

# Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers - International Roundtable on Business Survey Frames

## Country progress report 2015 and future plans

Country:

New Zealand

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Institution:

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### I. Organisation, Population and Usage of the Statistical Business Register

1. Name of the register

Statistics New Zealand Business Register

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

Statistics New Zealand

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

Business Register Team; Data Operation Branch; Operations Group; Statistics New Zealand

4. Number of employees in the register unit (Headcount employees)

10 (including team leader)

5. Primary goal and use of the register

Provides a reference population for business surveys run by Statistics NZ and other NZ government agencies producing Tier 1 statistics (statistics of national importance) and is the source for the production of annual business demography statistics.

6. Year of establishment of the register

1996 for the Business Frame and move to Business Register in 2014

7. Year(s) of the main re-engineering(s) of the register

2012-2014

8. Number of active enterprises\* in the register at the end of 2015

\*If it is difficult to use Enterprises, you can use Legal units instead.

**Enterprises: 502,170**

### II. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

Please list main achievements (maximum 3) in the past year (2015) or the problems you have tackled.

1. Short title of work which was done

Business survey population/sample being drawn direct from the Business Register

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

One of the main economic surveys, Agriculture Production Survey, was able to draw its sample from the Business Register and not the Business Frame. This was a major achievement.

2. Short title of work which was done

Process improvement - Bulk upload

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Analysts have been working on streamlining the bulk upload process. It is now taking less time to run the process over the data.

3. Short title of work which was done

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

### III. Future plans

Please list themes/projects (maximum 3) which you plan to tackle in the current (2016) and following year(s).

1. Short title of work planned

Turn off the legacy system - Business Frame (BF) System

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

A team of three staff are working on a road map to turn off BF. There is a lot of existing/legacy systems that still dependent on BF for its operations. As a first step, the team are documenting all the existing systems that are dependent on BF.

2. Short title of work planned

BR Quality Review

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Now that we have moved to BR for two years it is time to review the quality of the data as processed in the new system. This works is led by one of the analyst and a draft paper has been prepared.

3. Short title of work planned

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

### IV. Main challenges

Please list main challenges (maximum 3) with respect to development, maintenance and use of your statistical business register.

1. Main challenge 1

BR System instability

Description of the challenge

One of the biggest challenge working on the BR System is being unstable. Frequently staff lose their work as the system will not save them properly. Sometimes, the information are lost totally and staff have to repeat the process for the same units. This takes a lot of staff time and sometimes create error in the data.

2. Main challenge 2

BR System lack of daily support

Description of the challenge

Resource to support the system is quite limited/nil. As such staff continues to find work arounds as way of addressing system issues. Sometimes these work arounds are not the most efficient but it's the only option available to the staff. This resulted in system inefficiencies.

3. Main challenge 3

Description of the challenge

