Meeting of the Group of Experts on Business Registers

Session IV

Transforming the ABS Business Register

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ABS Transformation

• 5 year program
• Outcomes
  – Improved efficiency and timeliness
  – Expanded range of activity
  – Reduced risk of errors
  – Reduction in red tape
• Move from collection focus to solutions focus
• Covers environment, strategy, governance, infrastructure, people and culture.
ABS Business Register Transformation

• Expanded and more outwardly focussed capability
  – Integrating spine for all firm level data
  – Infrastructure for unit and regional analysis
  – Data source in own right
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- Key features
  - Alternate design
    - Small number of structural variables
    - Linking variable to integrate other data items
  - Will facilitate
    - Production and institutional unit views
    - Expanded use of the ABS Business Register via data linking of new and existing variables
    - Output in its own right
    - More surveys to migrate to the ABS Business Register
  - Profiling and editing activities will be consolidated into industry based team
Joint activities with admin data providers

• Transformation objective: open and engaged partnerships driven by mutual benefit and respect.

• Joint activities
  – Point of Contact Coding
  – Geospatial data
Semantic techniques

Register of Persons

Register of Places

Register of Businesses

Core statistical register
Data source

Business Name Regulator
Energy Regulator
IP Regulator
Taxation Authority
Financial Sector Regulator

Direct Reporting Programme

Relations between registers and possible business register sources
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