

Forestry Commission 2012 Annual Report on Statistical Surveys

Annex: Administrative Burden Costs

This is a summary of the estimated administrative burden costs (previous called response burdens) to businesses and local authorities throughout United Kingdom – England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland – of statistical surveys run or commissioned by the Forestry Commission (including surveys run in association with the Northern Ireland Forest Service).

The administrative burden cost is the estimated cost of the staff time required to fill in the survey questionnaires. The methodology and hourly rates used for calculating these administrative burden costs has been revised since last year's report, to ensure a consistent approach across all UK Government Departments. The revisions to the methodology and hourly rates have led to a reduction in the estimated administrative burden costs for all surveys. As a result, estimates provided in previous reports are not comparable to the estimates provided here.

From 1 April 2013, Natural Resources Wales took over the functions previously carried out by the Countryside Council for Wales, Environment Agency Wales and Forestry Commission Wales. The plans for 2013-14 and 2014-15 listed here include plans for forestry surveys to be run by Natural Resources Wales.

Administrative burden cost

	£ thousand				
Year	UK	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland
Outturn					
2010-11	3.7	1.8	0.7	1.0	0.1
2011-12	11.7	5.6	2.8	3.2	0.1
Planned					
2012-13	9.3	4.2	1.5	3.5	0.1
2013-14	9.3	4.2	1.5	3.5	0.1
2014-15	10.9	4.2	3.1	3.5	0.1

Note:

1. Figures have been independently rounded to the nearest £100 in the tables, so constituent parts may not sum to totals.
2. All costs estimated using new methodology and hourly rates.

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Administrative burden cost by type of survey

£ thousand

	UK	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland
Regular surveys					
2010-11	1.2	0.4	0.1	0.7	0.0
2011-12	7.5	3.4	0.9	3.1	0.1
2012-13 forecast	7.5	3.4	0.9	3.1	0.1
2013-14 forecast	7.5	3.4	0.9	3.1	0.1
2014-15 forecast	7.5	3.4	0.9	3.1	0.1
Ad hoc surveys					
2010-11	2.3	1.4	0.6	0.3	0.0
2011-12	4.2	2.2	1.8	0.1	0.0
2012-13 forecast	1.8	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.0
2013-14 forecast	1.8	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.0
2014-15 forecast	3.4	0.8	2.1	0.5	0.0

2011-12 Administrative burden cost

£ thousand

Title	UK	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland
Regular Surveys	7.5	3.4	0.9	3.1	0.1
Sawmill Survey	0.6	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.1
Round Fencing Survey	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Removals Survey	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
Pellet Survey	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Nursery survey	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Woodfuel Industrial Users - Scotland	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0
National Forest Inventory - Survey of owners	5.7	2.6	0.7	2.3	0.0
National Forest Inventory - LA owners	0.6	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.0
Ad hoc business					
Forest management & harvesting survey - Wales	1.5	0.0	1.5	0.0	0.0
Survey of landowners' perceptions on woodland creation	1.5	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Plant Health Service Import/export Customer Survey	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Decision Support Systems Survey	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
Wood packaging study	0.4	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Ad hoc local authority / schools					
Schools Education Service	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0
TOTAL	11.7	5.6	2.8	3.2	0.1

2012-13 Plans: Administrative burden cost

£ thousand

Title	UK	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland
Regular Surveys	7.5	3.4	0.9	3.1	0.1
Sawmill Survey	0.6	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.1
Round Fencing Survey	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Removals Survey	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
Pellet Survey	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Nursery survey	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Woodfuel Industrial Users - Scotland	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0
National Forest Inventory - Survey of owners	2.7	1.2	0.3	1.1	0.0
National Forest Inventory - LA owners	0.6	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.0
Ad hoc business					
Wood packaging study	0.4	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Miscellaneous business surveys	1.1	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.0
Ad hoc local authority / schools					
Schools Education Service	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0
TOTAL	9.3	4.2	1.5	3.5	0.1

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