

Background

Please confirm you have read and understood this important background information.

Yes, I have read and understood the information on this page.

About you

1 What is your name?

Name:

2 What is your email address?

Email:

3 What is your organisation?

Organisation:

None

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.:

This would aid ALL the organisations to have one clear basis rather than cherry pick the rate relevant to the argument
However other/sub sets may be required to reflect the differing inflation rates experience by different sectors.

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

the CPIH, as recommended in the Johnson review. The CPIH includes owner-occupiers' housing costs. It does not currently hold the National statistics designation (although its reassessment is due to commence shortly). The index is a UK measure, designed by ONS to meet UK needs.

Why? Please provide comments.:

Housing costs are an important factor in one's life and the costs of heating and repairing a property are in my experience increasing faster than the headline measure indicates

3. Should its production be governed by legislation?

Yes

Why? Please provide comments.:

To prevent cherry picking, add authority and to attempt to establish standardised, recognised methodology for longer term trends.
(I have lived in 3 houses the shortest time as a householder was 18 years)

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.:

Pensioners such as myself have very different expenditure patterns to working people. We are in all day, are far more sedentary and need more heating.

We do not buy the latest electronic gadgetry, change cars frequently or buy fashionable clothes.

This means that the CPI as currently calculated has under rated the increase in costs we have experienced

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

On the same basis as existing measures such as CPI.

Why? Please provide comments.:

The methodology is sound and recognised, the inclusion of certain classes of items and their weighting are not appropriate to some categories such as pensioners and those on benefits

Section three: The RPI

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

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

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

Why? Please provide comments.:

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

Not Answered

Why? Please provide comments.:

Section four: Evolving consumer price statistics

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

Yes

Why? Please provide comments.:

10 Should ONS include council tax in the CPIH?

Yes

Why? Please provide comments.:

It is simply another form of taxation, and it is vexacious to include VAT but not Council Tax

Additional information

Do you have any further comments relevant to this consultation?

Do you have any further comments relevant to this consultation?:

User satisfaction

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

Satisfied

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

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