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Consultation - Summary of Responses

Economic and Labour Market Statistics Outputs

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Introduction

Knowledge and Analytical Services within the Welsh Government carried out a User Consultation to assess if the Economic and Labour Market Statistics are meeting the needs of users and to identify any areas of unmet demand.

The Consultation, which ran between the 5 October 2012 and the 4 January 2013, received 11 completed consultation questionnaires in total and 1 e-mail response.

In addition to this, there were User Consultation Launch and User Events which were held on 25 September 2012 in Cardiff and 30 November 2012 in Llandudno Junction. These were attended by around 40 people. A short summary and the presentations from these events have been published and can be found at:

<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/statistics/theme/economy/events/>

There are five Annexes:

Annex A provides the Numeric Data collected in the Consultation Questionnaire;

Annex B provides the Full List of Comments from Users submitted in the Consultation Questionnaire;

Annex C is a copy of the User Consultation Questionnaire;

Annex D is a copy of the Evaluation Form from the User Consultation Launch Event; and

Annex E provides a summary of our Improving Economic Statistics Budget for 2012-13.

Cost

The cost of the consultation and the two user events was just over £1,000. This equates to less than 0.1 per cent of the total Improving Economic Statistics Budget. This covers the cost of the launch events and refreshments at those events. In addition, there was the staff time used to prepare, conduct and evaluate the user consultation which is not included in this cost.

Further details on the Improving Economic Statistics Programme Budget can be found in Annex E.

Summary of the Responses

There were 11 User Consultation Questionnaires completed, of these:

- 2 were from users in the Welsh Government;
- 2 were from users in the Public Sector, but not part of a Local Authority;
- 4 were from users in the Public Sector and were part of a Local Authority; and
- 3 were from other users.

Feedback was also received via the user events from the interactive sessions that were held. This feedback has been used to form part of the evidence base for changing and improving what we do.

Key points:

- The most common uses for Economic and Labour Market Statistics are Research and Inclusion in Reports.
- When asked about how important our current products are for users in their work, “compendia publications” (such as Key Economic Statistics) was the most important product group, with the Regional Economic and Labour Market Profiles the most important output within this product group.
- When asked about current outputs produced within the product groups, the three most important outputs for users were the Regional Economic and Labour Market Profiles followed by the Economic Inactivity Bulletin and the Size Analysis of Welsh Businesses bulletin. Export statistics, the Index of Market Services and Average Hours Worked outputs were rated as the least important.
- When asked about potential future developments, there were a variety of responses to the consultation. Our user events highlighted the continuing need for Local Authority data (and lower level geographical data) and for additional analyses on equalities.
- Bulletins were found to be the most useful outputs for users.
- Since our last consultation, most users stated that our outputs had improved or stayed the same. Both commentary and keeping users informed scored the highest in terms of improvement.
- Accuracy and Accessibility of Economic and Labour Market statistical outputs received the most positive reviews and the Timeliness of products received the least positive reviews.
- Users are generally happy with the service they are receiving from the Economic and Labour Market team.
- Users keep up to date with our releases mainly via our website, StatsWales and our distribution list.

Planned Changes Following the Consultation

Since our consultation in 2009, the resources available to us, both in terms of money and staff time, have become much tighter.

Our Improving Economic Statistics (IES) budget has fallen by 16 per cent since 2009 (and by 26 per cent in real terms) meaning that we have had to make some difficult decisions regarding outputs. To date we have reduced the Annual Population Survey (APS) boost from aiming for 18,000 interviews with economically active people in 2011 to around 15,000 in 2012 (the same decision was taken in both Scotland and England, relative to their own sample sizes). This was to ensure that we could continue to work within our budget. We have also reduced the boost to the Business Register and Employment Survey from 5,500 extra reporting units to 2,700. Both of these reductions will lead to lower quality estimates, but the estimates should still be broadly robust for most analyses that we produce.

Demand for our services has also increased since the 2009 consultation, both in terms of what we produce as well as the work we do responding to queries internally and externally. In 2009, we were producing around 70 releases a year with 50 StatsWales data cubes. This has grown to 130 releases (including the monthly series of four regional profiles, which account for three quarters of the increase) and 70 StatsWales data cubes. Due to the economic downturn there has been much greater demand and interest in economic and labour market statistics resulting in far more queries being directed to the team. We deal with somewhere in the region of 600 queries a year.

Both of these factors mean that the time and money available to us to produce additional outputs is limited. We have, of course, made efficiency savings during the last 3 years. One of the main areas where we have saved some significant staff time is for APS analyses. We moved to a new method of production that is much quicker and less error prone which has resulted in as much as 6 additional weeks for the two person team a year, which we have filled with new products and the additional demand for our services. These factors mean that any new analyses or product will need to either be fitted in with existing resources or replace an existing output.

As in previous years, the broader financial climate continues to be tight and the resources we have to devote to analytical work is restricted. The Welsh Government is also currently reviewing the way central services are managed and delivered within the organisation to ensure that resources are directed to meet Ministerial priorities in the most effective way. As a result this plan and our priorities will need to be kept under review as the findings are considered and we understand the implications on the resources available for delivering analytical services. It may be that to maintain existing outputs, or to undertake new work, we need to stop doing other things. It is critical for us that we understand the uses made of our outputs to inform those decisions.

