

Challenges of Migrating ABS Business and Household Surveys to Blaise Web on a Large Scale and Short Timeframe

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In 2012, the ABS began a challenging program of transforming its data collection activities to include web as an option for most its collections. The program began rolling out in December 2012 and covers both household (such as the Labour Force Survey) and business surveys. The main part of the migration program is due to conclude at the end of 2013. This paper will look at some of the challenges, including building capability in staff, drivers for the migration plan, things that worked well and didn't work so well, as well as looking forward at what further work needs to be done.