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# Standard Business Reporting

**An update of SBR program –  
September 2015**

# Introduction



This Program update covers:

- Update since the last ABSIA Forum
- SBR Year in review
- New agencies
- Data standards
- Where to from here

# Update



Over the past three months we have:

- Been working with the DTO
- Developed Agency Engagement framework
- Progressed an electronic SWD registration process
- Seen an increased take up of ABN Lookup web services

# SBR Highlights

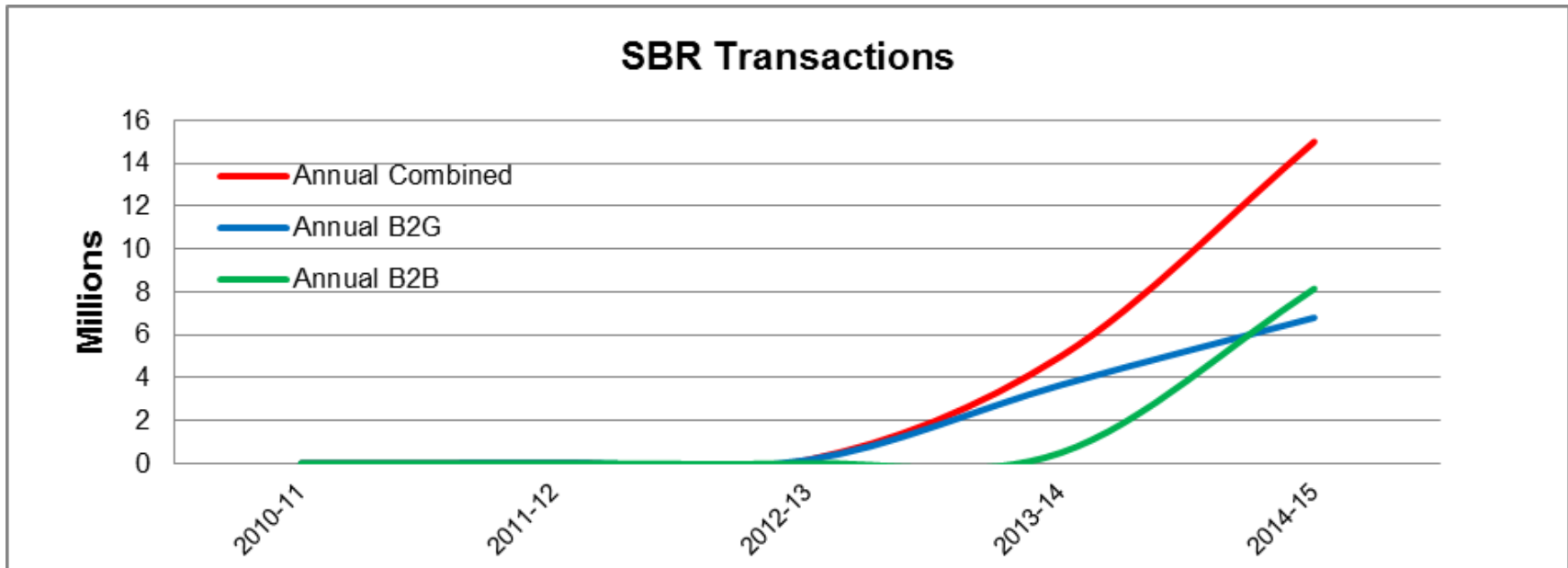


SBR highlights at the conclusion of the 2014-15 financial year include:

- Software providers with SBR-enabled products available increased by 10% (from 54 to 64), covering 90% of the business community
- Government forms that can be lodged through SBR-enabled software increased by 7% to 554
- All APRA reporting is SBR-enabled
- In excess of 85,000 employers used SBR-enabled SuperStream, with more than 2.4 million contributions processed in June alone.
- The SuperTICK verification service was used more than 6.2 million times during 2014-15

# SBR Year in review and volumes

The growth in use of SBR has continued with fifteen million transactions conducted using SBR-enabled software in 2014-15, with an estimated savings to business of \$xxx million



	2010-11 million	2011-12 million	2012-13 million	2013-14 million	2014-15 million
Annual B2B	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	8.2
Annual B2G	0.0	0.0	0.2	3.7	6.8
Annual Combined	0.0	0.0	0.2	4.3	15.0

# SBR Year in review and volumes

Excluding SuperStream.....

Over 860,000 reports were lodged via SBR.

