	CP Severity (historical coding)	Minimal/mild/moderate/severe
Gmf	GMFCS levels I-II, III, IV-V	GMFCS levels grouped into 3 categories (widely used and comparable with other register data)
Pnncause	Time of acquisition of brain abnormality/damage causing CP	Time of acquisition of brain abnormality/damage causing CP
Kncause	Known cause of CP, relates mainly to postneonatal CP	
Intellect	Intellectual disability code as per Australian CP Register	Normal/probably normal/probably ID/mild ID/moderate ID/severe-profound ID
IQgrp1	IQ grouped as intellectually disabled (ID=IQ<70) or not ID (IQ >=70)	
IQgrp2	IQ grouped as normal / mild / moderate / severe / unknown	
Epilepsy	Co-existing epilepsy - current or resolved by age 5 years	
Vision	Severity of visual impairment	Normal/some impairment/blind
Strabismus	Presence of strabismus	

Hearing	Severity of hearing impairment	Normal/some impairment/bilateral deafness
Speech	Severity of speech delay / impairment	Normal/some delay/non-verbal
Dscore	Overall disability score based on CP type/severity and presence of other impairments	
Dod	DDMMYYYY	DDMMYYYY
Agedeath	Age in months at time of death	
Deathcause1	ICD-10 Coding	