



Official Statistics System

Making more Information Freely Available (MIFA)

An overview



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- Budget 2007 initiative
- Around 250 million pieces of information available for free
- Fees for customised jobs continue.



Target outcomes

- More users access official statistics
- Businesses use a wider range of relevant data to inform their decisions
- It is easier for users to find, access and use time series data.

Data available through MIFA



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- Digital Boundaries and StreetLink file
- In Table Builder:
 - Small-area population estimates
 - Small-area population projections
 - Household expenditure data
 - Detailed business demography.



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Work in progress

- Web-based coding tool for industry and occupation classifications from late 2008
- Time series on the web during 2008.

Time series on the web – Infoshare (previously INFOS)



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- Time series data including:
 - Import and export data
 - Retail and wholesale trade data
 - Economic time series
 - Migration and visitor data
- Delivered in two stages
 1. Free, with basic search, browse and download function and access to limited time series data. September 2008
 2. Additional functions with access to full time series data. March 2009

Key features of Infoshare



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- Free
- Web-based
- Increases and broadens audience use of time series data
- Provides more intuitive search and browsing interface
- Eliminates need to store Infoshare software and database on user's own computer.



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Accessing MIFA data

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