SPPI on Office administrative services

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Introduction

- Industry overview
- Classification
- Services to be priced
- Evaluation of turnover data
- Pricing methodologies
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Office administrative services is a growing industry with a moderate level of competition.

It consists of companies that provide a range of everyday office administrative services such as clerical, billing and record keeping.

The high fragmentation of this industry means that there are few major players, and the industry is populated by smaller businesses which service narrow regional or product markets.

The increase in compliance with government regulations and legislation is a growing factor in the drive towards outsourcing payroll activities.

The total output ($9.1bn), based on ABS's latest 2009-10 Input-Output data.
### Summary of Australian businesses classified as office administrative services

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<th>Employment Band</th>
<th>No. of enterprises</th>
<th>Percentage of enterprises</th>
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<td>Non Employing</td>
<td>4,147</td>
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<td>1-19 Employees</td>
<td>5,840</td>
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<td>20-199 Employees</td>
<td>612</td>
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<td>200+ Employees</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>10,633</td>
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## Classification

### Classification structure: ISIC Revision 4 versus ANZSIC 2006

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<td>- Class 8211 - Combined office administrative service activities</td>
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<td>- Class 8219 Photocopying, document preparation and other specialized office support activities</td>
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<td>Group 729 - Other administrative services</td>
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*partial correspondence (denoted by ‘p*’) is an indication that only part of that particular ANZSIC class corresponds to the other ANZSIC class
Services to be priced

Product and services segmentation of office administrative services

- Payroll processing: 70%
- Billing and record keeping: 15%
- Reception services: 4%
- Clerical services: 4%
- Business administration: 2%
- Other administrative services: 5%

Source: IBISWorld 2015
Types of Services
Pricing methodologies

• After meeting with key businesses within the industry it was determined that Payroll services can be priced using model pricing.

• Specifications are established with the business when they are enrolled into the survey.

• In the approach adopted by the ABS, contract prices are based on models of packaged services (which are influenced by employee number/size of business) for hosting and non-hosting.
The index structure used for compiling the experimental index for class 7291 is shown below.

- 7291 Office Administrative Services
  - IOPC 72910010 Periodic Subscription Services EA
    - Payroll Services - Hosting EA
    - Payroll Services - Non Hosting EA
  - IOPC 72910020 Office Admin Services nec
    - Other Office Administrative Services EA (WPI Proxy)

Approximately:
- 21%
- 49%
- 30%
Pricing methodologies (cont’d)

• An example of a specification for payroll services of Hosting may include:
  – *E-payroll Hosting Basic package for 30 employees priced on a monthly basis (excluding GST).*

• An example of a specification for payroll services of Non-Hosting may include:
  – *Managed services package for 10 employees with payroll services, leave management and superannuation options included. Priced on a monthly basis (excluding GST).*
Weighting methods

- The main data source for ABS PPI weights at the class level is National Accounts supply use tables at the IOPC level.

- Below the class level the ABS derives PPI weights using a variety of data sources for revenues.
Challenges

- Market concentration
- Government regulations and legislation
- Technological changes
- Quality adjustments
Conclusion

• The office administrative services industry is a growing industry with a moderate level of competition.

• Payroll services (70%) account for the largest share of industry revenue within class 7291. This can be further split into Hosting (21%) and Non-hosting (49%) services.

• ABS adopted a model pricing method and is planning to use it in compiling it’s experimental index.

• There are also many challenges in measuring this industry such as impact of market concentration, and technological changes.
Questions

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