

# Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers

## Country progress report 2017 and future plans

**Country:**

New Zealand

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

1. Name of the register

Business Register

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

Statistics New Zealand

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

Data Operations in the Data Services - Division

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

10

5. Primary goal and use of the register

Provides a reference population for business surveys run by Statistics NZ and other NZ

6. Year of establishment of the register

Statistics NZ first had a full coverage online register (the Business Directory) in 1986.

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

1996 (current Business Frame) and redevelopment (new Business Register) started in 2012.

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: 600,000 economically significant enter (Legal units: )

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

Yes

### 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

New Confidentiality Method for Business Demography NCM

(Category)

7. Dissemination

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Statistics NZ has adopted an 'input perturbation' approach to confidentialising business register statistics

2. Short title of work which was done

Use of Statistical Location Register for addresses in Business

(Category)

1. Roles of the SBR

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Stats NZ has recently developed a Statistical Location Register of the address information for all

3. Short title of work which was done

(Category)

Select one

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

### 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

Creating a micro register for all other business sizes and types

(Category)

2. Coverage

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The current maintained population for the Business Register (BR) is economically significant

2. Short title of work planned

Proposal to publish business lists to enable the release of more

(Category)

1. Roles of the SBR

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The annual New Zealand Business Demography Statistics series that is entirely sourced from our

3. Short title of work planned

Use of the register as an auto selection tool for Census and other

(Category)

1. Roles of the SBR

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Traditionally, we've been using the business register as a reference source for the population

### 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

System stability

(Category)

10. IT considerations

Description of the challenge

Stats NZ's Business Digital services have undergone a large number of changes in both equipment and

2. Main challenge 2

Data quality for publishing

(Category)

8. Quality

Description of the challenge

When moving from being an internal statistical register to a publicly available data source such as auto-

3. Main challenge 3

Planning for more admin data updating and less survey based

(Category)

4. Data sources

Description of the challenge

Stats NZ always have the policy of 'Admin data first'. The micro register project is an example of