



Role of the Statistical Business Registers

SBRs and Economic Census

Introduction

- Purpose
- Data Sources
- Statistical Business Registers
- Systems
- Rules
- Using Economic Census

Purpose

- What is the Primary Purpose of SBR / Economic Census?
- Survey Frames

Practice

- Quarterly National Accounts Require Quarterly Surveys.

Survey
Frame

Survey

Estimates

Quality Framework

- Coverage
- Timely / Frequency
- Accuracy
- Cost



Economic Census

- Excellent Coverage
 - Establishment Data
 - Formal and Informal Sectors
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- Expensive
 - Infrequent



Administrative Data

- Frequently Updated
- Cheap
- Not collected for Statistical Purposes
- Formal Sectors Only
- Quality Issues



Survey Data

- Limited Coverage
- Accurate
- Targeted
- Flexible
- Highest Cost per record



Problem

- Need effective Survey Frame
- Three Data Sources
- All different Positives / Negatives
- Solution - Statistical Business Register (SBR)



Statistical Business Register (SBR)

- Data Integration Tool
- System
- Rules
- Done well it gives you the best of everything



System

- Simple as an Excel Spreadsheet
- Access Database (Fiji)
- Complicated / bespoke System (BRIMS – Australia).
- ADB – Generic SBR Project



Rules

- How do you link and maintain the data?
- In a perfect world – your data collection (admin, survey and Census) is designed for your needs.
- In reality – we compromise



Options

- Merge – Economic Census / Survey Data / Administrative data
- Administrative Data Based Register
- Economic Census – Updated by Surveys



What is best for your NSS?

- Country Specifics
- Needs
- Resources
- Data Sets
- Priorities



Using Economic Census

- Planning is Key
- How does it fit into your National Statistics Plan?
- How you are going to use it?
- What data sets are you going to link?
- Design the form and processes



Questions

