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### ABSTRACT

In addressing issues of information needs of new Muslims, information providers and *daees* would need to be more concerned with specific needs in the course of preparing, packaging and promoting appropriate Islamic information in their course of *da'wah*. As in any other areas of information needs, Wilson (2000) observed that information providers must seek to determine what the individual's or organization's information needs are. In line with this focus, the researchers will adopt Wilson's Information Behaviour Model (1981) as a basis and further expand on the needs as seemed necessary.

### 25.1 Introduction and Research Background

Experiences of new Muslims in their exposure to Islamic information are varied. It may be a case of face-to-face encounters, coincidences, general awareness workshops, personal advice, web-searches and many more which may be published or unpublished materials. The centres and institutions, which are government and non-governmental funded, may have influenced and assisted the readers in having a better understanding of Islam or to be a practicing Muslim according to the correct teachings.

Seeing the great demand for more information about Islam, the researchers found it crucial to determine the needs of new Muslims as information consumers as well as the phenomena that they live in. This would assist in designing information products that is practical and appealing for a community with specific needs.