Withdrawal of the Northern Ireland Pensioners Income Series Bulletin, and Family Resources Survey Urban Rural Report consultation

Consultation opened on 24 May 2019. Closing date 05 July 2019 at 12:00.

Summary

Analytical Services Unit (ASU) in the Department for Communities (DfC) in Northern Ireland are interested in your experience and suggestions in terms of the Pensioners Income Series Bulletin for Northern Ireland and the Family Resources Survey Urban Rural Report for Northern Ireland – with a view to discontinuing the production of the annual publications.

Consultation description

Analytical Services Unit within the Department for Communities annually produces the Pensioners’ Income Series Bulletin, Northern Ireland, and the Family Resources Survey Urban Rural Report, Northern Ireland.

Pensioners’ Income Series Bulletin for Northern Ireland

The Pensioners’ Income Series (PIS) uses a subset of the Family Resources Survey (FRS) data to present information on estimated living standards for pensioners; the FRS collects detailed information on the incomes and circumstances of private households from April to March each year.

The PIS publication can be found online at:

https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/topics/family-resources-survey#toc-4

Family Resources Survey Urban Rural Report, Northern Ireland

The FRS Urban Rural report is a secondary analysis of the main FRS report for Northern Ireland; it provides information on a wide range of household circumstances by Urban Rural classification in Northern Ireland.

The publication can be found online at:

https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/topics/family-resources-survey#toc-3

The latest PIS and FRS Urban Rural publications to be released were for the FRS survey year of 2014/15 – the temporary cessation was due to technical and resource issues within DfC.
During this time no queries were raised concerning lack of publications, which has lead ASU to consider the future of the publications.

ASU proposes to either discontinue the publications above, or as an alternative add important tables from them, to the supplementary section of the main FRS/Households Below Average Incomes (HBAI) publications. There are already important Urban Rural tables in the main FRS and the HBAI publications.

To gauge user opinions on the way forward, it would be greatly appreciated if you could take a few minutes to complete this questionnaire.

**Ways to respond**

Click on the following link:

[https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/24LQR/](https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/24LQR/)