Regional Economic Performance Indicators

Methodology

Regional Economic Performance Indicators (REPI) is a compendium publication compiled from statistics produced by various Government departments, agencies and academic organisations.

Although the statistics included in *REPI* are presented in a different format to how they are originally published, the methodology used to derive the original statistics is the responsibility of the individual producer body. For information on the methods used to derive each statistic, please refer to documentation provided by each producer.

This methodology document is only concerned with the way in which *REPI* is compiled from the data supplied by each producer body.

Data Collection

Data is obtained by the REPI Team either from the website where the statistics are published or directly from the producer in accordance with a pre-agreed timetable. The statistics are already in *final form*, that is all data cleaning, quality assurance and disclosure control procedures have already been carried out. Again, it is the responsibility of the Producer to ensure these are carried out correctly.

Table Production

Some of the data supplied is already tabulated the same way as it is presented in *REPI*. For these tables, the table is inserted directly into *REPI* with no manipulation. The tables to which this applies are A3, B, C1i-ii, C3, D1i-iv, D3, H, J1 and K1.

For those tables where data is supplied in a different format to how it is presented in *REPI*, a semi-automated process is used. As the data supplied is in the same format for each update, Microsoft Excel is used to manipulate the supplied data in to the correct format. This is done to avoid manipulating the data manually for each update, therefore reducing the risk of introducing error.

Further information on the data included in *REPI* can be found in the *Background and Definitions* note, available at http://stats.bis.gov.uk/sd/repi/Definitions_and_background.pdf

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Revisions Policy

This revisions policy has been developed to comply with Principle 2 of the *Code of Practice for Official Statistics* (www….) and complements the following compliance statement issued by the Department for Business, Innovation & Skills (BIS): http://stats.bis.gov.uk/Compliance1.htm

The general standards set out in the BIS Statement of Compliance apply to the publication of the *Regional Economic Performance Indicators (REPI)*

Background

The *Regional Economic Performance Indicators* is a compendium publication, drawing together data from a range of Government Departments, agencies and academic organisations. All statistics included within *REPI* are publically available elsewhere before the publication of *REPI*

Where revisions and corrections are implemented, this policy allows BIS to provide others with the data in a timely manner, while also improving the accuracy as more information becomes available.

Outputs Covered

Although *REPI* presents some indicators in a different format to how the data was originally published, the REPI Team is not responsible for revisions to the original series. This is the responsibility of the producer body and information on the revisions policy for each series should be sought from them.

This policy describes how both planned and unplanned revisions will be published. It also covers how we intend to inform users of changes to methodology, coverage or data supply, as well as the scope of these changes.

This policy also applies to the live updates to the tables in REPI

Communications

It is vital that we communicate effectively with the users of *REPI* in the context of revisions to our data. Users can be confident that we will introduce unplanned revisions and revisions to methodology, scope and data supply in a structured and transparent way.

Planned Revisions

As *REPI* is a compendium publication, the REPI Team have little or no control over how revisions are made and implemented to the original series included. For information on the revisions policy for each series, please refer to documentation provided by each producer body.

As a result, there are no planned or routine revisions made to *REPI*.

Live Updates

Alongside the annual publication of *REPI*, a parallel set of continuously updated tables is maintained and can be found at http://stats.bis.gov.uk/repi/. These are intended to ensure the most up-to-date information is available, rather than waiting for the annual update.

Live updates will be available on the website as soon as possible after new data is received.

Although the updates are primarily used to provide new data, it may be that some routine revisions have been made to back series by the Producer Body and therefore included in the update. These revisions are the responsibility of the Producer Body and more information can be found in the supporting documentation provided by them.

Unplanned Revisions

If the REPI Team become aware of an error in any of the indicators, there are several steps which will be taken. Firstly, the error will be corrected and the corrected version will be published on the website as soon as possible. If necessary, we will notify the producer body of the error.

Alongside any modified publication, a note will be published detailing what the error was and when the changes were made. There will also be some guidance on the likely impact, if any, of the correction.

If the correction has a significant impact on the indicator, known users of *REPI* will be contacted directly in order to notify them of the change.

Changes to Methodology, Scope or Data Supply

If a change to the methodology, scope or data supply for any of the statistics included in *REPI* is made by the producer body, the REPI Team will document this change as well as the likely impact of the change. Wherever possible a consistent back-series will be obtained and published to maintain the consistency of the indicator affected.

Where possible, these changes will be announced via publication on the REPI website, six weeks in advance of the change being implemented in *REPI*.