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**Abstract:**  
The ABS' Rural and Regional Statistics National Centre (RRSNC) in Adelaide has now been in operation for just over a year. The work program for this period focussed on delivering new output and the development of an Information Model for rural and regional statistics.

Experimental estimates of personal and business income derived from Australian Taxation Office (ATO) data at small area levels are discussed including the application of the ASGC Remoteness Structure to these estimates. Further work is planned on regional income studies using administrative data. The Information model comprises the first section of an Information Development Plan which will chart regional data needs vs. availability and assist in setting future statistical priorities for the National Centre.