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1. Organization and population of the BR

A- The Directorate General of Economic Statistics in the Ministry of National Economy is Responsible for maintaining and updating the Business registers (Survey frame) in Oman. Ministry of Commerce and Industry and the Municipalities of Oman are the main sources of the business registers . However the Ministry of Commerce and Industry does not distinguish between the active and non active establishments and the other Municipalities register the establishments belonging to their regions. That makes The Directorate general of Economic Statistics in ministry of National Economy the only source of the active establishments in the country.

B- The Business Survey Frame is maintained by two full time staff of the DGES in a newly created section (January 2007) of the Department of Economic Surveys, DGES. There are approximately 140 staff working in the participating organizations.

C- Currently there are around 99,377 active establishments in the country

2. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

A- Improved the cooperation with other sources of Business Registers data.

B- The Business Registers system has been modified to be able to generate quarterly reports.

C- A sample of the business registers data has been checked in the field to make sure about the data accuracy.

3. Issues solved, problems and future plans

- A- The Directorate General of Economic Statistics in cooperation with the Ministry of Commerce and Industry will introduce the National Standard Industrial Classification which will be based on ISIC4. The classification will be used in coding all the business registers establishments.
- B- The Establishments Census of 2010 will be an updating exercise with the existing data mounted on a hand held PDA, the enumerators recording changes to the data rather than full data collection.
- C- DGES want to introduce GPS data for each building in order to be able to map the geographical distribution of establishments .
- D- Business registers profiling will be prepared by the end of the current year.
- E- The Business registers data will be published