In summer 2013 the UK Government will announce its response to the Silk Review. This may result in additional powers being devolved to the Welsh Government. In this context it may be necessary to review the range of economic and financial statistics available to the Welsh Government in order to exercise any new powers effectively. The nature and

extent of such a review will be determined by the Welsh Government once the UK Government has made its intentions clear.

Our IES budget for 2014-15 remains a challenge to meet. Our current commitments would mean an overspend of at least £45,000 assuming that all costs would increase by 2 per cent. We will be communicating with users later in the year how we plan to manage this and what this might mean for our outputs.

In our 2009 user consultation we had 69 responses and around 60 users attend the event. This consultation had far fewer responses and lower attendances at the events held. Due to the fewer responses received we have been cautious in over interpreting the results. Our distribution list includes 195 active recipients, so the responses we received may not be representative had more users responded. However it would seem reasonable to assume that many of those users who did not respond are content with the outputs that we produce. It is possible that users are somewhat over consulted due to the move to understand how users are using our outputs and what we can do to ensure that user needs' are met . This is one of the requirements of the Code of Practice for Official Statistics¹ to which we work. We plan to follow this up with users at our next user event.

Using the evidence gathered in this consultation and the two user events held, the following stood out:

- Users would welcome more and continued analyses at a local authority level.
- Users would welcome any additional analyses at any level below that of Local Authority or alternative geographies (such as national parks).
- Users would welcome any additional information on equalities that we can produce.
- Despite the Economic Inactivity Bulletin not being produced for three years, it came out second highest in terms of importance and the same applies, but to a lesser extent, to the Public Sector Employment bulletin.
- The releases covering Exports and the Indices of Production, Construction and Market Services again came out as some of our least important products to most users; however some deemed them to be very important.
- The changes we have made since 2009 in terms of commentary, keeping users informed and, to a lesser extent, quality and data availability have been noted by most users as improved. More could be done for the outputs' metadata.
- The boost to the APS is viewed as being extremely important by many users, due to the range of detailed statistics that can be produced from it. The cut to the boost meant that some users had concerns over using potentially less robust data (the same also being true for the Business Register and Employment Survey (BRES)).
- A glossary of terms would be welcomed due to the technical nature of some of the outputs.
- The user events were seen as a great opportunity to discuss with us our outputs.

¹ <http://www.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/assessment/code-of-practice/index.html>

- Engagement with users was good, but more could be done with users in North Wales and those users who are less likely to attend the user events.

Taking all of the above into account, we plan to:

Action 1: Re-instate the Economic Inactivity Bulletin as soon as is possible and consider a regular timetable for updating this bulletin in future. We also plan to review the content of the bulletin. This is planned to be completed by the summer of 2013.

Action 2: Produce a glossary to sit along-side our data sources guide. This is planned to be completed by the autumn of 2013.

Action 3: To look to produce a guidance note for using less robust data to help users interpret and use those statistics. This is planned to be completed by the winter of 2013.

Action 4: To consider our data sources and draw up a list of which ones we could produce further equalities analyses from. It is anticipated that initially this will form part of the data sources guide. Once we have assessed the data sources we will liaise with users about priorities. This is planned to be completed by winter 2013.

Action 5: To assess what data we could produce at alternative geographies (such as Upper Super Output Area, national park, etc). This is planned to be completed by spring 2014. Following completion we will discuss priorities with users.

Action 6: To improve engagement with users in North Wales and to look at engaging more with users who are less likely to attend our events. We will do this as part of a wider consideration of user engagement across our official statistics. This is planned to be completed by spring 2014.

Action 7: To understand from users why the Public Sector Employment bulletin is of use and what elements of it they would find beneficial to have updated. This is planned to be completed by summer 2014.

All of these actions are dependant on resources remaining as they are and will therefore need to be kept under review. We will of course keep users informed via our newsletter of changes and developments.

Annex A: Results of the User Consultation

Responses to Question 1: 'Do you wish to be identified as the author of your response?'

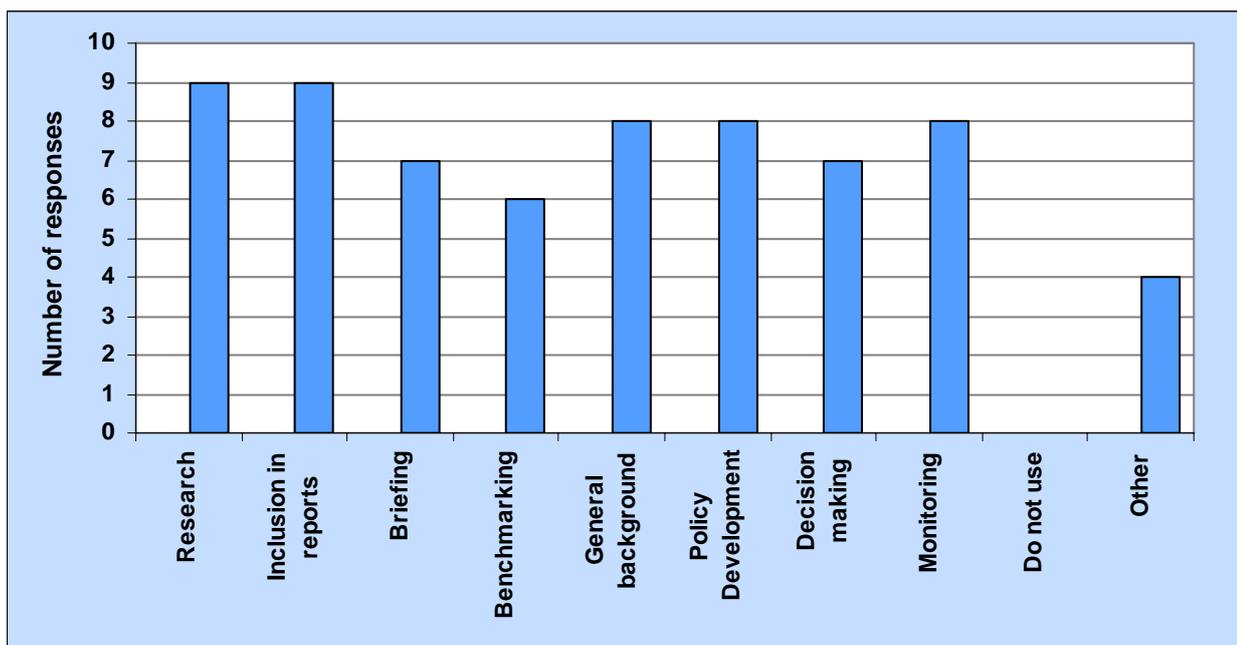
	Number of Responses
Yes	9
No	0
Did not respond	2
Total number of responses	11

