



# Role and purpose of the Australian SBR

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## The Australian SBR

### Purpose

To enable the ABS Economic survey program

### Role

To combine administrative data & survey data  
to create a list of economically active  
organisations in Australia



## Why

- National Accounts need economic Surveys
- SBRs = Who to send surveys to
- Cost effective
  - Cheaper than Economic Census
  - Cheaper than bad surveys
  - Lower provider burden
- Data quality



## How

- Combine different data sources
  - Business registration forms
  - Tax forms
  - Surveys
  - Other Administrative data sources
- Then **integration**
  - Processes
  - Profilers
  - Systems



## The Australian SBR

- Legal entity base
- Two populations
  - Profiled Population
  - Non-profiled Population
- Primary Use – Economic Surveys
- Secondary Uses
  - Turnover, Wages & Employment estimates
  - Business Demographic Statistics



## The Australian SBR – History

- 1970s
  - Established to support Economic Census.
- 1980s
  - Integrated with agricultural register
  - Profiling team established
  - Common frame introduced
- 2000s
  - The Australian Business Register (ABR)
  - Replaced the mainframe with Oracle based platform
- 2010s - Transformation



# Australian Business Register (ABR)



Australian Government  
Australian Business Register

## Important information

### Important information about your ABN application

Before starting your application you need to acknowledge you understand your eligibility to get an ABN.

#### I have all the necessary information to complete the ABN application

I understand the best structure for my business  
For example: Sole Trader, Company, Partnership, Trust or Superannuation Fund ([Read more](#))<sup>1</sup>

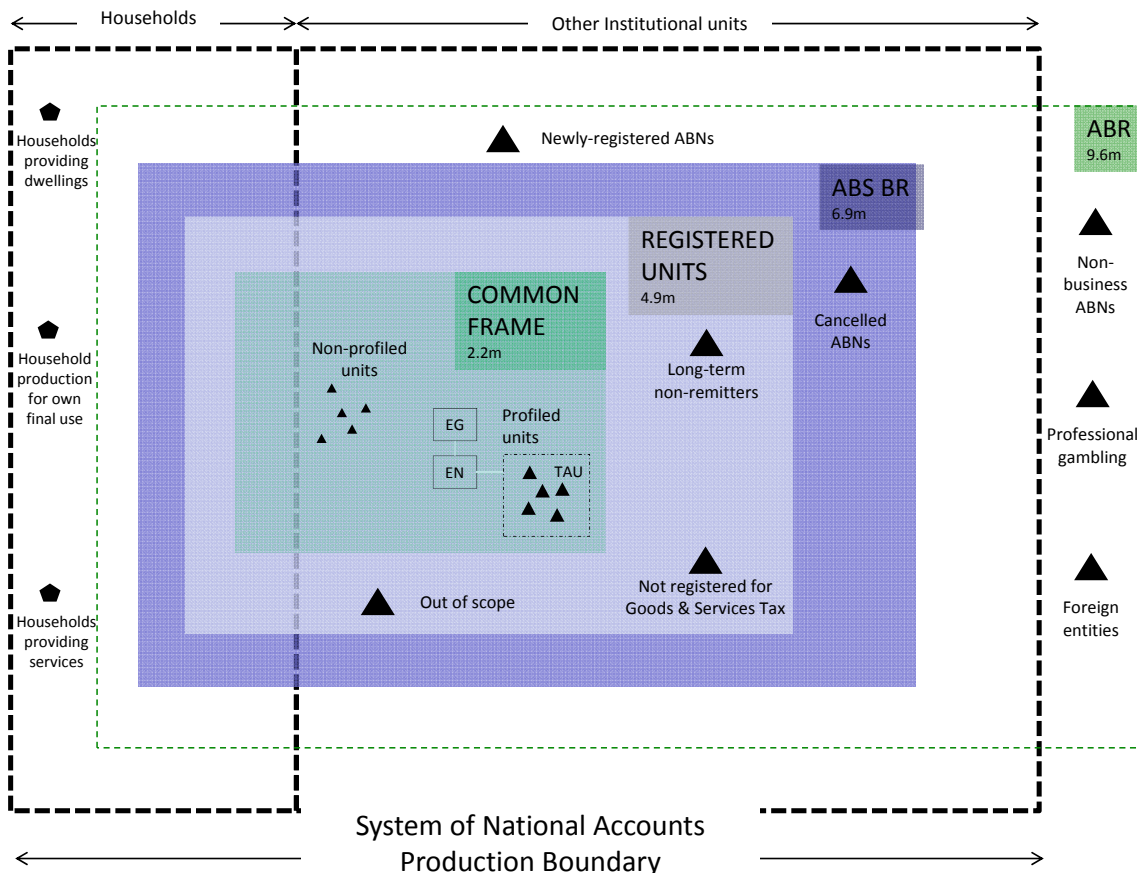
I have the TFN, date of birth and name, OR name, address and date of birth for all key people in my business  
For example: Partners, directors, trustees ([Read more](#))<sup>2</sup>

