

# Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers

## Country progress report 2017 and future plans

**Country:**

United Kingdom

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

1. Name of the register

Inter-departmental business register

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

Office for National Statistics

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

Business Data Operations

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

65

5. Primary goal and use of the register

Survey frame for business surveys

6. Year of establishment of the register

1994

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

In progress

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: 2.7m

(Legal units: 3.1m)

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

Develop a new legal unit register

(Category)

10. IT considerations

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Developed a new legal unit register, called the Business Index. This matches together

2. Short title of work which was done

Discovery Project : new Statistical Business Register

(Category)

10. IT considerations

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

A discovery project was completed to assess the requirements and resources to develop a new

3. Short title of work which was done

Statistical Business Register - Alpha

(Category)

10. IT considerations

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Taking the business index as a legal unit feed , the alpha project to create a new Statistical

### 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

Alpha Statistical Business Register

(Category)

10. IT considerations

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Continue to develop the new SBR, with a second Alpha phase

2. Short title of work planned

Private Beta - Statistical Business Register

(Category)

10. IT considerations

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Start to use the new SBR for short term surveys: enable a population frame and sample to be

3. Short title of work planned

Add new data sources to the SBR

(Category)

2. Coverage

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

To enable complete coverage of the business population two new data sources are required : Self

### 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

New technical infrastructure

(Category)

10. IT considerations

Description of the challenge

ONA has moved to a new cloudera based infrastructure , which has created obstacles as the

2. Main challenge 2

Dependencies of other IT platforms

(Category)

10. IT considerations

Description of the challenge

The service based approach, means we will be using common data platforms , which are also in

3. Main challenge 3

(Category)

Select one

Description of the challenge

