GNSO Council-requested WHOIS studies – Cross-reference to original study numbers
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Study Area/Topic	X-ref to study proposals	Specific studies defined (work in progress)
1. WHOIS Misuse Extent to which publicly displayed WHOIS data is misused	Study # 1, #14, #21 GAC data set 2	1. Experimental: register domains and measure spam 2. Descriptive: study misuse incidents reported by registrants
2. WHOIS Registrant Identification Study (previously "misrepresentation")	GAC 5, GAC 6 #13a, #18 GAC 9, GAC 10	1. Gather info about how registrants are identified. 2. Correlate such identification with use of proxy/privacy services.
3. Proxy and privacy services	#13b, #13c, #17 GAC 1, GAC 11 #3, #19, #20	1. Relationship between use of proxies and abuse, if any 2. Proxy responses to information requests
4. Impact of non-ASCII registration information on accuracy and readability	Previously Study #11	Technical analysis of how entry of non-ASCII registration information is displayed by various client-side software. Analysis would examine and recommend methods to display WHOIS contact information.
5. WHOIS service requirements	Separate request-7 May	Compile a list of WHOIS service requirements based on current + previous policy discussions

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