SBR Business Lodgements	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
ATO	22 484	148 275	394 934	816 369
Other agencies	14	297	811	890
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22 498</b>	<b>148 572</b>	<b>395 745</b>	<b>817 259</b>

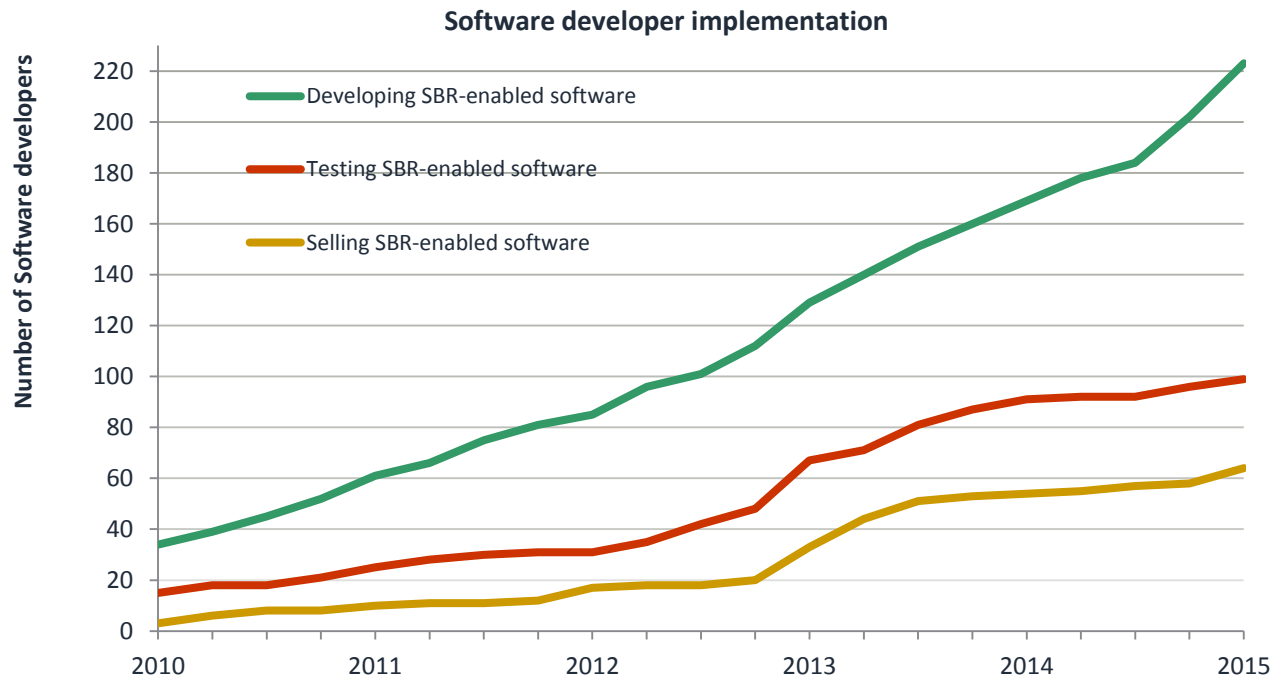
- Notwithstanding this progress, the SBR program continues to face significant challenges to realise the full benefits.
- We are looking to continue this through SBR expansion to additional areas of business reporting.

# Software Developers

Software developers are integral to delivering the benefits of SBR.

- We have seen steady growth in the number of SWDs licensed, testing or having SBR-enabled product-for-sale at the end of each financial year since 2010.
- At 30 June 2015, a total of 223 SWDs had been licensed to develop SBR-enabled software.

## Level of Engagement in SBR by Software Developers (SWDs)

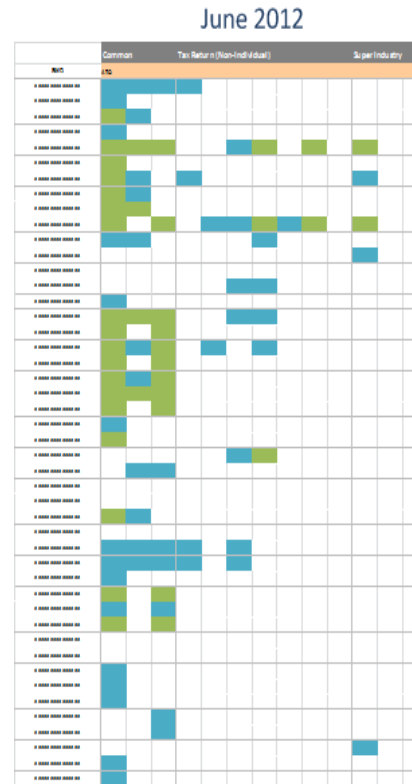


# Software Developers

## SBR Software Developer Activity ATO Forms & Services and SuperStream

- In June 2012, 36 of 85 registered SBR Software Developers were actively testing or selling ATO SBR enabled software.
- By 2015, with SuperStream the number of Software Developers testing or selling ATO SBR Enabled Software increased to 99 of 223.
- Decommissioning ELS has further encouraged uptake of SBR.

