

## RDS PDP WG Poll on Purpose - 13 December

During the 13 December RDS PDP WG call, we started deliberation on the following charter question/sub-question:

*2. Who should have access to gTLD registration data and why?*

*2.1 Should gTLD registration data be accessible for any purpose or only for specific purposes?*

To seek common ground, we started by focusing on "thin data" as defined by the Thick WHOIS Report ("A thin registry only stores and manages the information associated with the domain name. This set includes data sufficient to identify the sponsoring registrar, status of the registration, creation and expiration dates for each registration, name server data, the last time the record was updated in its Whois data store, and the URL for the registrar's Whois service.") To apply this charter question to "thin data" only, we also discussed: *What is the purpose of "thin data" about gTLD domain names?*

The following poll gives all WG members an opportunity to share opinions about concepts that surfaced during this call. Poll responses received by **COB Saturday 17 December** will be aggregated and used as input to the next WG call.

\* **Your name (must be a RDS PDP WG Member)**

**Q1) During the WG call, it was suggested that sub-question 2.1 (above) be teased apart to allow for other possibilities. Which of the following alternative statements (if any) do you agree with?**

- a) "Thin data" about gTLD domain names should be accessible for any purpose(s), except for illegitimate purpose(s) expressly prohibited by policy.
- b) "Thin data" about gTLD domain names should be accessible for legitimate purpose(s) only, as expressly permitted by policy.
- c) "Thin data" about gTLD domain names should be accessible for any purpose(s), without being limited by purpose or taking purpose into consideration.
- d) No "thin data" about gTLD domain names should be accessible, period.

When answering the above question, please do not think about whether you agree with individual "thin data" elements, whether or not "thin data" would be publicly accessible, or whether criteria other than purpose might or might not be adopted to control access to some or all of those data elements. Our goal in answering this question is just to determine whether "purpose(s)" should be further developed as a key concept – and why or why not.

**Q2) Please elaborate on your answer to poll question Q1 above, sharing your rationale for why purpose should or should not impact policies associated with access to “thin data” about gTLD domain names.**

Thanks for participating in this poll. Please click below to submit your responses.

Input gathered through this poll will be used as input to further WG deliberation on this charter question.