

# USER REQUIREMENTS FOR HOUSEHOLD ESTIMATES AND PROJECTIONS

## JF's PROPOSED QUESTIONNAIRE

### DRAFT FOR DISCUSSION

#### SECTION 1 - HOUSEHOLD ESTIMATES

Q1.1 What are the main uses your organisation makes of household estimates?

Q1.2 What are the household estimates that your organisation uses?

- a. Scottish Executive household estimates only
- b. Scottish Executive household estimates, plus an alternative
- c. alternative household estimates only

Q1.3 The household estimates are produced as a single figure for each year. How useful would it be to have a breakdown of this estimate?

By household type:

very useful	useful	limited use	not useful
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By tenure:

very useful	useful	limited use	not useful
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Q1.4 Household estimates are currently prepared for Local Authority areas. Should household estimates be produced also for any other areas and, if so, what areas?

Q1.5 For what particular uses would this more detailed information (see Questions 1.3 and 1.4) be beneficial?

Q1.6 The Scottish Executive prepares the household estimates based on data for housing stock, vacancies, other ineffective stock and sharing households. Do you have any suggestions for improvements to this method, including data sources used, but taking into account that The Scottish Executive has the task of producing estimates for all Local Authority areas in Scotland?

Q1.7 Do you have any comments on the consultation on the household estimates by The Scottish Executive? Is this consultation necessary?

Q1.8 Do you have any further ideas as to how household estimates might be improved or made more useful?

Q1.9 If your organisation uses an alternative set of household estimates:

- a. What is this alternative?
- b. What are the reasons for using this?
- c. What are the data sources used in the preparation of these household estimates, i.e. with regard to housing stock, vacancies, other ineffective stock and sharing households?
- d. How different are the results from the estimates prepared by The Scottish Executive?

## SECTION 2 - HOUSEHOLD PROJECTIONS

- Q2.1 What are the main uses your organisation makes of household projections?
- Q2.2 What are the household projections that your organisation uses?
- Scottish Executive household projections only
  - Scottish Executive household projections, plus an alternative
  - alternative household projections only
- Q2.3 The Scottish Executive prepares the household projections based on an extrapolation of headship rates from trends in one or more previous decades. Do you have any comments on and suggestions for improvements to this method?
- Q2.4 The Scottish Executive applies these headship rates to projected population (by GRO(S)), after subtraction of institutional population. Do you have any suggestions as to the estimation and projection of the institutional population?
- Q2.5 The household projections are produced split by household type for each projection year. How useful is this split by household type?
- very useful                      useful                      limited use                      not useful
- Q2.6 Are you satisfied with the split by household type in the present household projection, or would a different household classification be more useful to you? Any suggestions and why?
- Q2.7 How useful would it be to have the household projection split by any other characteristic e.g. marital status of household reference person, tenure?
- Q2.8 Ideally, at what level of spatial aggregation should household projections be produced, taking into account that The Scottish Executive has to produce these for all Local Authority areas in Scotland?
- Q2.9 Should projections be available for a different time horizon than the 14 years used at present and if so, for what time period?
- Q2.10 For what particular uses would this more detailed information (see Questions 2.6 to 2.9) be beneficial?
- Q2.11 Do you have any further ideas as to how household projections might be improved or made more useful?
- Q2.12 Should The Scottish Executive household projections be the subject of a consultation exercise?
- Q2.13 If your organisation uses an alternative set of household projections:
- What is this alternative set of household projections?
  - What are the reasons for using this?
  - What are the data sources used in the preparation of these household projections, i.e. with regard to population projection, institutional population and headship rates?
  - How different are the results from the projections prepared by The Scottish Executive?