

Action Items from OECD/ABS Workshop on remote access to Microdata

Action	Item	Organisation responsible	When due
1	Participants' papers on Microdata Access as presented to the Workshop to be published in a thematic issue on microdata access in the Official Journal of the International Association for Official Statistics. Please note Action 2 also.	All, with ABS to coordinate	End July 2009. DONE: Papers received from participants
2	Overview paper of the current range of remote access and remote execution solutions in place or in preparation internationally. For inclusion in thematic issue of the Official Journal of the International Association for Official Statistics.	ONS or OECD	End July 2009. DONE
3	ABS to provide an informal coordination role - with regard to the actions from this Workshop and updates on these. The most immediate follow up with participants will be with regard to their papers (Action 1).	ABS	Ongoing until next meeting of this group
4	Approach the Japanese and US NSOs to invite their involvement in this group to assist a broader geographical representation.	ONS	End May 2009. DONE
5	Inform Nuremberg group of this Workshop, its participants and actions arising from it.	ONS	End June 2009. DONE
6	Creation of a Web page as basis for this group's communications	ABS	End February 2010. DONE
7	Provision of ABS citation style guide to Statistics Sweden for consideration toward Action 8.	ABS	End June 2009. DONE
8	Production of a recommended citation style for microdata and ideas for means by which we can encourage/force researchers to submit their citations for publication in national and international bibliographies.	Statistics Sweden	End September 2009
9	Paper on a common microdata access interface. To include: both remote access and remote execution; benefits, risks and costs; review of possible options. Note for Gustave: Felix is preparing a paper for the Nuremberg group that will cover some of the same ground. Would be useful for Felix and Gustave to discuss before Statistics Canada commences work on this paper.	Statistics Canada	End December 2009

10	Metadata. Agreement of participants that metadata describing microdata should be compliant to a common standard. Agreed that Data Documentation Initiative (DDI) version 3.0 may be that standard. Was acknowledged and agreed that it would be very difficult to achieve such compliance across a whole NSI in the medium term but that it is achievable for microdata.	10A. ONS to discuss with UK Data Archive how DDI is implemented for microdata held in archives. 10B. Participant organisations to work toward implementing a common metadata standard (possibly DDI version 3.0) for microdata releases.	10A. End September 2009 10B. End June 2011
11	Standard definition of terms. To be published in the Statistical Disclosure Control Glossary prepared by Eric Schulte-Nordholt (et al.) and first presented at the UNECE/Eurostat work session in Geneva in 2005. See http://neon.vb.cbs.nl/casc/glossary.htm . Terms to be included: identified, non-identified, un-identified, de-identified, identifiable and non-identifiable, anonymised, confidential, and confidentialised and possibly others. Adoption of these terms by participants organisations. Note that while we will work toward adopting these terms with regard to microdata it is not expected that the standardised terms would necessarily be extended to other statistical outputs.	Eurostat (Aleksandra and Jean-Marc) to coordinate	By 31 March 2010. In progress
12	This group to meet again in 12 months to consider outcomes of the OECD Harmonised Access to Labour Force Survey Data feasibility project and the ESSnet microdata access project in order to progress an international microdata access system development collaboration.	All, but ABS and OECD will organise next meeting	May/June 2010
13	This group to provide a sounding board for the OECD feasibility project on Harmonised Access to Labour Force Survey Data - to operate via email group in the first instance.	All.	Duration of the LFS Feasibility Project