Responses to Question 2: 'What do you currently use Economic and Labour Market Statistics for?'

This question was multiple choice, the options were:

- Research;
- Inclusion in Reports;
- Briefing;
- Benchmarking;
- General Background;
- Policy Development;
- Decision Making;
- Monitoring;
- Do not use; and
- Other.

Chart 1: Results for Question 2



The most common uses of Economic and Labour Market Statistics were for Research and Inclusion in Reports.

Users who responded 'Other' to this question specified uses such as communications and area profiling.

A full list of all the comments received is available in Annex B.

Responses to Question 3: 'The following Economic and Labour Market statistical products are available on www.wales.gov.uk/statistics. In your work, how important are these products to you?'

The following products were listed:

Compendia:

- Key Economic Statistics
- Regional Economic and Labour Market Profiles
- Economic Renewal Statistics (Priority Sector Statistics)
- Newsletter

People and Work:

- Average Hours Worked Bulletin
- Annual Population Survey (APS)
- Business Register and Employment Survey (BRES)
- Commuting Bulletin
- Earnings
- Economic Inactivity Bulletin
- Employment in the Public Sector
- Family Spending
- Household Statistics (from the APS)
- Workplace Employment Bulletin

Statistics on Businesses:

- Annual Business Survey (Turnover)
- Business Demography
- Export statistics
- Research and development statistics
- Size Analyses of Welsh Businesses

Economic Indices:

- Index of Production and Index of Construction
- Index of Market Services
- Retail Price Index/Consumer Price Index

Regional Accounts:

- Gross Value Added Statistics
- Household Income Statistics

Chart 2: Results for Question 3 by Product Group

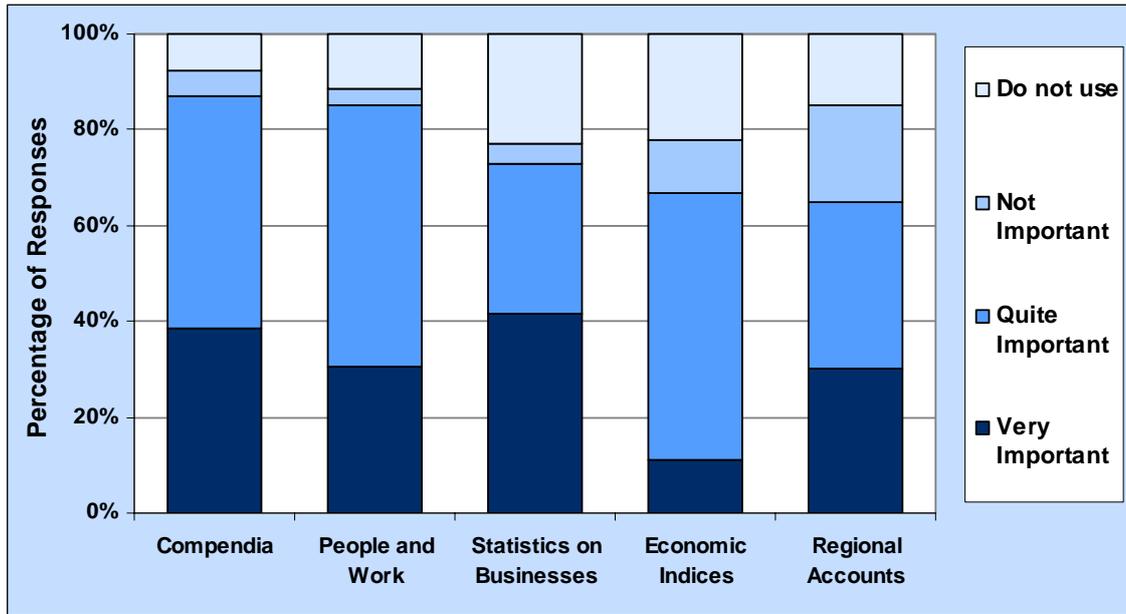


Chart 2 above shows that the compendia product group is the most important for users, with almost 40 per cent rating these products as very important and over 40 per cent rating them as quite important. Overall the Economic Indices product group was the least important.

