1.1: SBR’s within the National Statistical System

Setting up the environment

What is the National Statistical System?
Business Registers versus Statistical Business Registers

- Purpose

- Users
  - Direct
  - Indirect

- Unit of interest

Role of Statistical Business Registers

- Live Register
- Snapshot and frozen frame
- Survey frame
- Survey support
- SBR statistics
- Information source
- Global data exchange
Institutional environment for SBRs

- Legislative authority
- Inter-agency cooperation arrangements
- Scope of focus

ABS NSS Role

6 Functions of Bureau

(1) The functions of the Bureau are as follows:

(a) to constitute the central statistical authority for the Australian Government and, by arrangements with the Governments of the States, provide statistical services for those Governments;

(b) to collect, compile, analyse and disseminate statistics and related information;

(c) to ensure co-ordination of the operations of official bodies in the collection, compilation and dissemination of statistics and related information, with particular regard to:
   (i) the avoidance of duplication in the collection by official bodies of information for statistical purposes;
   (ii) the attainment of compatibility between, and the integration of, statistics compiled by official bodies; and
   (iii) the maximum possible utilization, for statistical purposes, of information, and means of collection of information, available to official bodies;

(d) to formulate, and ensure compliance with, standards for the carrying out by official bodies of operations for statistical purposes;

(e) to provide advice and assistance to official bodies in relation to statistics; and

(f) to provide liaison between Australia, on the one hand, and other countries and international organizations, on the other hand, in relation to statistical matters.
Resources

• International Guidelines on Statistical Business Registers (to be released in 2015)

Discussion points

• What are the legislative powers for your NSI and related stakeholder agencies?
• What arrangements do you have/need to facilitate data access?
• Which agencies have overlapping areas of interest in your country that could be leveraged?