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| 1. WHOIS Misuse Studies | Study # 1, #14, #21 GAC data set 2 | 1. Experimental: register test domains and measure harmful messages resulting from misuse  
2. Descriptive: study misuse incidents reported by registrants, researchers/ law enforcement | Council decided 8 Sept. to proceed with this study.  
Cost: 150,000  
Time estimate: 1 year | • Study can count and categorize harmful acts attributed to misuse and show data was probably not obtained from other sources  
• Some acts might be difficult to count  
• Difficult to tie WHOIS queries to harmful acts, which makes it difficult to prove that reductions in misuse were caused by specific anti-harvesting measures  
• Difficult to assess whether misuse is “significant” |
| 2. WHOIS Registrant Identification Study | GAC 5, GAC 6 #13a, #18 GAC 9, GAC 10 | 1. Gather info about how business/commercial domain registrants are identified.  
2. Correlate such identification with use of proxy/privacy services. | RFP approach. 5 responses received.  
Staff analysis complete to the GNSO Council on 23 March 2010.  
Cost: 150,000  
Time estimate: 1 year | • Will classify ownership and purpose of what appear to be commercial domains without clear registrant information, and measure how many of those domains were registered using a Proxy/Privacy service  
• Might provide insight on why some registrants are not clearly identified  
• Use of P/P services by businesses |
| 3. WHOIS Proxy and Privacy “Abuse” Study | #17, #19 GAC 1, GAC 11 | Compare broad sample of P/P-registered domains associated with abuse with the overall frequency of P/P registrations | Staff analysis underway, target to Council by the end of Sept. 2010. | http://www.icann.org/en/announcements/announcement-2-18may10-en.htm |
| 4. WHOIS Proxy and Privacy “Relay and Reveal” study | #3, #13b, #13c, #20 | Study will analyze relay and reveal requests sent for Proxy and Privacy-registered domains and document how they are processed | Staff posted RFP TOR on 29 September, deadline for responses is 30 November 2010. |  |
| 5. non-ASCII registration information | Previously Study #11 | Technical analysis of how non-ASCII registration information is displayed. | On hold pending work of Internationalized Registration Data WG. | IRD WG Workshop was conducted in Brussels. |

Note: Study areas 1-5 reflect all the studies initially requested by the GNSO Council 4 March, 2009. Study area 6 was requested by the Council 7 May, 2009.