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INDICATORS'**

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Introduction

The annual web publication 'Regional Economic Performance Indicators' (REPI) provides data on a number of socio-economic indicators covering the nine English regions, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. The aim of the publication is to give a balanced picture of all the statistical information relevant to regional economic performance, competitiveness and the state of the regions. The indicators shown in REPI have been designed to enable regional comparisons, whilst time series can be used to investigate change over time. REPI is a compendium publication, containing regional information sourced from several different government departments, agencies and academic organisations.

Given the recent large changes in government policy in some areas, in particular a shift from regionalism to localism, it is important that the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills ensures that the publication continues to provide the range of sub-national statistics which are relevant to users.

The purpose of this consultation is to determine if readers continue to find all or part of the publication useful. It also asks for feedback and suggestions on how it can be improved.

Further information on how to respond to the consultation is provided in the next section of this document.

How to respond

This consultation, which was launched on 24th May 2011, asks for responses to be submitted by 31st August 2011.

In order to provide your response, please complete the **online questionnaire**, accessible via the following link:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/REPIconsultation_web

Alternatively, you can complete the **response form** provided in Annex B and return it by letter or e-mail to:

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Help with queries

Questions about any statistical issues raised in the consultation can be addressed to:

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www.bis.gov.uk/files/file47158.pdf

Background

Regional Economic Performance Indicators - annual compendium (“static” version)

‘Regional Economic Performance Indicators’ was first published in 2002 (albeit under the title ‘Regional Competitiveness & State of the Regions’ (RCSOR)). The compendium was formed by the amalgamation of two separate publications: the ‘Regional Competitiveness Indicators’ and the Regional Development Agency (RDA) ‘State of the Region’ Core Indicators.

‘Regional Economic Performance Indicators’ is a National Statistics publication, though some of the indicators listed within the publication are not National Statistics in their own right. Indicators that are not National Statistics *may* be of lower inherent quality but this is not necessarily the case; it may simply be that they have not been through the assessment process that is required to attain National Statistics status.

The latest (2011) edition of the publication is accessible using the following [link](#).

Regional Economic Performance Indicators - “dynamic” version

Regional Economic Performance Indicators compendium publication is produced annually. This means that as fresh data becomes available throughout the year, some elements of REPI may become out of date a few months in advance of the next publication.

Following the user feedback received in the last consultation exercise, a continuously updated web version of REPI (<http://stats.bis.gov.uk/repi>) was introduced alongside the 2010 publication. The data accessible from the website is updated as soon as possible after source data becomes available. (However, as some additional processing is necessary, there may be a short time lag before the REPI tables are updated.

For more information on the individual indicators included in the two data sources, including whether they have a National Statistics status, please refer to the Annex of this consultation.

Annex A - Regional Indicators provided in ‘Regional Economic Performance Indicators’ annual compendium and the “dynamic” version

Regional Indicator	Data supplier for the regional indicator	Table number(s)	National Statistic status
Workplace based gross value added	Office for National Statistics	A(1)	Yes
Residence based gross value added	Office for National Statistics	A(2)(i), A(2)(ii)	Yes
Gross disposable income per head	Office for National Statistics	A(4)	Yes
Labour productivity	Office for National Statistics	A(2)(i), A(2)(ii), A(3)	Mixed
Investment and output by UK and foreign-owned companies	Office for National Statistics	B(1), B(2), B(3)	No
Research & development	Office for National Statistics and Department for Business, Innovation and Skills	C(1), C(2)	Mixed
Employment in high and medium-high technology industries	Office for National Statistics	C(3)	No
Educational and vocation attainment	Department for Business, Innovation and Skills; Department for Education	D(1), D(2), D(3)	Yes
Business registrations and survival rates	Office for National Statistics	E(1), E(2)	Mixed
Entrepreneurial activity	Global Entrepreneurship Monitor	E(3)	No
Export of goods and services	HM Revenue and Customs, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, Office for National Statistics	F(1), F(2), F(3), F(4)	Yes
Employment	Office for National Statistics	G(1)	Yes

Unemployment	Office for National Statistics	G(2)(i)	Yes
Claimant count	Office for National Statistics	G(2)(ii), G(2)(iii)	Yes
Earnings	Office for National Statistics	H(1), H(2), H(3)	Yes
Income support	Department for Work and Pensions	I(1)	Yes
Income deprivation	Department for Communities and Local Government	I(2)	No
Transport	Office for National Statistics, Department for Transport	J(1), J(2), J(3)	Yes
Re-use of vacant and derelict land	Department for Communities and Local Government	K(1)	No

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