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User Consultation on Proposal to discontinue publication of Civil Employment Jobs, Workforce in Employment and Self-employment Jobs

Economic and Labour Market Statistics Branch seek to rationalise the number of jobs series available and improve coherence between UK regional data by discontinuing the publication of Civil Employment, Workforce in Employment Jobs and Self Employment Jobs. Similar measures are available on a consistent UK basis for Workforce and Self Employment Jobs measures.

Users are invited to reply by 9 August 2017.

1 Background

The Economic and Labour Market Statistics (ELMS) Branch, in the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA), measures the performance of the Northern Ireland Economy through the production of labour market, business activity and economic activity statistics. These statistics are designated as National Statistics and are governed by the Statistics and Registration Act 2007 and the Code of Practice for Official Statistics.

2 Civil Employment, Workforce in Employment and Self-employment

The Quarterly Business Survey (QBS), produced by ELMS, provides estimates of employee jobs in Northern Ireland on a quarterly basis.

On an annual basis, estimates of Civil Employment, the Workforce in Employment and Self-employment jobs are also provided in table 5.6 and table 5.7 of the [QES supplementary tables](#).

The series run from 1983 to 2016 and are produced by ELMS for NI only. Similar measures are produced by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) on a consistent basis for the whole of the UK for Workforce in Employment and Self Employment Jobs. No equivalent measure exists for Civil Employment Jobs.

Further detail on the equivalence and composition of similar jobs' measures is outlined below.

Civil Employment Jobs

	NISRA measure for NI	ONS measure for NI	ONS measure for GB
Composition (Source)	Sum of: Employee Jobs (QBS) Self-Employment Jobs (LFS)	No equivalent available	No equivalent available
Regions available	NI only		
Frequency	Annual		
Source	Table 5.7		

Workforce in Employment

	NISRA measure for NI	ONS measure for NI	ONS measure for GB
Composition (Source)	Sum of: Employee Jobs (QBS) Self Employment Jobs (LFS) Government Supported Trainees (DfE)	Sum of: Employee Jobs (QBS) Self Employment Jobs (LFS) Government Supported Trainees (DfE) HM Forces (MOD)	Sum of: Employee Jobs (STES for private sector and QPSES for public sector) Self-Employment Jobs (LFS) Government Supported Trainees (DE and DWP) HM Forces (MOD)
Regions available	NI only	NI	GB regions
Frequency	Annual	Quarterly	Quarterly
Source	Workforce in Employment figures in Table 5.7	*Workforce Jobs figures in Table 13	*Workforce Jobs figures in Table 13

*The most similar source to the 'Workforce in Employment' (WFE) measure is the ONS 'Workforce Jobs' (WFJ) measure. **The only difference between WFE and WFJ is that WFE doesn't include HM Forces.**

Self Employment Jobs

	NISRA measure for NI	ONS measure for NI	ONS measure for GB
Composition (Source)	Sum of: Self-Employment (LFS) <i>Agriculture Self- Employment from Farm Census (DAERA)</i>	*Self-Employment Jobs (LFS)	*Self-Employment Jobs (LFS)
Regions available	NI only	NI	GB regions
Frequency	Annual	Quarterly	Quarterly
Source	Table 5.6	NOMIS	NOMIS

*The number of self-employment jobs is not the same as the LFS estimate of self-employment. It includes those people who have a main job as an employee but a second job as a self-employed person. Whereas the LFS measure of self-employment is based just on those people whose main job is as a self-employed person.

3 Invitation to Respond

ELMS seeks to rationalise the number of jobs series available and improve coherence between UK regional data by discontinuing the production of the three measures described above (Civil Employment, Workforce in Employment and Self Employment Jobs.)

In line with the Statistics Authority Code of Practice and the Protocol 1: User Engagement, ELMS seeks to review the user demand for the Civil Employment, Workforce in Employment and Self

Employment Jobs series and assess the impact of discontinuing the production of the three series. No change to the publication of QBS jobs measure is proposed.

Users are invited to provide feedback on the proposal by 9 August 2017 either via [citizen space](#) or by returning the questionnaire in Annex 1 via email or post.

Annex 1 - User Questionnaire

Please answer the following questions as fully as possible to enable the Economic and Labour Market Statistics branch to evaluate the impact of ceasing to publish Civil Employment Jobs, Workforce in Employment and Self-employment Jobs.

Users are invited to provide feedback on the proposal by 9 August 2017.

1. Do you currently use the Civil Employment Jobs Measure?

Yes - answer Q2
No - go to Q3

2. What would the impact be of the proposed cessation of production of the Civil Employment Jobs measure to your organisation?

3. Do you currently use the Workforce in Employment Measure?

Yes - answer Q4
No - go to Q5

4. What would the impact be of the proposed cessation of production of the Workforce in Employment measure to your organisation?

5. Do you currently use the Self-employment Jobs Measure?

Yes - answer Q6
No - complete your details below

6. What would the impact be of the proposed cessation of production of the Self-employment Jobs measure to your organisation?

Name: _____

Organisation: _____

If you wish to be provided with the outcome of the consultation, please provide your email address below.

Email address: _____

The questions above are available online using [Citizen Space](#).

Otherwise you can return the form by email to: caroline.anderson@nisra.gov.uk

Alternatively you can post the completed form to:

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Please note that responses may be made public.

Glossary

- ELMS – Economic and Labour Market Statistics
- GB – Great Britain
- NI – Northern Ireland
- NISRA – Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency
- ONS – Office for National Statistics
- WFJ – Workforce Jobs
- WFE- Workforce in Employment
- LFS – Labour Force Survey
- QBS – Quarterly Business Survey, which is the source of employee jobs in NI. Until March 2016, employee job data was collected in the voluntary QES. From March 2016 onwards the QES, Index of Services (IOS) and Index of Production (IOP) amalgamated into the Quarterly Business Survey (QBS). Methodology was unaffected.

Note: Additionally, each December, revisions are made to the previous two years' employee jobs estimates to align the QBS series to the latest estimates from the Business Register and Employment Survey (BRES).

- STES - Short Term Employer Surveys
- PSES - Quarterly Public Sector Employment Survey

Note: Additionally, each December, revisions are made to the previous two years' WFJ estimates to align the STES series to the latest estimates from the BRES).

- GSTs – Government Support Trainees
- DWP - Department for Work and Pensions
- DE - Department for Education
- HM Forces - Her Majesty's Forces
- MOD – Ministry of Defence