



## English Housing Survey

**Changes to physical survey form and interview survey questionnaire 2008-2010**

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## Changes to the English Housing Survey physical survey form for 2008-09

### **Whole form**

Re-branded as the English Housing Survey.

All boxes and form re-designed and made larger to accommodate completion with the digital pen.

Changes to questions mainly reflect the requirement for additional information on lifetime homes and on cavity wall insulation.

### **Page 1**

Top of the page re-designed to accommodate bar code and instructions for activating digital pen.

### **Page 2**

Added question: 'Actual date of construction?'

*The validation programme will require an entry in this field so do not leave blank. If it is impossible to guess the age, enter the earliest date within the band you have chosen.*

### **Page 3**

Added new category to age of kitchen and bathroom amenities: 2000's = code '6'.

Added question: 'Wheelchair accessible WC at entrance level?'

### **Page 4**

Added question: 'Bathroom wheelchair accessible?'

## **Page 5**

Added question: 'Is there any evidence of cavity wall insulation in/around the electricity or gas meters?'

Added question: 'Total number of open fireplaces?'

## **Page 6**

No changes.

## **Page 7**

Added question: 'Is there any evidence of cavity wall insulation in the loft?'

## **Page 8**

No changes.

## **Page 9**

No changes.

## **Page 10**

Added questions: 'Lift controls accessible to wheelchair user?'

Added question: 'Lift controls accessible to a visually impaired person?'

## **Page 11**

No changes.

## **Page 12**

No changes.

## **Page 13**

No changes.

## **Page 14**

Added question: 'Exact year of loft conversion?'

Re-ordered elevation features and added question on: 'main walls (tenths)'.

Added question: 'Is there any evidence from the air bricks of cavity wall insulation?'

## Page 15

Removed 'unknown' option for roof structure and roof covering faults. This must now be 'guesstimated'.

## Page 16

Added clarification that dimensions should be collected for all conservatories, regardless of whether there is a door or not.

Removed 'unknown' option for damp proof course faults. This must now be 'guesstimated'.

## Page 17

Clarification that if you have a dwelling with no private or shared plot we still require you to complete the accessibility and HHSRS questions so that we have assessed the entrance for lifetime homes and safety.

## Page 18

Added question: 'Is off-plot parking located within 30 metres of the entrance to the dwelling/module with an even access route of less than 1:12 gradient?'

Added cavity wall insulation summary and final question: 'Is cavity wall insulation present?'

*First indicate if you have seen any evidence of Cavity Wall Insulation at the dwelling. Then make a final judgement based on this (and any other) evidence as to whether CWI is present. However, do not guess or make assumptions based on the age of the dwelling. If you have not seen or heard of any evidence that CWI is present then answer 'No'. Even though you may think, because the property is new, that CWI must be present, if there is no evidence to support this then your answer should be 'No'. This will not result in us undercounting CWI as BRE will take the age of property into account when dealing with cases where there is no evidence available to surveyors.*

## Page 19

No changes.

## Page 20

No changes.

**Pages 21, 22, 23, 24, 25**

Split HHSRS likelihood 1 in <10 into 1 in 6 and 1 in 2 to accommodate risks which are almost certain to lead to a harm requiring treatment over the next year.

**Page 23**

Replaced action: 'Provide fire stops to service ducts' (never used!) with 'Replace inadequate heating system'.

**Page 26**

No changes.

**Page 27**

New page - Barcode back-up sheet for digital pen.

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## Changes to the English Housing Survey physical survey form for 2009-10

This note summarises the changes that have been made to the EHS form for 2009-10 and provides some additional briefing. It should be read in conjunction with the attached survey form and replacement pages to the briefing manual.

### Page 1

You will note at the top of the page that the 'Scan barcode', 'Edit form' and 'Activate scan' boxes have been switched round to reflect the digital pen start up procedure.

### Page 2

The facing page notes have been altered; we no longer want you to simply state the earliest date within band if you are not sure of the 'actual construction date'. If you are not sure of the actual band then please 'Estimate' the date within the band you have chosen. The word '**estimate**' has been added to the question on the form. Facing page notes below.

'Record date of original construction. If a property has a large later extension or been partially rebuilt, record age of the oldest part even if it accounts for less than half of the area of dwelling. Fill in year of actual construction date if known. i.e. 1892 – from wall plaque, 2005 – owner information, 1965 – surveyor local knowledge / experience. The purpose of this information is to give more accurate dates within the date bands for dwelling identification and to be able to link dwellings to the building regulations implementation for insulation purposes. If there is no clear indication of an exact date, enter your best guess based on your own judgement.'

