Discussion Topics on Terminology in ModernStats Models

The ModernStats models were not developed altogether. Historically, GSBPM came out first, followed by GSIM, CSPA and GAMSO. While every effort had been made to ensure that a new model was in line with existing model(s) when it came out, there are still some discrepancies within the models.

One recurring question is around two terms: **"activity" and "process".** "Process" is very central term for GSBPM while "activity" is an important unit of concept in GAMSO. Below is the working definition of the two from Metadata Glossary team which was used during GSBPM review (see GSBPM v5.1 paragraph 26).

- Activity – what we do
- Process – how we do it

Question 1: How "activity" and "process" are different to you? Do you agree with above working definition?

Question 2: In GAMSO, "production" is called an "activity" while in GSBPM, it is referred as a "process". Are they contradicting?

Question 3: GSBPM has several Overarching "Processes" – are they really "process"?

Question 4: How is the concept of "process" related to GSIM "Statistical Program"? Are they referring to the same?

Object	Definition	Explanatory Text
Statistical Program	A set of activities, which may be repeated, that describes the purpose and context of a set of *Business Process* within the context of the relevant *Statistical Program Cycles.*	The *Statistical Program* is one of a family of objects that provide the environmental context in which activities to produce statistics within a statistical organization are conducted. *Statistical Program* is the top level object that describes the purpose and objectives of a set of activities. *Statistical Program* will usually correspond to an ongoing activity such as a survey or output series. Some examples of *Statistical Program* are: Labour Force Survey - Multipurpose Household Survey - National Accounts - Demography - Overseas Arrivals and Departures Related to the *Statistical Program* object there are *Statistical Program Design* and *Statistical Program Cycle* objects that hold the detailed information about the design and conduct of the *Business Process*. In the case of the traditional approach, an organization has received a *Statistical Need* and produced a *Change Definition* and an approved *Business Case*. The *Business Case* will specify either a change to the design or methodology of an existing *Statistical Program*, which will result in a new *Statistical Program Design*; or a change to one or more existing *Statistical Programs* (for example, to

| | | add an additional objective to the *Statistical Program*); or result in a new *Statistical Program* being created. This does not include statistical support functions such as metadata management, data management (and other overarching GSBPM processes) and design functions. These activities are conducted as part of *Statistical Support Programs*. |