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# Administrative Data Seminar

## Opening Remarks

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I'm not  
interested  
in data!!!!



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# Administrative Data Sources



Is the data being fully exploited ?





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# Administrative Data Sources

- What are they used for?
  - Collected for an administrative purpose
    - Drive payments
    - Assess tax liability
    - Etc.
- Do they have any other potential uses?
  - ✓ As the basis for making decisions
  - ✓ Allows you to tell the story of change
  - ✓ As a means of evaluating effectiveness



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# Administrative Data Sources

*“One of the great mistakes is to judge policies and programs by their intentions rather than their results”*

Milton Friedman



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# Using Administrative Data

- CSO exploring potential of administrative data to support evidence based policy making
- SPAR project etc.
- Data linkage and integration
- Benefits:
  - Range, scope and depth of analysis possible
  - Positive impact on quality
  - Response burden





- NSB Strategy 2003-2008, 2009-2014
- Whole system approach to Irish Statistical System
- Why? Benefits, Cost etc.
- NSB objectives/recommendations needs a collaborative/shared approach



# Common purpose

- Trying to build a shared objective/common purpose
- Been difficult to achieve without tangible examples of real potential
- Good progress made but significant challenges remain
- Statistical infrastructure needs to be developed across public sector
- Before it can be built needs to be a recognition that it is required and will deliver “value-added”





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# Custodians of admin. data

- Think not only of benefits for policy and research purposes

But also

- The role you have to play in facilitating the achievement of that objective (i.e. role in building the ISS)



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# Legal Framework

## Critical importance of data protection



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*“Statistics are the eyes of the  
policy maker”*