

Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers

Country progress report 2017 and future plans

Country:

Lesotho

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

1. Name of the register

2016 Business Register

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

Bureau of Statistics

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

National Accounts and Enterprise Surveys Division

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

Only one person responsible for the register, however during extensive data collection (i.e. Survey

5. Primary goal and use of the register

Sampling frame for business surveys

6. Year of establishment of the register

As far as early '90's, however the division undertook the first ever extensive survey in 2012 during

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

2016

8. Number of active enterprises* in the register at the end of 2017

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

Enterprises: (Legal units:)

9. Does the register have geographical coordinates assigned to every address or could they be obtained through other registers linked to it?

No

II. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

Please list main achievements (maximum 3) in the past year (2016) or the problems you have tackled. Also, please classify them according to the categories within each drop-down list.

1. Short title of work which was done

Identifying data sources: Administrative data and other data

(Category)

4. Data sources

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

After primary data collection for registered establishments in the country, there were still some data

2. Short title of work which was done

Maintaining an updated Statistical Business Register

(Category)

5. Maintenance

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Identifying the locations of the establishments with the lists from line ministries, corporations and

3. Short title of work which was done

The quality of data collected not credible

(Category)

8. Quality

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Establishments usually keep different sets of information for different users and uses. The

III. Future plans

Please list themes/projects (maximum 3) which you plan to tackle in the current (2018) and following year(s). Also, please classify them according to the categories within each drop-down list.

1. Short title of work planned

Establishment of a working group/committee for BR

(Category)

11. Others

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Schedule meetings for the working group which consists of members who are responsible for

2. Short title of work planned

System for updating BR

(Category)

10. IT considerations

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Implementation of IT on the system used for updating BR, which would have been learnt from the

3. Short title of work planned

Policy/Decision makers use BR quality data for planning

(Category)

9. Planning and governance

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The Decision makers will be able to use a comprehensive BR efficiently and make short and long

IV. Main challenges

Please list main challenges (maximum 3) with respect to development, maintenance and use of your statistical business register. Also, please classify them according to the categories within each drop-down list.

1. Main challenge 1

SBR Coverage

(Category)

2. Coverage

Description of the challenge

Concerning the coverage, Lesotho SBR do not collect information on government institutions and

2. Main challenge 2

Administrative data variables differ with BOS variables

(Category)

4. Data sources

Description of the challenge

Data from the administrative sources differ with BOS data since they use their variables of interest

3. Main challenge 3

Sampling frame for business surveys

(Category)

6. Survey frame methodology

Description of the challenge

The incomplete frame is not reliable in making it a comprehensive sampling frame for business