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Session 4

Quality Improvements to the ABS Business Register

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Quality

Accurate

Relevant

Timely

Stakeholders

ABS Business Register

Two populations:

- Profiled population
 - complex businesses
 - type of activity unit
 - direct contact with groups
- Non-profiled population
 - simple units
 - legal entity
 - administrative data

Administrative Data

Industry Coding

- Industry coding
 - Undertaken by the Australian Tax Office since early 1990s using auto coder and manual coding
 - ABS Training
 - Quality agreements and ABS review of quality
 - 1 million ABNs with no industry
 - Point of Contact Coding (POCC) introduced Dec 2013
 - ABS assisted with development
 - Inbuilt logic and weights
 - All ABNs now receive an industry code

Administrative Data

Industry Coding

- Ongoing quality initiatives for POCC
 - ABS
 - review quality of description versus chosen industry
 - provide feedback on how to improve the coder
 - impact analysis after 12 months
 - ATO
 - Direct contact if evidence suggests details incorrect
 - Annual survey to assess quality
 - Cancellation of ABNs where no activity
 - Use info from other government agencies

Administrative Data

Industry Coding

- Benefits
 - Has reduced out of scope units
 - Good whole of government outcome – 500 departments use ABR data so improves coherence
 - Leverage off developments in other departments
 - streamline business registration processes
 - other agencies will be able to update the ABR in the future

Profiled Data

Profiling and Editing Trial

- Trial to combine Business Register profiling with Annual Industry Statistics editing
 - Current
 - processes duplicated
 - inconsistent provider management

Profiled Data

Profiling and Editing Trial

- Goal is to develop strategies to inform
 - Integrated processes
 - reduce duplication of processes
 - expand the sharing of information
 - inform future infrastructure requirements
 - Provider management
 - articulate reporting issues and assess provider burden
 - enhance the provider experience
 - Coherence and data quality
 - Capabilities
 - Improvements to profiling procedures and outcomes.