Chart 3: Results for Question 3 by Output

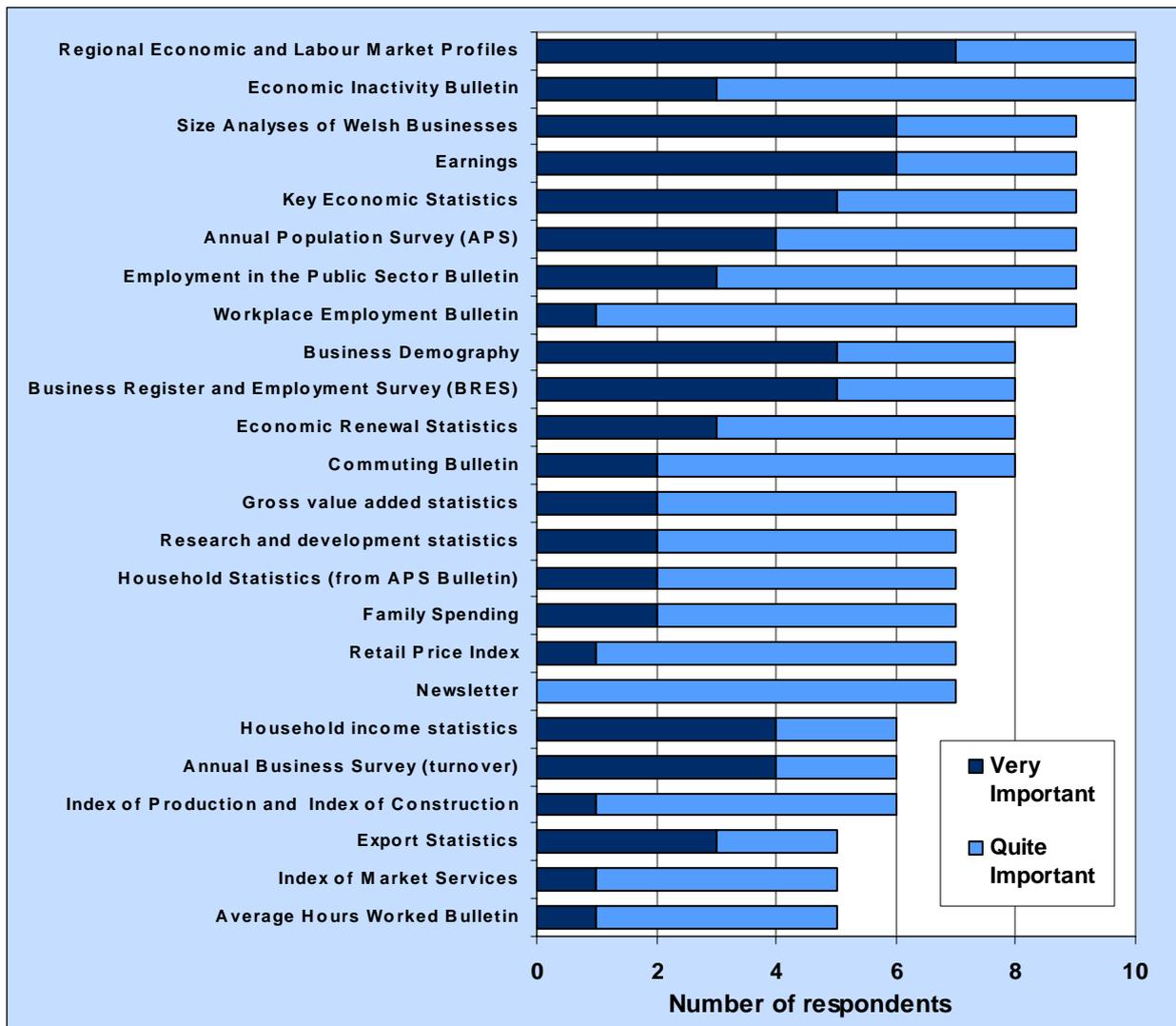


Chart 3 above shows that the outputs which had the most 'very important' ratings were the Regional Economic and Labour Market Profiles, Size Analysis of Welsh Business and Earnings outputs. The newsletter received the least 'very important' ratings.

The outputs which received the most responses for both 'very important' and 'quite important' were the Regional Economic and Labour Market Profiles and the Economic Inactivity Bulletin.

Export statistics, the Index of Market Services and Average Hours Worked had the lowest number of 'very important' or 'quite important' ratings. However, Export statistics received more ratings for 'very important'.

In terms of products rated as either 'not important' or 'not used', Export statistics, the Hours Worked Bulletin, the Annual Business Survey, the Index of Market Services and statistics on Household Income statistics were rated the highest. However Export statistics, Household Income statistics and the Annual Business Survey were marked as 'very important' by several users.

Responses to Question 4: ‘For those outputs you use, can you please give some specific examples of how you use them below.’

Users gave a variety of examples illustrating how they make use of our outputs. Most users gave examples of where our outputs have been used in monitoring, evaluation and policy development.

Responses to Question 5: ‘Please state below any Economic and Labour Market output / development / analyses which is/are of interest you.’

The consultation responses reinforced the user event feedback that data at a local area level (e.g. Local Authority or lower) is of interest. Other areas of interest included gender, skills, tourism and those Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET).

Responses to Question 6: ‘Of these developments you have stated in Question 5, which do you consider to be the most important?’

Data from the Annual Population Survey (APS) was noted in several of the responses. Some users stated that in general, Economic and Labour Market Statistics were important.

