

## **Compliance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics**

### **HMRC policy on ad hoc analysis and pricing**

#### **Introduction**

Official statistics published by HM Revenue & Customs are based mainly on data extracted from administrative or management systems. Data underlying these published figures are available for further analysis by the Department's analysts. Such analysis is primarily undertaken for the purpose of forecasting and monitoring tax receipts, informing new policy development and evaluating existing policies and answering Parliamentary Questions.

#### **Limited service provided to external customers**

We do not normally carry out bespoke analysis for external users.

However, any users wishing to make a case to be considered should contact us and:

- (i) confirm that they have looked at the published HMRC data and any other relevant sources and explain why it does not meet their needs;
- (ii) explain their requirements, the use to which they will put the data, how crucial the analysis is to their objectives;

If we agree to carry out further analysis the work will be fitted in when resource is available, for example when Parliament is in recess.

#### **Pricing policy**

We do not currently charge for the limited service we provide but reserve the right to do so. However, we reserve the right to recover the cost of our services from the requestor on the rare occasions that the supply of an alternative 'tailor-made' product is agreed. HM Treasury guidelines will be applied to calculate the cost recovery charge. These guidelines can be found here: [http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/d/mpm\\_ch6.pdf](http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/d/mpm_ch6.pdf) as part of general guidance on Fees, Charges and Levies.

#### **Freedom of Information**

The Freedom of Information (Fol) Act 2000 gives everyone the right to access information held by public authorities. The HMRC approach to the release of information is a positive one, based on the assumption that information will normally be made available unless it is specifically exempt under the Act and where disclosure is not in the public interest.

You can read more about HMRC's Freedom of Information policies here:

<http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/freedom/foi-index.htm>

## **Contacts**

Our National Statistics contacts can be found here:

[http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/stats/update\\_calendar/enquiry\\_2.htm](http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/stats/update_calendar/enquiry_2.htm)