



Ministry
of Defence

Consultation
on the
Ministry of Defence
Draft Statistics Plan

February 2015

Consultation Questions

Based on the work programme set out in the draft Statistics Plan for MOD, we are interested in answers to the following questions.

Question 1 – Based on our plans to release some new publications or amendments do any of these have any impact or consequences on your circumstances we should take into account?

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Background

The draft Statistics Plan describes our proposals for collecting and publishing Official Statistics, including the priorities for future developments and other planned future developments.

We are seeking:

- users' views on the extent to which our planned deployment of resources will meet their needs for a range of Official Statistics covering the Department's responsibilities
- users' reactions to our proposals for either expanding; retaining; realigning; re-engineering; or curtailing our existing portfolio of Official Statistics products
- information from users about the particular uses to which they put our statistics.

Summary of the consultation

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Geographical scope

The majority of the Department's Official Statistics relate to 'United Kingdom'. However, some of our statistical series cover civilian or Armed Forces personnel stationed overseas and some publications give UK regional / national splits where appropriate.

Impact assessment

An impact assessment is not required because this is a technical consultation covering statistical outputs.

Body/bodies responsible for the consultation

The Support Unit attached to the Department's Head of Profession for Statistics.

Duration

Start date: **Monday 16th February**
Duration: 4 weeks

The duration is less than 12 weeks because of the specialist nature of the topic.

Enquiries

Requests for further information should be directed, in the first instance, to:

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How to respond

Formal responses should be submitted by e-mail or by post to:

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By post:

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Additional ways to become involved

The consultation will be conducted purely as a written exercise.

After the consultation

We will publish a summary of the responses received on the Consultations page of the GOV.UK website. Those responses will also inform the final, published version of our Statistics Plan.

Getting to this stage

The proposals presented in this consultation were informed by aggregating user demand and queries, especially from PQs and FOIs.

Consultation Principles

The consultation is being conducted in line with the Government's key consultation principles which are listed below. Further information is available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/consultation-principles-guidance>

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