Responses to Question 7: ‘What type(s) of outputs do you find most useful?’

This was a multiple choice question, the options were:

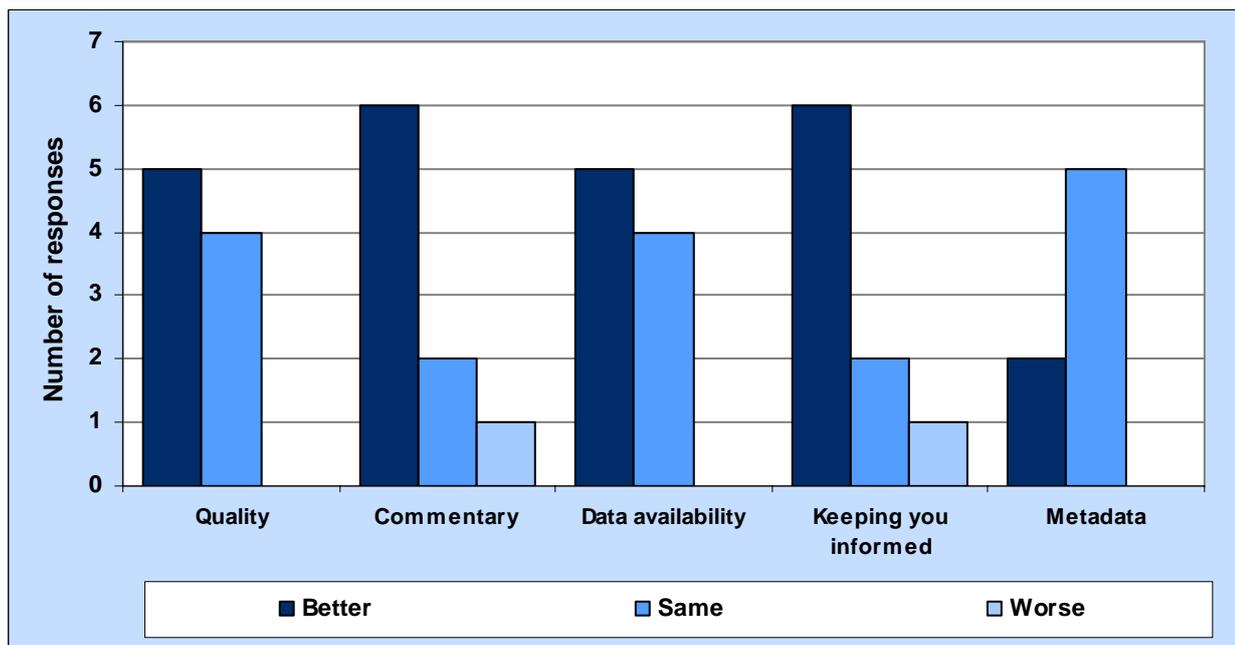
- Data Tables;
- Charts;
- Bullet Points / Headlines;
- Statistical Bulletins / Releases;
- Interactive e.g. StatsWales;
- Commentary; and
- Other.

Chart 6: Results for Question 7

	Number of Responses
Data Tables	7
Charts	6
Bullet Points/ Headlines	9
Statistical Bulletins/ Releases	10
Interactive e.g.e StatsWales	7
Commentary	6
Other	3
Total number of responses	48

A full list of the comments received for this question is available in Annex B.

Responses to Question 8: ‘Since our last user consultation we have made many improvements to our outputs. Do you feel our outputs have improved in terms of:’



Nine users answered this question. In most areas, users felt we had made improvements since the last consultation in 2009 or at least stayed the same. One user felt that we had performed worse in both commentary and keeping them informed. The area of greatest improvement was keeping users informed and commentary.

Responses to Question 9: ‘What else can we do to improve our Economic and Labour Market statistical outputs?’

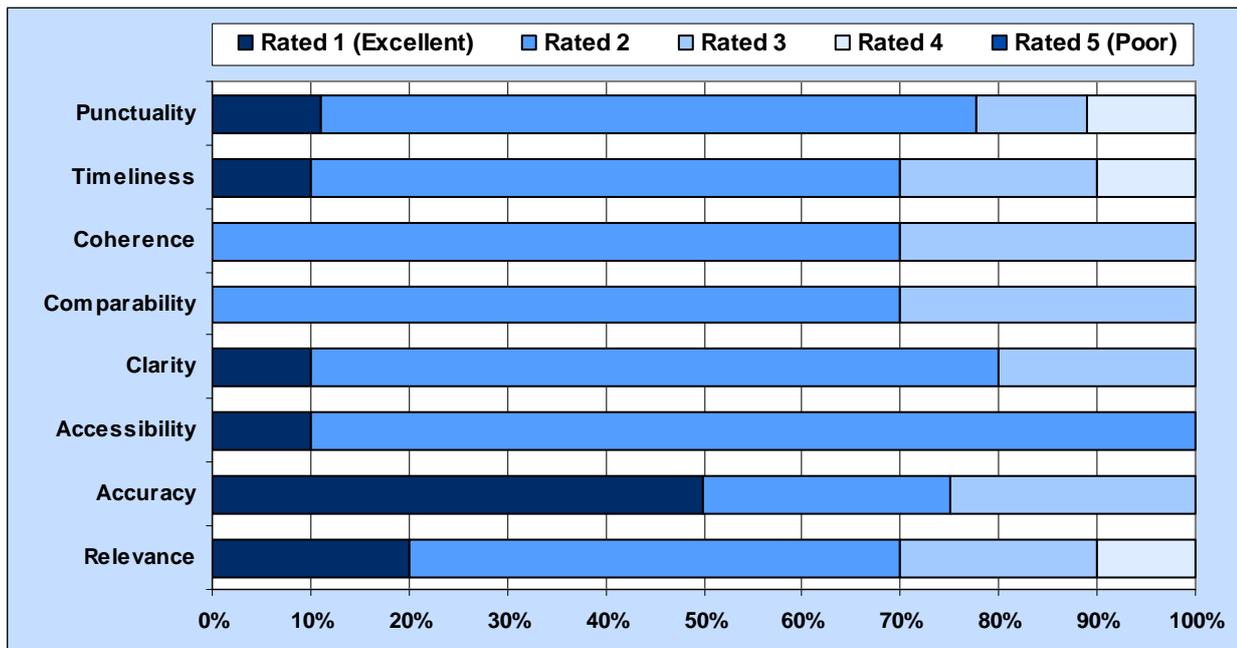
Seven users provided responses to this question. A few stated that more data by Local Authority would be of interest as well as additional analyses by gender. Other comments including positive feedback about the work that we do and interest in a presentation discussing trends and drawing on non-labour market data sources.

