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Here are some queries relating to the new proposed measures.

Is it possible to explain how the low rates of economic activity or conversely high rates of economic inactivity are being captured within the revised domains at Ward or Output area level.

In the past when reviewing the employment domain it did not appear to reflect the variation in economic activity rates that other statistical series show to be the case within some wards and LGDs.

Do the proposed revised domains incorporate this in some other way?

I make this comment as when previously comparing the Income and Employment Domains at ward level there appeared to be a large variation in the rankings. I would have thought that although they were measuring quite different things that there would be a higher correlation between the two results.

Is it the case that as the employment domain looks at the proportion employed from the available labour force defined as the employed and registered unemployed, thus if large numbers are unavailable to work i.e. economically inactive then they do not form part of the base.

In relation to the homogeneity of the Census Output Areas that are proposed I would question whether this is indeed the case. In a number of wards that I have looked at the COAs within individual wards still manage to incorporate areas with very high levels of deprivation with ones which are known to be extremely affluent.

Yours

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