Low Carbon and Renewable Energy Economy Survey

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are making changes to the above survey that you complete for the Office for National Statistics (ONS). These changes are necessary to ensure the survey continues to meet user requirements.

Why changes have been made to the survey?

You will notice amendments have been made to the following sections:

• PAGE 5: Code 13. New notes advise only to complete this section if the consultancy, financial and/or advisory activity covers multiple areas of low carbon and renewable energy. If the consultancy activity you report is specialist and relates to a specific sector then you should enter your data for the sector accordingly.

• Code 17. This code has always included smart grids. The notes have been expanded to make it clear that activity related to smart grids should be included.

• PAGES 6 & 8: In Section 3a Turnover now includes a separate box for you to split out any feed-in tariffs you receive. These should also be included in your total turnover.

• PAGES 7 & 9: Section f. This is a new section requesting your total expenditure on Research and Development for the sector reported only. Any other Research and Development that is not within the low carbon sector should not be included.

• PAGE 10: Removal of question ‘How long has it taken you to complete this questionnaire’.

Why is ONS making these changes?

The data you provide for the LCRE survey will help create a more detailed picture of the ‘green’ economy. Knowing the size and distribution of the low carbon and renewable energy economy will help government departments and devolved administrations to monitor and develop current policies. It will provide information on ‘green’ job creation, potential growth and investment opportunities both nationally and regionally.

The long-term outcome of this will be a positive contribution to both the UK economy and the protection of the environment.

The results from the LCRE survey will help improve our understanding of the types of businesses producing ‘green’ goods and services. This information is essential for identifying how much these activities are contributing to the UK economy. Code of Practice. It is an offence for ONS to disclose any details relating to a business or individual.

Thank you for your co-operation,

Office for National Statistics