

**Economic Advisory Group Meeting  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2003**

**Collection of quarterly data**

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# Survey control

**Survey control in existence since 1969**

**regulated by instructions from Prime Ministers since 1972**

**Aims are to ensure that the survey:-**

**is still necessary**

**still achieves its goals**

**is efficient & cost-effective**

**ie minimise burdens while obtaining required information**

**Inquiry into oil & natural gas (PQ1100) must be reviewed every 3 years**

# Survey History

**Set up 1976 - to measure all activity connected solely with upstream UKCS - replaced five separate inquiries**

**Excludes the Isle of Man, which has its own territorial waters  
Companies in N Ireland are approached via Belfast**

**Statutory - under the Petroleum Act 1998  
& Section 1 of Statistics of Trade Act 1947**

**Major change - dropping service activities**

**- industry defined (UK SIC92) as Division 11, sub-divisions:-**

**Group 11.1 - extraction of crude oil and natural gas**

**Group 11.2 - service activities incidental to oil and gas  
extraction (excluding surveying)**

# Objectives

## Monitor

individual fields

--> obtain field level data

industry activity as a whole

--> obtain aggregated data

Field data summed by half-years & used to produce  
forecasts of tax receipts for Budgets  
forecasts of the economy

(used for checks on omissions)

Aggregated results are

provided quarterly to ONS for use in National Accounts

published: Energy Trends quarterly

‘Brown Book’ annually

## **Current inquiry**

**DTI run PQ1100 - need for field information  
ability to check details**

**Dispatch and receipt of forms carried out by the ONS**

### **Two forms**

**Operators are able to provide most of the field information  
Only licensees know sales information**

### **ONS now**

**base Division 11 figures on the Annual Business Inquiry  
- in line with other National Account divisions**

**use DTI quarterly figures as a component**

**(DTI figures not strictly comparable as ONS classify  
companies by principal activity)**

# Problems

Quality and speed of responses have deteriorated due to:-

- large number of take-over and mergers
- changes in licensees and licensees' share of fields
- operators contracting out accounts
- increased number and complexity of fields
- respondent staff turnover

Field data used by half-years

**-only used quarterly for checking**

**Are all published data needed?**

**Will annual aggregate data suffice?**

**Any alternative data?**

## **Possibilities**

**Improve with an annual survey of operators? By E-mail?**

**Improve response?**

**Improve reliability of data?**

**How do we get sales data / prices?**

**How do we convert annual to half-year data?**

**Will annual data suffice?**

**Quarterly for Division 11**

**Will ONS still publish Gross Trading Profits?**

**start publishing Capital Expenditure?**

# Possible Spreadsheet form: cover

## DTI SURVEY - Annual Inquiry into Oil and Natural Gas 2004

(Notice under the Petroleum Act 1998 and Section 1 of the Statistics of Trade Act 1947)

Operator

BP

Contact

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Position in company:

Tax operations

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Please return the form **(by date ?)** to:  
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If you have any queries regarding questions on  
this form please contact Suhail Siddiqui at:

Department of Trade & Industry  
Energy Markets Unit  
Bay 259  
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London SW1H 0ET  
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Changes or amendment to your details should be  
inserted in the space provided below.

### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The Department of Trade and Industry  
(as the department responsible for the  
energy industries) uses the information to  
obtain up-to-date administration and  
statistical information. Only totalled  
statistics from this survey are published.

### REMARKS

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your company's business.



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## NON-FIELD EXPENDITURE

£ 000's

Sales not elsewhere recorded	1 Sales of merchant goods <sup>12</sup>	
	2 Sales of goods of your own production <sup>13</sup>	
	3 Services rendered and work done <sup>14</sup>	
Operating expenses not elsewhere recorded	4 Operator's exploration expenditure <sup>15</sup>	
	of which: expenditure on seismic surveys	
	5 Any other expenditure not elsewhere recorded <sup>16</sup>	
Capital expenses not elsewhere recorded	6 Land and existing buildings acquired	
	7 Ships and vehicles	
	8 Other capital expenditure	
	9 Sales of capital assets	
Employment	10 Employees' wages and salaries <sup>17</sup>	
	11 Total number of employees <sup>18</sup>	

## **Next steps**

**Consultation in Energy Trends finishes 31 Dec**

**So far only 1 response - not anti changes**

**Need response from operators over:-**

**Change of system**

**Information required**

**(especially sales price)**

**Form design**

**Email**

**Who to send form to?**

**Possible operator subgroup?**

**Trial run?**