

BUSINESS REGISTER AS SURVEY FRAME FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN SERVICES

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Agenda

1. Objectives of Business Register
2. Statistical Units
3. Main Input Data
4. Main Output
5. Survey Frame for International Trade in Services (TIS)

Business Register

Department of Statistics Singapore (DOS) maintains the Business Register for statistical purposes:

- To provide a complete list of statistical units
- To provide a sampling frame for survey design
- To provide information for survey operation
- To provide data for the statistical analysis of business population

Business Register

Statistical Unit

- Enterprise
 - Legal Unit
 - Identified by the Unique Enterprise Number (UEN)¹, a standard identification number issued to an entity for transactions with the Government

- Establishment
 - Statistical Unit, a unit with a single economic activity and at a single location
 - Append additional digits to UEN, issued by DOS for statistical purpose

¹ Refer to www.uen.gov.sg for more information

Business Register

Key Information

- Profiling Information
 - Identity number and name
 - Registration info: legal entity, registration date, registered address, shareholder and owner,
 - Entity status and industrial activity
- Survey Frame Information
 - Ownership information
 - Industrial classification
 - Institutional sector classification
 - Size indicator in terms of turnover / employment
 - Survey indicators, e.g. indicator for international trade in services
 - Survey participation information
- Addresses and contact information

Business Register

Main Input Data Source

- Administrative data
 - Company / Business registration records
 - Non-commercial entities registration records, e.g. charities
 - Tax / Employment data
 - Financial data

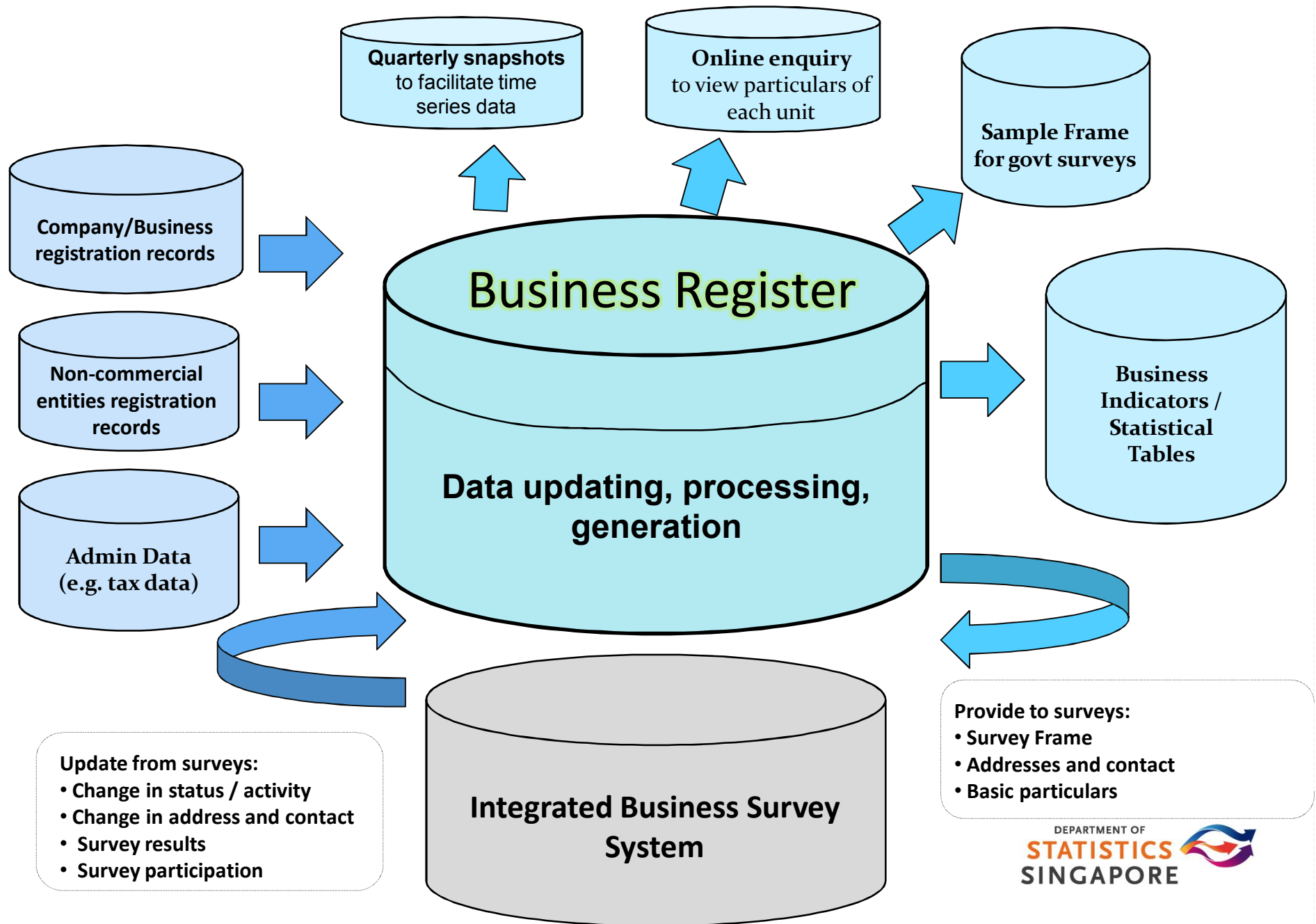
- Survey Update
 - Change in key variables of Survey Frame, such as change in activity or status
 - Change in addresses and contact information
 - Survey participation and survey return

Business Register

Main Output

- Database incorporating latest updates and constantly updated
- Snapshot database for time series analysis
- Survey Frame for all statistical surveys
- Addresses and contact information
- Statistics on business population

Summary of Data Flow



Survey Frame for TIS

- TIS Survey Frame leverages on Common Survey Frame generated by Business Register
- Include additional information obtained from various sources
 - Survey Data
 - Past TIS survey returns
 - Inputs from other establishment surveys through screening questions
 - Tax Data²
 - Goods & Services Tax (GST): on export of services
 - Withholding tax: on payment to non-residents for specified services
- TIS Sampling Methodology
 - Stratify the Survey Frame by industry
 - Within the strata, firms with large turnover are covered with certainty

² Refer to www.iras.gov.sg for more information

Thank You