

CONSULTATION ON THE CONTENT OF DASA'S ANNUAL MANPOWER NATIONAL STATISTICS PUBLICATIONS

Summary of feedback received

1. During the consultation period DASA sought the views of all users inside and outside MOD, with particular reference to:
 - a. how and for what purpose TSP's 8, 9 and 19 are currently used;
 - b. what would cause significant inconvenience if it was removed;
 - c. what additional analyses would be useful.
2. Whilst the consultation period has now officially closed and work is almost complete on a draft of the new publication (provisionally entitled the "Annual Manning Report: Analysis by Rank and Age"), the mechanism for feedback (quadservice@dasa.mod.uk) will remain open and DASA will consider any new feedback received.
3. DASA did not receive any feedback from outside the MOD during the consultation period but did receive a number of responses to the request for feedback from users of statistics within the Department.
4. There was support for the new publication and no major concerns raised regarding the suspension of TSP's 8, 9 and 19. Where specific comments were provided they focused on the issues below:
 - a. Duty of care issues for Service personnel under the age of 18;
 - b. Age and rank profiles monitoring over time / time series analysis comparing the last 10 years;
 - c. More detailed outflow information to assist with resettlement policies;
 - d. Increased commentary and explanations of what the data are showing;
 - e. Total numbers and percentages of flows by age to be maintained.
5. As a result of the above feedback DASA are currently in the process of drafting the new publication and replying individually to feedback received. The feedback and DASA's responses are available on request from quadservice@dasa.mod.uk
6. The draft publication is later than originally anticipated due to resource constraints. DASA apologise for this and are aiming to get a draft version of the new publication published on the DASA Website using data as at 1 April 2010 as soon as possible.
7. Small changes and additions may still be possible to this draft publication prior to the finalised 1 April 2011 publication being released on 26th May 2011. Simultaneously TSP 8, 9 and 19 publications will cease.
8. DASA are very grateful to everyone who provided feedback to help shape the new publication.