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Quality Improvements to the ABS Business Register

Abstract

A high quality business register is the product of quality (1) administrative data and (2) profiling information as these are the key inputs. ABS are constantly looking to improve quality and maintenance in both these dimensions. This can only be achieved in collaboration with key stakeholders. This paper provides two case studies where the ABS Business Register Unit is working with key stakeholders to ensure and improve ABS Business Register data quality. The first case study outlines the use of point of contact coding by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) to code businesses to industry, the impact of this on ABS data and how ABS have been working with the ATO to improve this process. The second case study outlines a joint project with the ABS Annual Industry Statistics team to combine profiling and editing functions to identify the best ways of using information collected by ABS business collections to inform optimal business structures and also reduce respondent burden.