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# **Australian Government: Public Sector Information Access**

## **Geospatial Data: Pricing and Access Policy**

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# OSDM

**The Australian Government Office of Spatial Data Management (OSDM) is charged with implementing the Australian Government Policy on Spatial Data Access and Pricing**

# History

## **Spatial Data Access and Pricing Policy**

- Established by Cabinet decision 2001
- Established OSDM and governance structure to facilitate increased access to Commonwealth held spatial data
- Established Schedule of publicly available data

# Data Schedule

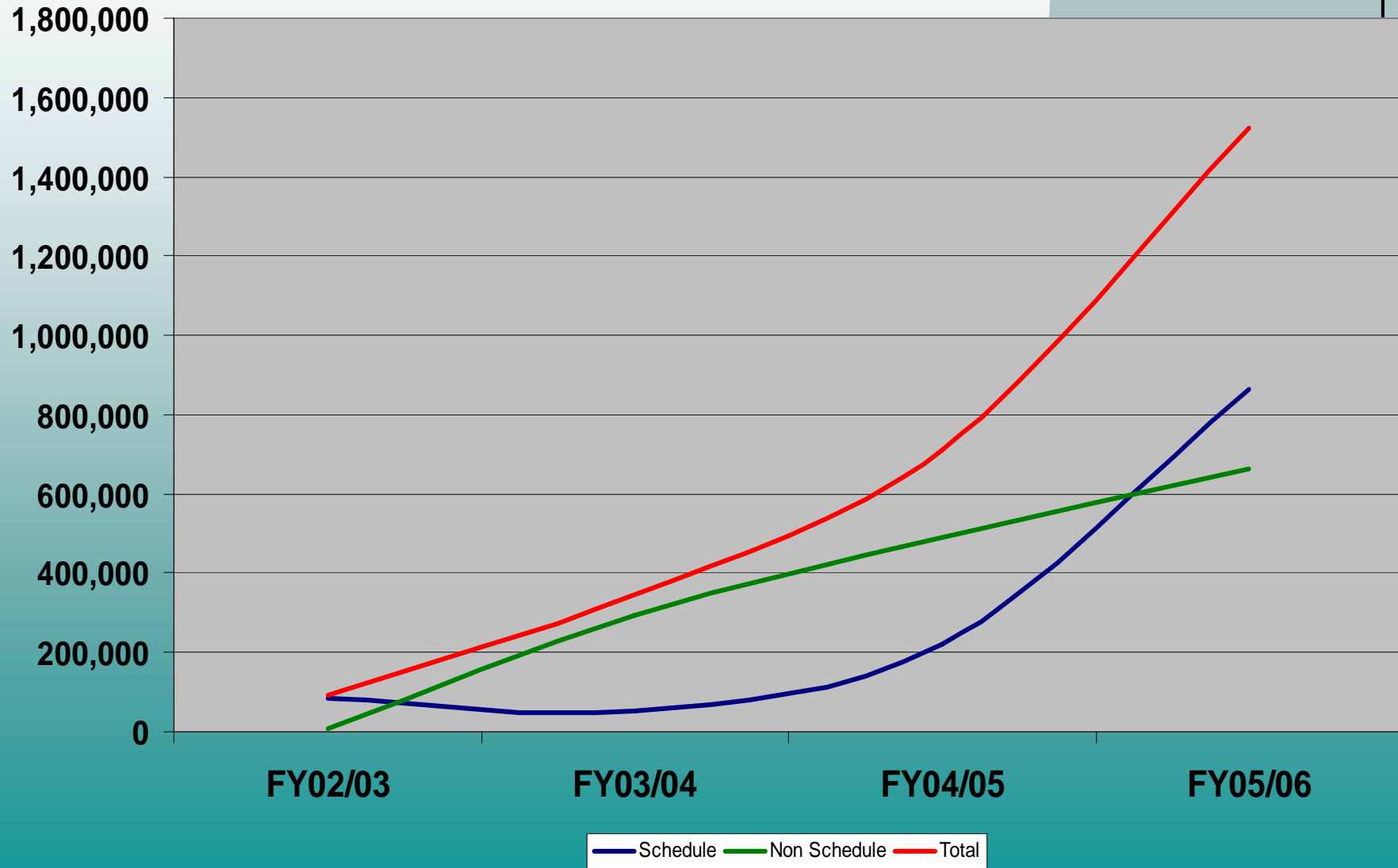
Consists of fundamental data sets to which the policy applies (approx 745 data sets)

- Data available free over the internet
- Cost of transfer for 'packaged' products
- No restriction on use but Copyright *may* be reserved by the Commonwealth
- Customised products charged at marginal cost

# **Is This Policy Successful?**

**Does free access and simple  
licencing promote use of  
spatial data?**

# Australian Government Data Access



Reported number of spatial datasets delivered during 2005–06

<b>Method of Delivery</b>	<b>Schedule Data Sets</b>	<b>Non Schedule Data Sets</b>	<b>Total Delivery</b>
Online Downloads	854,196	49,818	904,014
Standard Packages	7,188	407,413	414,601
Customised Packages	1,146	204,445	205,591
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>862,530</b>	<b>661,676</b>	<b>1,524,206</b>

# Geoscience Australia: Data Access Examples

- 75 terabytes of seismic data sets 'lent' to various commercial companies
- A specific Data Room established at GA to support industry access to geoscience data
- More data is being made available through GA's online Map Connect service

# Issues for Implementing Data Access Policy

## Requires:

- Strong policy and governance structures in place
- Common licencing
- Active support and encouragement across all government agencies
- Resources to implement and manage data access mechanisms

# Conclusion

- There **is** a HIGH DEMAND for government spatial data when the barriers are removed.
- Easy access to spatial data is good for:
  - government agencies
  - science
  - research
  - education
  - the commercial sector
  - the public