I believe I am entitled to an ABN  
I am not applying just because I have been asked to get an ABN as a condition of employment  
Successful ABN applications may be reviewed and if an employer has required you to get an ABN it means you are unlikely to be entitled and your ABN may be cancelled ([Read more](#))<sup>3</sup>

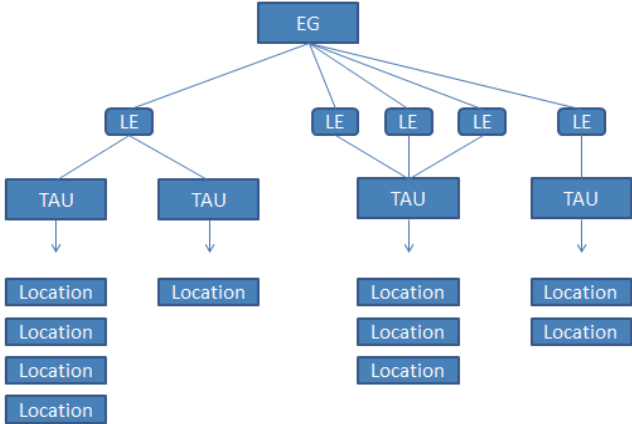
I meet a number of the key characteristics of a business, or will once started, eg:

- I source my own clients
- I can delegate my work to others if I choose
- I invoice for my work and set my rate of pay
- I have a bank account for the business separate from my own bank account
- I am responsible for my own public liability, professional indemnity and/or workers compensation/income protection insurance
- I have taken real steps to start my business, or
  - I am running an enterprise or
  - I am a Corporations Act company ([Read more](#))<sup>4</sup>

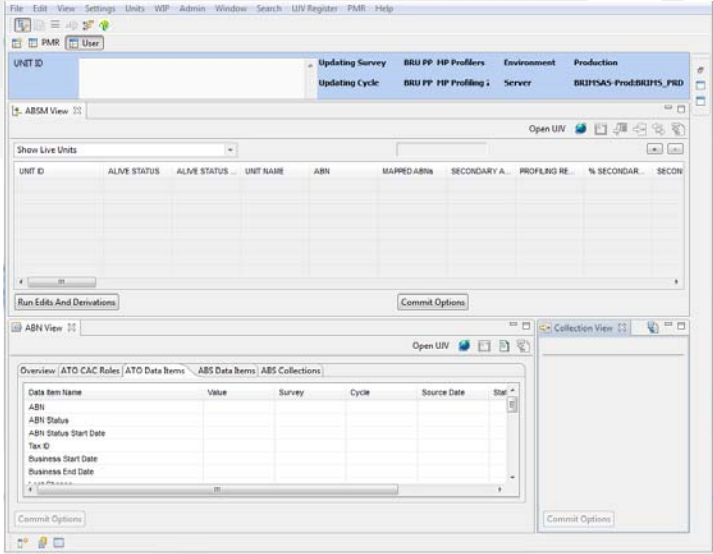
- The ABR is a separate government department.
- Unique ID used to identify businesses to **everyone**
- Registration form designed by ABS & ATO



# Economic Units Model



# The System (BRIMS)



## Administrative Data

- Value Added Tax (VAT or GST)
- Wages
- Company Tax
- Alive status
- Industry Classification
- Government Financial Statistics

**All Administration in Australia use the ABN as their Unit**



## Staffing (Full Time Equivalent)

- 50 FTE Staff - Melbourne, Australia
- 6 managers
- 25 profilers
- 9 technical staff
- 10 analysts





## Statistical Products

- Common & Survey Frames (Quarterly)
  - Tax Data (Quarterly)
  - Business Demographic Statistics (Annually)
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- That's it



## Q&A

- Will go into much more detail in next four days.
- Thank you!

