3.2 Issues in maintaining SBRs

Group exercise

Discuss the following questions regarding SBR maintenance in your group. Nominate one group member to present a short (no more than 5-minute) summary of your discussions.

1. In many cases we need to use proxies for characteristics in the SBR because we do not have all of the data we want.
   1. What methods do you use to calculate proxies for missing characteristics in your SBR (for example, for employed persons or value added)?
   2. How do you check to see how accurate the proxies you are using are?
2. The follow questions are about ISIC coding in your SBR (or economic census):
   1. How is ISIC coding done for non-profiled units in your SBR (or economic census if you do not have an SBR)?
   2. How much of the classification, if any of it, is automated by text matching?
   3. What are the resource requirements in terms of staffing?
   4. Is your office working on any improvements to the efficiency of ISIC coding? If so, what are they?