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Section one: Measuring prices across the economy

1 Should ONS identify a main measure of price change across the economy?

Yes

Why? Please provide comments.:

2 If you answered 'yes' to question 1a, then what should this measure be?

Other (please provide details).

Why? Please provide comments.:

RPI. RPI is used to assess inflation for common price rises, rail bus etc

3. Should its production be governed by legislation?

No

Why? Please provide comments.:

It is unable to react to prices in the local areas. EU inflation figures have little to do with everyday expenses.

Section two: Measuring consumer price inflation for different household types

4 Should ONS seek to measure changes in prices as experienced by different households?

Yes

Why? How often? Please provide comments.:

5 If yes, how should ONS seek to do so?

Via another means (please provide details)

Why? Please provide comments.:

RPI was a better measure of cost rises, closer to inflation, than CPI. Which is why it is still used to inflate many costs .

Section three: The RPI

6 Do you use the following indices? (Please select those that you use)

Component indices of the RPI

If yes, for what purposes? Please provide comments.:

RPI is closer to reality. Although not perfect it would be better to use it until such time as an alternative is found. CPI is flawed and at present is penalising those whom should not be penalised

7 Do you agree that the following indices should be discontinued? (Please select those that you suggest should be discontinued)

Why? Please provide comments.:

I would be happy to see a change in the RPI index if it were to be improved, but the CPI which is used across Europe is fine for macro economics but bears little representation of the real world in my world.

8 Do you have any views on what 'freezing' changes to the RPI should mean in practice?

Yes

Why? Please provide comments.:

I am happy to have a different index to RPI if it best represents my life. But the CPI has little to do with my life except it controls my pension increases unfairly.

Section four: Evolving consumer price statistics

9 Are the priorities identified by ONS in its forward work plan appropriate?

No

Why? Please provide comments.:

Macro economics has little day to day to do with my life. It is fine on a global stage, but does not represent my costs.

10 Should ONS include council tax in the CPIH?

Yes

Why? Please provide comments.:

Yes it is a cost that is only increasing as the government squeezes local councils. Here in the South West the money available from government is hundreds of pounds less per capita.

Additional information

Do you have any further comments relevant to this consultation?

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Lets return to RPI until a proper index can be measured. As a pensioner I continue to lose out under CPI.

User satisfaction

Overall, how satisfied were you with this online consultation service today?

Neither satisfied or dissatisfied

Please tell us if there are any specific areas for improvement, or if you have any other comments.: