

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the Modernising Registry Fees consultation process.

ASIC registry data is used by ABS to understand business structures. This supports ABS in collecting, compiling, and linking data to produce statistics. There is scope for ABS to further leverage ASIC registry information for these purposes via the MBR program.

ABS also view information held by ASIC as a data asset that could be used across government to support policy development and analysis, efficient processes (eg. collect once), and to reduce burden on business.

To support these whole of government purposes, ABS advocate for government agencies to be able to access ASIC registry data at no cost where they have an approved purpose.

The specific responses to Q1 and Q2 are:

Submission response Q1

1 Are you supportive of a further reduction to or removal of digital retail search fees?

1.1 Do you have any concerns about retaining fees on a limited range of searches

ABS response: ABS advocate for data (either via retail or wholesale channel) to be provided at no cost to government agencies where there is an approved use. This would serve to maximise efficient government arrangements and reuse of data, support government policy development and analysis, and reduce burden on business.

Submission response Q2

2. Which types of users (or use-cases) should be charged an infrastructure fee? Are there any users (or use-cases) that should be exempt?

ABS response: ABS advocate for data via the wholesale channel to be provided at no cost to government agencies where there is an approved use. This would serve to maximise efficient government arrangements and reuse of data, support government policy development and analysis, and reduce burden on business.

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