

## Annex A

### Analysis of Departmental responses to Assembly Questions on definition of “urban” and “rural”

A written assembly question to each NI Department sought to obtain the “definition of (a) urban and (b) rural used within [the] Department”. The answers supplied (given in full in the attached Schedule 1) may be summarised as follows:

None	2
Accept the definition used by other Departments	2
No standard definition, use ad hoc definitions	7

Of those seven Departments using ad hoc definitions, five specified the areas classified as urban as follows:

DARD and DCAL	Belfast Metropolitan Area, city of Derry/Londonderry, and other towns of 5,000 or more population
DoE	Belfast Urban Area, Londonderry, Carrickfergus, and Bangor or towns of 3,000 or more population
DRD	Urban areas of Belfast and Londonderry
DE	Belfast, Derry

Thus, the only convergence between the definitions in use relates to Belfast and Derry/Londonderry as urban. There is no indication of the basis used for identifying “towns” (whether 3,000 or 5,000 population).