Responses to Question 10: ‘In relation to Economic and Labour Market statistics that you use, how do you rate the following:’

Users were asked to rate each of the following statements (with Rating 1 being Excellent and 5 being Poor):

- i) The Relevance of statistical products?
- ii) The Accuracy of statistical products?
- iii) The Accessibility of the statistical products?
- iv) The Clarity of the statistical products?
- v) The Comparability of the statistical products?
- vi) The Coherence of the statistical products?
- vii) The Timeliness of the statistical products?
- viii) The Punctuality of the statistical products?

Chart 7: Results for Question 9



Most users rated the quality of our outputs highly. The lowest scores related to Punctuality, Timeliness and Relevance. Accuracy and Relevance scored the highest number of responses rated '1'.

Question 11 asked if users would they like to add any comments to their ratings in **Question 10** above. A full list of the comments received is available in Annex B. Some specific comments included positive feedback on the work that we are doing and improvements in accessing the data, but more could be done.

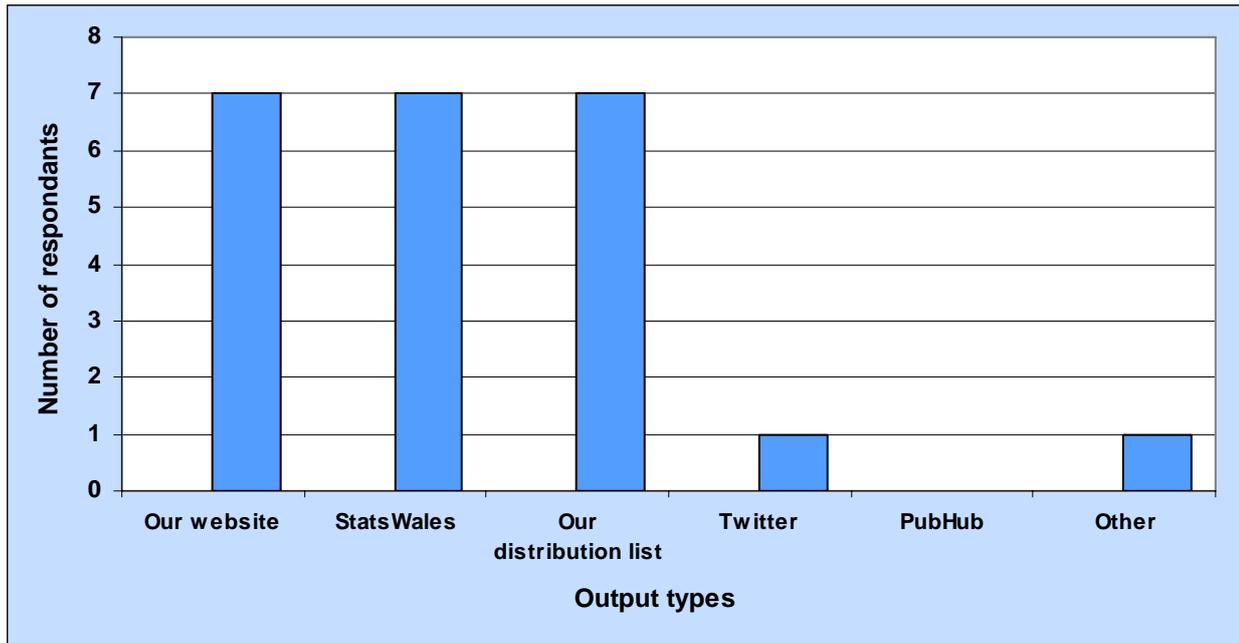
Responses to Question 12: 'If you would like to comment on the past service you have received from the Economic and Labour Market statistics team, please provide comments below'

Five users responded to this question. All feedback received was positive. The full list of comments received is available in Annex B.

Responses to Question 13: 'How do you keep up to date with our outputs?'

This was a multiple choice question where respondents could give more than one answer. The options were:

- Our website;
- StatsWales;
- Our distribution list;
- Twitter;
- The publication hub (www.statistics.gov.uk); and
- Other (please specify).



