

HOUSEHOLD ESTIMATES FOR MID-1999

Introduction

1. Provisional household estimates for mid-1999 were produced last month and circulated to local authorities for comment. Final estimates will be published in the next quarterly housing trends statistical bulletin on 29 March.

Methodology

2. The method used in producing these latest estimates was identical to that used for previous years. Although possible improvements to inputs had been discussed at previous meetings of the Household Analysis Review Group (see paper 2001/3) no changes to the method were actually agreed. In order not to delay the publication of these estimates it was agreed (between the Scottish Executive and the Scottish Census Advisory Committee - via Stephen Fraser) that they would be produced to the normal timescale using the same method and inputs as in past years.

3. Much of the data used in producing the estimates is taken from local authority statistical returns made to the housing statistics branch. In some cases the required information has not been received, and as in previous years estimates were made for outstanding returns. Since the production of the provisional estimates some of the outstanding information will have been received; all data received by Friday 23rd of February will be used in producing the final estimates.

Consultation

4. As in past years, provisional estimates were sent to local authorities for their comments. Each authority received details of the inputs and provisional estimate for the authority's area, together with the inputs and provisional estimate for Scotland as a whole. We have received comments from a total of 29 councils, and these comments will be taken on board where appropriate in finalising the estimates. Local authority contacts will be informed of their final estimate prior to publication.

Summary

Members are invited to note that mid-1999 household estimates will be published on 29 March, having been produced using the same method as in previous years, and following consultation with councils on provisional estimates.

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