



Imminent changes to the Quarterly Survey of Capital Expenditure

Why have I been sent this note?

From the first quarter of 2015, ONS is introducing a revised questionnaire. As it is likely that you will be selected to receive this questionnaire, we want to help you prepare by describing the changes and by directing you to the revised questionnaire online. The changes are needed to meet our obligations under the latest European legislation, and to introduce design improvements based on the respondent feedback we received during testing.

What are the changes?

1. The title of the questionnaire has changed from 'Quarterly Survey of Capital Expenditure (CAPEX)' to 'Quarterly Acquisitions and Disposals of Capital Assets Survey (QCAS)'. The new title more accurately reflects the estimates that the survey questionnaire is designed to collect.
2. We have included guidance notes within the questionnaire rather than separately, making them easier to follow.
3. We have improved the questionnaire's layout with new sections and headings, designed to make completing the questionnaire easier.
4. We have added new questions, to improve the quality of our estimates, and to meet the latest European legislation requirements (ESA 2010).
5. We ask for all relevant assets to be included, even those below your Asset Register threshold.

Where can I see the new questionnaires?

To view the new questionnaires and for further information, go to www.ons.gov.uk/surveys and follow the 'Information for businesses' and 'A to Z of business surveys' route to the 'Quarterly Acquisitions and Disposals of Capital Assets Survey' link.

What if I find I cannot supply all the capital asset breakdowns you require?

If you find it difficult to provide all the breakdowns of your capital acquisitions and disposals that the revised survey questionnaire requires, please provide informed estimates. Whether you provide estimates or actual figures it is important that your capital acquisitions and disposals for each category equals the sum of all the components in that category. If it doesn't, we will almost certainly have to contact you to verify the information you have supplied.