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1. Organisation and Population of the Business Registers

The Business Register is located in our E-Government and Business co-ordination Division within the Directorship of Statistical Support and Innovation. 2 statisticians manage the Business Register section. The core section has 14 personnel who work on form processing, quality improvement and mapping out enterprise groups. Numbers have decreased in 2008 with the completion of the NACE rev2 and other domestic data matching projects. The Business Register currently consists of

UNIT	<i>Number</i>
Enterprise	277897
Local Unit	291457
Enterprise Groups	2000

The Business Register is kept up to date using a number of different resources.

- Newly created Enterprises are issued a “Birth’s Inquiry” once they have been identified from Revenue / administrative sources
- Business survey replies are used to update Enterprise information of existing enterprises
- Administrative data helps keep non surveyed enterprises up to date
- An annual “Profile inquiry” helps address particular information gaps

2. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

- A redesign of our Births survey to simplify questions and reduce response burden has removed our keying lag to T-4 weeks
- Further development of administrative sources to update and profile Enterprises
- An Online facility for response to our births Inquiry
- NACE rev2 project completed and dual coding to continue
- Identification and removal of duplicate and ceased enterprises from the register to increase quality of population, births and deaths figures for business demography

3. Issues solved, problems and future plans

- Completion of Corporation Tax / Income tax Alignment to increase the coverage of the BR
- Complex group development in line with the BR regulation
- Development of Legal units to be held on the register
- Development of source for local units from Census data