European System of Accounts (ESA) 2010 Impact on ABS
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List of the ESA2010 changes to ABS' Capital Expenditure questions, for which National Accounts require a review by ONS Data Collection Methodology (DCM). DCM's next round of testing is for the ABS 2012 questionnaires during the summer of 2012. The results should ensure ABS collects data compliant with ESA2010 rules in time for input to the 2014 National Accounts.

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| 1             | Check with businesses how they value own account capital work:  

**ABS Question 602, Section 6.1(d): Other finished work of a capital nature carried out by own staff produced for own use.**

There are 2 issues:
1. They could value it at sum of costs or they could value it at market value. We can't tell from the current ABS notes. Furthermore the valuation may differ if they take the number from their balance sheet or the Profit & Loss account.
2. In the supporting notes to help guide contributors to complete the question, we advise them to use capital items as defined for tax purposes. However SNA/ESA definitions of capital items is much broader than those used for tax purposes. |

| 602d on G&E formtypes  
| 602f on 35 long formtypes  
| 602g on 2 pilot long formtypes |
| a) Check with businesses how they are currently reporting databases within the software acquisitions questions:  

**ABS Question 771, Section 6.1 (c): Computer Software developed by your own staff to be used for more than one year.**

Can we clarify whether they are already including databases (of all types) and how they are valuing it i.e. sum of costs approach or approximating a market price valuation. |

| 771 on 38 long formtypes |
| b) The ESA 2010 question change for this question would be to expand the question to include databases. i.e. computer software and databases developed.  

**ABS Question 610, Section 6.1 (e): Total amount for investment in acquired computer software (including network ware, large databases, specialist packages, word processing or spreadsheet packages.** |

| 610a on 35 long formtypes  
| 602b on long insurance |
Can we clarify what they deem as a 'large database' and whether respondents are already including all databases and not just large ones.

The ESA2010 change for this question is to remove "large" from the question and just have databases.

Currently ABS asks all respondents to answer 'yes' or 'no' if they plan to conduct any in-house R&D:

**ABS Question 9, Section 9: During the next 2 years, does the business plan to carry out any in-house Research and Development**

The suggested change is to add a supplementary question asking for a value for any in-house research and development being done in the current year. [exact wording needs to be determined]. The point of the question would to get a better population estimate for in-house research and development.