

Chapter 5

Amending Reports

Background

70. The Office for National Statistics (ONS) revised the mid-2001 and mid-2002 population estimates at the time of issuing the mid-2003 population estimates. The Office of the Deputy Prime Minister consulted on the form and timing of the 2003/04 and 2004/05 Amending Reports during the summer of 2004. The majority of respondees favoured postponing the 2004/05 Amending Report until this year in case new evidence became available leading ONS to revise the mid-year estimates again.

2004/05 and 2005/06 Amending Reports

71. Although ONS have no plans to revise the mid-2003 estimates, because the 2005/06 settlement is partially based on the 2004/05 settlement, via floor damping, we also need to amend the 2005/06 Settlement. This must be done prior to the introduction of 3-year settlements. We must therefore make Amending Reports for both 2004/05 and 2005/06 at the time of the 2006/07 settlement.

72. In addition to the amendments resulting from the changes in population data (i.e. the population data indicators, the ACA and those indicators where population is used as the denominator) we also intend to amend other data errors which were notified to the Department immediately following the 2004/05 and 2005/06 settlements. These are:

For 2004/05

- Traffic Flow Indicators for Derby City - an incorrect total road length figure was used in the calculations of the 'annual average flow of all motor vehicles' (FLOWALL.GLA) and the 'annual average flow of HGVs, buses and coaches' (FLOWHGVBUS.GLA) indicators. The amending report would correct this calculation error for both indicators for Derby City.
- Corrections to transport SCE(R)/SCA amounts for Tameside and the Isles of Scilly.
- Corrections to the IDB levy data for North Lincolnshire.

For 2005/06

- Police pensions data for Derbyshire Police. Please note that we require further data from Derbyshire Police to do this, if it is not provided then we will not be able to make this amendment.

- Correction to transport SCE(R) amounts for Luton and Bedfordshire.
- Correction to the splits used for Quality Bus Corridor SCE(R) for Greater Manchester PTA.
- Corrections to housing SCE(R) for North Yorkshire
- Corrections to the road length data for Bradford with respect to the A650 being re-classified as the B6265 following de-trunking.

73. The Government intends to apply the same methodology as for the 2003/04 Amending Report to the 2004/05 and 2005/06 Amending Reports. Therefore, Government may change the levels of floors and ceilings, the share of assumed national council tax (ANCT) etc, as necessary following the changes to the data.

74. The change to the floor damping methodology implemented in 2005/06 with respect to the Amending Report will apply again in 2006/07 with respect to both the 2004/05 and 2005/06 Amending Reports.