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1. The ABS thanks the Expert Group on International Statistical Classifications for their report. We are pleased to see the work of the Technical Subgroup on the International Standard Industrial Classification (ISIC) of all Economic Activities on the review of ISIC Revision 4.
2. The ABS notes:
   a. Support for the revision of the ISIC of All Economic Activities, Revision 4
   b. Support for the revision of the Central Product Classification, Version 2.1
   c. The revision of the mandate and the operational functions of the Expert Group on International Statistical Classifications to reflect new terminology, structures and frameworks
   d. The activities and engagement of the Expert Group since 2018 on a range of initiatives to improve global and regional statistical classifications.
3. The ABS is particularly interested in future work on new and innovative approaches for the development and maintenance of international statistical classifications. Approaches such as the use of metadata modelling to rationalise and reduce the time and cost associated with the cyclical review process will be critical to ensuring statistical classifications remain relevant and reflect the contemporary world.

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