Key  
 Selling SBR Enabled Software ■  
 Testing SBR Enabled Software ■

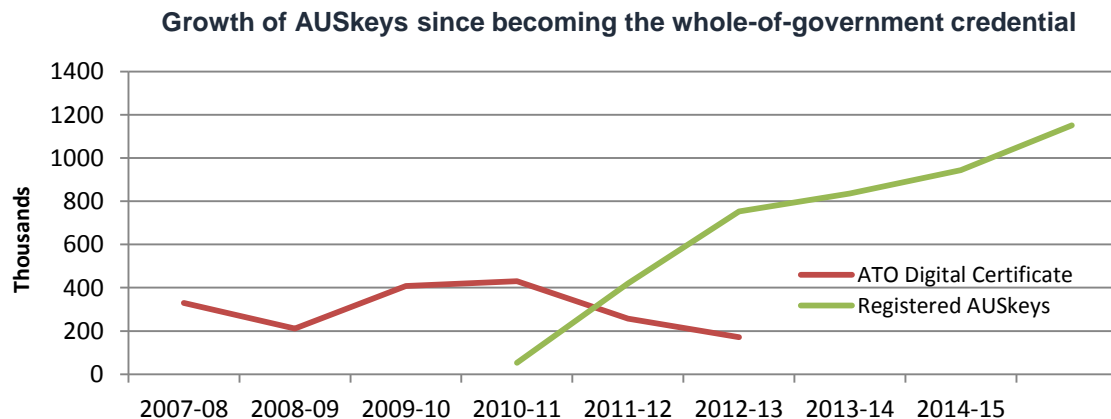


Software Developer Levels of engagement	June 2011	June 2012	June 2013	June 2014	June 2015
Signed licence for access to the SBR Software Development Kit	61	85	128	169	223
Commenced testing	26	33	66	91	99
Certified for an SBR report	11	17	34	54	64



# AUSKey

- There are currently 1.2 million AUSKeys on issue
  - almost one third of Australian businesses (representing 95% of the economy) hold AUSKeys.
- AUSKey is used to access 57 online services managed by 27 government agencies.
- A milestone of 10,000,000 AUSKey transactions processed in a month was reached in July 2015.

