

HOUSEHOLD ESTIMATES USER CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE (LAs)

Authority/Organisation: _____

Introduction

The aim of this questionnaire is to find out about the current and potential uses of household estimates by local authorities; the extent to which the annual official estimates produced by the Scottish Executive are used and to seek your views on priorities for the development of the official estimates. The Household Analysis Review Group will use the responses from local authorities and other users in setting its workplan for the next few years.

Uses made of household estimates

1. Does your authority use household estimates – either the official estimates, or estimates from another source - for any of the following?

(Tick all that apply) (✓)

Possible uses:	Official estimates	Other source
a) Assessments of Strategic Housing Requirements		
b) Assessments of Local Housing Requirements		
c) Assessments of Special Housing Needs (e.g. Sheltered, Amenity & Medium Dependency)		
d) Provision of Educational Services		
e) Provision of Health Services		
f) Provision of Social Services		
g) Provision of Leisure or Cultural Facilities		
h) Transport/Communications Planning		
i) Water/Sewage Facilities Planning		
j) Any other use		

Please give details of any other uses:

2. Which of the following published outputs use either official household estimates or household estimates from another source?

(Tick all that apply) (✓)

Published output:	Official estimates	Other source
a) Statutory Housing Plan		
b) Local Development Plans		
c) Structure Plan		
d) Local Housing System Analysis (Scottish Homes)		
e) Other Plans/Strategy Documents		
f) Other published outputs.		

Please give details of any other uses:

3. Household estimates might also be used for a range of more general purposes such as to support in-house research or analytical work. Please give details below of any additional uses which your council makes of household estimates – either the official estimates or estimates from another source:

Any other uses:

Sources/ types of household estimates used.

4.1 Does your authority/organisation undertake any more detailed household analyses using the official data as baseline e.g. sub-Council area estimates?	Y/N
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If yes, please say what additional detail is provided:

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4.2 Does your authority/organisation currently undertake its own household estimates using its own methodology?	Y/N
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4.3 Does your authority/organisation currently use household estimates provided by an external agency (other than the Scottish Executive)?	Y/N
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If YES to 4.3 and/or 4.4, please indicate why you don't use official figures e.g. timing, detail, geography etc. If YES to 4.4 could you indicate the name of the external agency.

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Priorities for development of household estimates

5. The official household estimates at present give a single total estimated number of households in each council area in Scotland. How useful would it be to have a breakdown of this estimate?

(Please tick) (✓)

	Very useful	Useful	Limited Use	Not Useful
5.1 By household type:				
5.2 By tenure:				
5.3 By area within council:				

5.4 If you have answered 'useful' or 'very useful' to any of the categories above please describe briefly the types of detail which would be useful and the sorts of uses which would be made of the figures:

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5.5 Apart from those listed above, are there further sub-divisions that your local authority would find useful?	Y/N
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5.6 If yes, what are they and what would they be used for?

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Assessment of methodology

6. The Scottish Executive prepares the household estimates based on data for housing stock, vacancies, other ineffective stock and sharing households. For Further information about the current methodology please see the housing trends bulletin covering quarters 2 and 3 of 2000 ([HSG/2001/1 page 23](#)). More detailed information will be available soon on the Household Analyses Review Group web site which is currently under construction (<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/housing/harg>) or can be sent upon request (e-mail: <mailto:housingstatistics@scotland.gsi.gov.uk>).

Please indicate below any suggestions for ways in which this method might be improved and any alternative data sources which might be used. Please bear in mind that any data source/ methodology must be applicable to all Local Authority areas in Scotland.

Consultation/ release

7. Each year, early in the new year, Scottish Executive Housing Statistics Branch sends the latest year's estimates to councils for comment. The aim is to allow councils to comment on possible anomalies in the estimates so that these can be investigated before publication.

	Very useful	Useful	Limited Use	Not Useful
7.1 How useful do you find this consultation? (Please tick) (✓)				

7.2 In what ways, if any, could this be improved?

7.3 Once Released by the Scottish Executive, what is your main source for the household estimates?

(Tick all that apply) (✓)

	Source
a) Housing Trends Bulletin/Statistical Release (printed copy)	
b) Housing Trends Bulletin/Statistical Release (on the internet)	
c) Direct from Housing Statistics Branch	
d) Other(s) (please specify below)	

7.4 Have you had any difficulty in the past 2 years getting access to the annually released household estimates?	Y/N
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7.5 Is there any other method of receiving the annually released estimates that you would prefer? (please specify)

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Finally

8. The Household Analysis Review Group would welcome any additional comments/ suggestions on either the methodology or content of the household estimates which would help to improve their quality/ relevance.

Additional comments/ suggestions:

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Please return this questionnaire by 8 June either by Email or post to:

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Please indicate below a contact with whom we may discuss any of the points raised in the responses to the questionnaire. If you or anyone in your council wishes to be kept in touch with the work of the Household Analysis Review Group please provide contact details, if possible including Email addresses, below.

Council: _____

Contact Name: _____

Telephone/E-mail: _____

Interested in being kept in touch with the work of the Household Analysis Review Group.

Name	Organisation/Department	Telephone	Email

Alternatively information about the work of the group will soon be posted on the Household Analyses Review Group internet page which is currently under construction. This will be available at: www.scotland.gov.uk/housing/harg