The website, StatsWales and our distribution list were the most common responses. No users reported using www.statistis.gov.uk/. One user commented that they keep up to date via the Welsh Statistical Liaison Committee (WSLC).

Annex B: Full list of comments received

'Other' responses to Question 2: What do you currently use Economic and Labour Market Statistics for?

1. Communications, i.e. early notification of LMS important for MBETS and wider portfolio
2. Area profiling, incl. local areas and supporting evidence for specific projects
3. To brief advisers, employer engagement teams etc and statistical trends/ patterns
4. Unemployment figures, broken down in to age categories are used on a quarterly basis to monitor trends and determine programmes and projects to reduce unemployment within the county and throughout the region. Employment, qualifications, business sector breakdowns are used to support inward investment enquiries. Business sector performance is monitored to identify trends in improvement and or decline

Question 4: For those outputs you use, can you please give some specific examples of how you use them.

1. Used to record, monitor & watch and alert colleagues
2. Political effectiveness analyses, report & letter writing and presentations to selected audiences
3. Promotional material, relocation support material & justification/influencer
4. In local housing market assessments to describe local workforce; single needs assessment as contextual for discussing e.g. unemployment and poverty or economic inactivity in county compared with Wales, UK and adjacent authorities
5. Chwarae Teg uses economic and labour market statistics disaggregated by gender in our influencing and advocacy work with organisations throughout Wales. This data provides evidence of need amongst our stakeholders and helps us to influence policy in a way that will address inequalities of opportunity for women in the Welsh economy. These statistics are used to build the case for policy change, project development or the need to undertake further research. They are presented in policy papers, consultation responses and other work to strengthen the case for action in promoting women's economic development and identify gaps. Chwarae Teg's responses provide expert advice to Ministers and policy makers, raising awareness of the positive contribution women make to the economy and the data allows us to analyse gender differences and identify areas in which women are disadvantaged
6. Key points pulled together for a quarterly cabinet briefing. These have resulted in / informed a number of local initiatives to support the economy, such as a council backed apprenticeship scheme.
7. To decide on further work in various areas of the country. To develop plans and improvement strategies. To brief trustees and use in annual reports regarding areas we work in
8. Economic analysis of Swansea and wider SWW region (compared to Wales/GB/UK) to inform policy and project development. Economic and labour market profiling – most of these outputs are an important part of our evidence base for a wide range of purposes at different times. Monitoring the implementation of the Council's Economic Regeneration Strategy
9. Inclusion in reports, decision making and policy development- e.g. unemployed data for 18-24 year olds in Merthyr Tydfil prompted a specific campaign to market Jobs Growth Wales
10. Unemployment figures, broken down in to age categories are used on a quarterly basis to monitor trends and determine programmes and projects to reduce unemployment within the county and throughout the region. Employment, qualifications, business sector breakdowns are used to support inward investment enquiries. Business sector performance is monitored to identify trends in improvement and or decline.
11. I have an overview interest in all elm stats available. I look for trends that allow me to report on changes in Newport that give an indication of whether regeneration is happening and how future funding might be spent most effectively.

Question 5: Please state any other Economic and Labour Market output/development/analysis which is/are of interest to you.

1. All I want an overview
2. GVA, GDP & DHI
3. Employment, unemployment, skills, activity rates, earnings
4. Better basic data at LA level is always appreciated especially for a small LA where surveyed data volatility can create noise. An attempt at LA level GVA estimates could help in local assessments.
5. We request that more data is available by gender in order that we can correctly identify areas of need and measure progress. An example of where this would be important can be found in the statistical analysis of the priority sectors. We know that women are under-represented in these sectors which creates significant disadvantage for our stakeholders since they are less likely to benefit from investment into these areas of economic significance. Analysis of these sectors by gender would allow agencies in Wales to take action that would redress the balance
6. County level data and below is of most interest. Wales and regional level data is used for comparison. Particularly interested in more related to tourism to support the STEAM data. Also interested in more detailed analysis or data relating to the economy in isolated rural villages and hamlets, including farming.
7. Unemployment / NEET / Income / Business Incomes / Poverty
8. Most of the above outputs are very useful - whether accessed via WG or elsewhere. Continued provision of statistics on the economic renewal programme priority sectors (as much of this sectoral data cannot be distilled from the core datasets)
9. Local trends and any areas where national trend is not being replicated locally, sector analysis, especially in growth sectors. NEET data for young people
10. Enquiries are often received requesting information on a 20, 30 mile radius basis and obtaining the information is often difficult and time consuming to compile i.e. how many males / females aged 20-40 years are qualified to NVQ level 2. Statistics on a regional basis would be extremely helpful i.e. North Wales, North East, North West breakdown. General wage rates for employees at various levels would also benefit investment enquiries.
11. Any info that I am able to look at Newport level is of interest. Could you add for the future, however, internet speeds and coverage?

Question 6: Of these potential developments, stated in Question 5, which do you consider to be the most important?