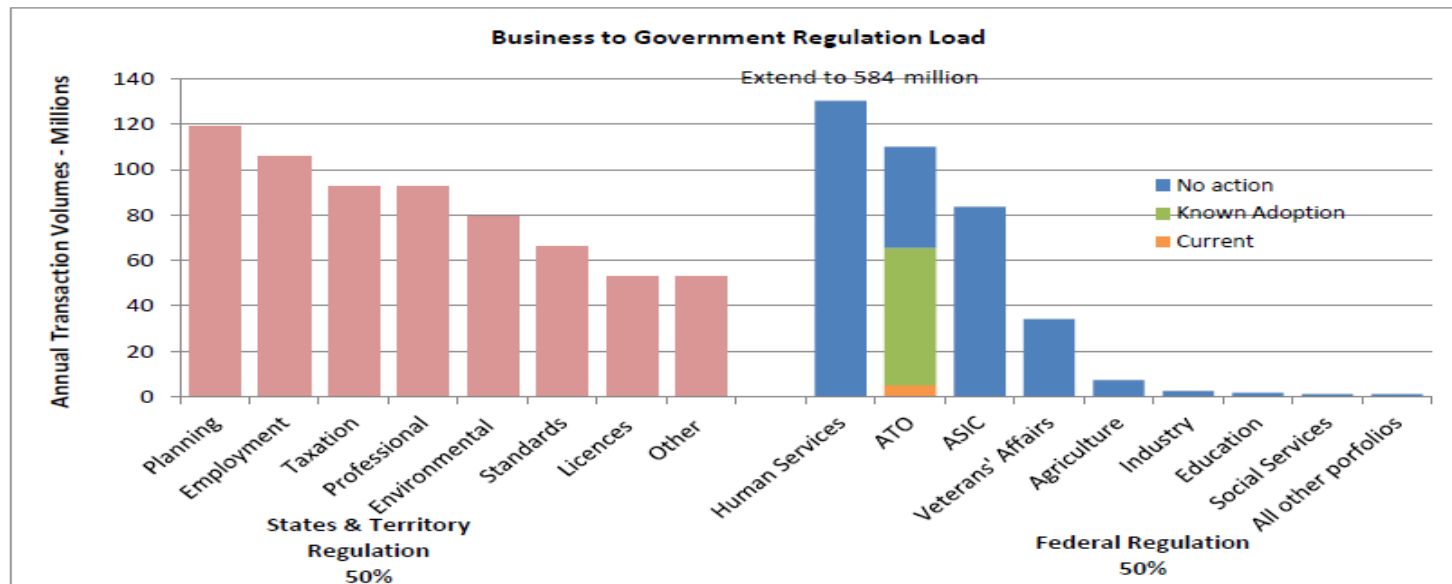


# SBR expansion

The following table provides an indication of where the burden for business to government reporting sits. It shows:

- The burden is around even between State & Territory and Federal regulation
- Where SBR has made significant in-roads and highlights the work that needs to be done
- The tax and super systems are moving towards full adoption
- These make up a component of the burden faced by business

**Comparison of government regulation load vs government SBR adoption**



## SBR expansion

The financial and taxation reporting solution is now largely complete and has provided the necessary first step toward true whole of government 'standards framework'.

- This first stage has provided the momentum, and direction for further work as envisaged in the original SBR business case.
- Change is now necessary to deliver on the full intent of SBR.
- This will ensure we meet the expectations of software developers in enabling them to provide more digital interactions between business and government.
- Broadening SBR will also re-use the existing investment (by government and business) and create a stronger business case for software developers to engage.

# New agencies



## Highlights:

- Department of Human Services
- Australian Bureau of Statistics
- Workplace of Gender Equality Agency
- Department of Education

# SBR Architecture



Consultancy papers have been prepared and provide advice and recommendations specifically to enable the transformation of SBR:

## **SBR Information architecture (Capsicum Business Architects**

- Separate the SBR Dictionary (semantic) from the computer language (syntax). This supports the use of message languages aligned to communities' technology choices.
- The need for greater completeness (or richness) of the definition and information captured to provide a holistic view of business processes and the data itself.
- Deployment and maintenance of the SBR Dictionary using a distributed/federated approach

## **Expand and extend the design of SBR (National ICT Australia and Chasquis consulting - Netherlands)**

- 'One size fits all approach' does not work,
- A range of message formats need to be supported, and
- A range of transport formats need to be supported

## **Make it easier to access and use the standards (NICTA)**

- Government sponsor initiatives to educate government agencies, the business community and software developers to showcase the process and value of adoption,
- Require government agencies to allow software developers to build connections from their software to agency systems, and
- Adopt APIs (Application Program Interfaces) as the preferred method for this to be done

## Where to from here

Recognising it is time to broaden SBR, the SBR Board endorsed a number of strategies in October 2014. Subsequently, we are:

- Updating the SBR dictionary to extend it beyond financial reporting
- Expanding and extending the design of SBR making it suitable for use beyond the financial/taxation area
- Making it easier to access and use the SBR standards

These recommendations will allow expansion of SBR and address key shortcomings identified within the current SBR system.

And finally:

- Supporting the implementation of e-Invoicing using the transformed SBR

# SBR eInvoice



## Implement e-invoicing in Australia using the transformed SBR (Billentis consulting - Switzerland)

Key findings and recommendations include:

- Introduce e-invoicing from 2017 for the Australian Public Sector (APS) to optimise internal processes and promote broad scale market adoption. This would also send a strong signal to the market and direction for Business to Business,
- States and Territory agencies follow the Federal Government and enable agencies to receive and process e-invoices,
- The Federal Government specify an invoice content (semantic) standard. It should also specify the format(s) (syntax),
- Offer a range of different solutions that cater for the wide range of participants, and
- Establish an Australian e-invoicing multi stakeholder forum.

## Implement eInvoicing in Australia using the transformed SBR



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Introducing  
eInvoice.....





**Any questions from the Forum?**