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**Session 3: Globalisation and Large Case Units**

**ONS’s Large Cases Unit and Tackling Globalisation**

Large Cases Units (LCU’s) are widely recognised as being an effective approach to tackling data collection issues faced by National Statistical Institutes brought about by the globalisation of businesses.

ONS started its Large Cases Unit, located in our Business Registers department in 2019 (initially as a Pilot) and has gradually expanded its portfolio of businesses and resource profile.

This paper summarises the approach ONS has taken in terms of the LCU’s organisation, role and its main successes and challenges faced.

It examines the complexity and variety of differing international business models identified by its LCU such as contract manufacturing and toll processing. The paper explains how in co-operation with a National Accounts (NA) Globalisation team, LCU have successfully made improvements to our Statistical Business Register and the quality of National Accounts data based on these complex models.

It details some of the obstacles faced including securing cooperation with the large businesses and recruitment of appropriate multi-skilled staff. It discusses how LCU aims to ensure a consistent approach to the implementation of large data changes (current and historical changes) across multiple National Accounts and Balance of Payment domains.

It presents some of the teams intended next steps that will help identify globalisation issues in Multi-National Enterprise (MNE) groups including implementing an industry review approach supported by the NA Globalisation team.