1. Anything relating to Business & economy
2. Skills
3. Continuing a good APS sample or improving upon the existing would be of prime importance
4. The areas we are most interested in are business and enterprise, employment, skills, education and transport. 1Examples of the data we require are: Business and enterprise Business births and deaths by gender Exports and imports by gender VAT registrations by gender Business registration by gender Priority sector statistics by gender Education and Skills Apprenticeship starts by sector and gender Apprenticeship completion by sector and gender FE & HE destinations by gender Transport Travel to work areas by gender
5. Isolated rural economies - there is a lot of talk from local councillors and other organisations such as the Farmers Union or local charities, about the strength or weakness of the rural economy, but sometimes not enough reliable data to build a proper analysis.
6. Unemployment.
7. APS (incl. household datasets), BRES employment data, Economic Renewal Sector data, Earnings, GVA, GDHI, Commuting and Business Demography data are probably our most important current datasets. The Census will also be a key resource for E&LM data.
8. All
9. Economic activity is possibly the most important index if I could only have 1 piece of information

'Other' responses to Question 7: What type(s) of output do you find most useful?

1. Commentary is very useful, as LA researchers, we have to cover all themes and topics so are not always able to specialise as much as we would like. This means we sometimes rely heavily on the commentary.
2. Both the data and their associated bulletins/commentary are particularly useful. *The previous version of StatsWales was very useful, and in time we will become more used to its replacement
3. Commentary especially at Newport level on what trends appear to be showing and whether the current position is an anomaly.

Question 9: What else can we do to improve our Economic and Labour Market statistical outputs?

1. concentrate on clarity & explanations of graphs and charts
2. doing a good job already as data used is as up to date as you can supply
3. It is vital that we understand the differences between men and women in our economy in order that we can ensure that women are represented in all areas and are able to reach their potential. As such, the provision of gender disaggregated data is crucial for analysis which identifies inequalities.
4. Produce more timely information, set up a user email so we can register for new updates, Further inclusion on NEET, Unemployment amongst youth
5. It is very difficult to make specific suggestions within the limitations you must have (as a small team with an all-Wales remit), but please keep up the good work! •We particularly welcome the work you do to bring forward or commission data not generally available elsewhere, e.g. enterprise stocks/births/deaths by industry sector.
6. Provide data that drills down to LA level
7. For my work the data made available by LA is always useful. Could you relate your data and commentary to other data esp. transport? Events where people then present and discuss their opinions about trends would be really useful and interesting.

Question 11: Would you like to add any comments on these ratings?

1. Over last 2/3 years there has been a significant improvement in my ability to access and use info I need
2. Chwarae Teg believes that the Welsh Government's statistical releases are clear and accessible. We would like to see further gender analysis in order that we can better identify areas of need for our stakeholders and develop interventions that contribute to the growth of the Welsh economy, particularly at a time when we desperately need to make full use of all our resources.
3. The information being produced at present is very good but needs to be further developed
4. ii) is very difficult to quantify and generalise on, but we have few reasons to doubt accuracy, iii) accessibility is good now, but should improve as familiarity grows with the new StatsWales, iv-viii) in many cases, it is appreciated that much of this is in the hands of ONS and other gov data providers. The WG E&LM team performs well in terms of the areas it can influence.
5. Quality of outputs - A good standard of statistics, used in conjunction with NOMIS provides a clear overview of the county's economic status
6. I don't have a great need for monthly up dates, infact probably not at all for my work. Timeliness are most useful and the ability to look at the data myself using excel.

Question 12: Comments on the past services you have received from the Economic and Labour Market Statistics team

1. Always had a good service and easy to understand information. If any difficulties experienced explanations have always been forthcoming and in 'layman's' terms
2. Chwarae Teg believes that the services that the economic and labour market statistics team provides are excellent. Colleagues are always happy to help with our enquiries and offer a very reliable

service

3. Always received fast and reliable response from team. Their work is appreciated and well used.
4. We have always found the E&LM team at WG very helpful, efficient and prompt in response to our enquiries, and the service is highly appreciated
5. As my main function is not stats but rather to use them to create briefings and suggest explanations for trends - all help from your dept has been great!

'Other' responses to Question 13: How do you keep up to date with our outputs?

1. Also, Welsh Statistical Liaison Committee (WSLC) circulation list/meetings and Knowledge Hub. Unfortunately, we cannot (at least yet) access twitter at work.

A copy of the form can be found at: <http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/statistics/economicoutputs/>

USER CONSULTATION LAUNCH EVENT FEEDBACK

**We are interested in your assessment of this event.
Please complete and leave on the registration table on departure.**

Name: <i>(Optional)</i>	
Organisation: <i>(Optional)</i>	

1. Do you think this launch event is a useful part of the user consultation exercise?	YES		NO	
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What did you like about the event? *(Please enter below)*

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What could be improved? *(Please enter below)*

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2. Please rate the following:

Event	Excellent	Very Good	Acceptable	Poor
Session 1	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Session 2	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Session 3	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Papers / Documentation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Overall set-up	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Arrangements & facilities	Excellent	Very Good	Acceptable	Poor
Organisation on the day	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Venue / facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Refreshments	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Any further comments

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Thank you

IMPROVING ECONOMIC STATISTICS PROGRAMME BUDGET

The Improving Economic Statistics programme budget is programme money provided to Knowledge and Analytical Services (KAS) annually with the purpose of developing economic statistics. Details of the budget allocations are published each year as part of the whole Welsh Government budget announcements².

In 2012-13 the budget was spent in the following way.

Improving Economic Statistics spend, 2012-13		£
Description		Amount
Annual Population Survey boost		895,240
Production of the Short Term Output Indices		175,100
Business Register and Employment Survey boost		33,334
IDBR and Business Demography data extracts		5,145
User events		1,033
Total		1,109,852

² <http://wales.gov.uk/funding/budget/>