## Page 4

The facing page notes and form have been edited to reflect the move away from fitness to the Housing Health and Safety Rating system. Under the sections '**Kitchen**' and '**Bathroom amenities**' the question '**Safety and Hygiene Defective in**' have been changed to '**Are there any significant problems with:**'

The facing page notes now read; 'These are flags which inform the HHSRS. Code 'Y' if significantly worse than average'.

Bathroom and secondary amenities - wording now added to floor level.

## Page 6

Primary heating – the '**communal system**' boxes have been greyed out and connected to make it easier to follow the form.

Wording added under primary heating type and critical information to aid selection.

## Page 7

Cylinder present – a '**U**' for unknown has been added. Code '**U**' for unknown if for example you are unable to gain access to the airing cupboard in rented accommodation.

The word '**seen**' has also been added after '**If cylinder....**' Only answer the subsequent questions on size/volume, type of insulation, and thickness of insulation if you have physically seen a cylinder.

## Page 8

There are four new questions which have been added under the section '**Waste water disposal**'. The questions relate to water meters push-button operated flushes, the facing page notes are below.

**'Do you have a water meter? Answer Y if the occupants have a water meter, answer N if they do not, and U if unknown.'**

**'If yes, are you charged according to the amount you use? - For those households who confirm they have a water meter ask if they pay on the basis of how much water they actually use. Code Y if they do pay according to how much water they use; N if they pay on a fixed price basis and U if unknown.'**

**'Do you have a toilet with a push-button operated flush? - Answer Y if the occupants have a push-button flush on any WC in the dwelling, answer N if they do not.'**

***'If yes, does it ever leak into the toilet bowl?'*** - For those households who confirm they have at least one toilet with a push button operated flush answer **Y** if there is either regularly or occasionally a continuous trickle of water into the toilet bowl in any of these. If there is only an intermittent drip this is not enough to constitute a leak.'

## Page 9

Wording added to the ***'dimensions of flat'*** section at the bottom of the page. Clarification of codes for each floor level e.g. NN = None exists.

## Page 11

The box ***'Unknown, 999'*** has been removed from the ***'Approximate number of vacant flats in module'*** section. If you are unsure we are asking you to make an educated estimation.

## Page 13

Wording added to the section ***'External dimensions of house / module'***. Clarification of codes for each floor level e.g. BB = Basement.

## Page 14

There are two new questions concerning ***'Solar photovoltaic panels'*** and ***'Wind Turbines'*** under the section ***'Elevation features'***. The facing page notes are below.

***'Solar Photovoltaic?'*** - Record **Y** if there are any photovoltaic panels present on any face of the dwelling/module. These generate electricity and should not be confused with solar panels which heat water. If they are on the roof, record their presence on the face into which the roof slopes. They will usually be found on a south facing roof slope. If panels are found on the plot, the surveyor needs to establish that their purpose is to supply electricity **directly** to the dwelling. Solar photovoltaics should then be recorded on the corresponding face of the dwelling.'

***'Wind turbine present?'*** - Record **Y** if there is a wind turbine located within the curtilage of the dwelling. It will usually be attached to the wall or chimney stack. Free-standing turbines supplying power **directly** to the dwelling/module should also be included.'

## Page 16

A new question on **fixed heaters** has been added to the **'For all conservatories'** section at the bottom of the page. The facing page notes are below.

**'Fixed radiator or other fixed heater present?'** - Code **Y** if a fixed radiator or other fixed heater is present. If a heater is present but is not fixed to the wall or wired in direct to a fused spur then **N** should be recorded.'

## Page 17

One word added and one word replaced under **Exterior – plot of survey dwelling**.

**Width of plot** - word change – **'module'** replaces the word **'dwelling'**.

The word **'Facilities'** has been added to **'Shared plot / facilities only'**.

## Page 18

Under section **'parking provision of survey dwelling'** the words **'there any'** have been added to **'Is there any off-plot parking located within 30 meters of .....**

Under **'Cavity wall insulation summary'** there have been two changes to the wording of two questions which has resulted in some additional briefing on the facing page notes. See below.

**'Evidence of cavity wall insulation:'** replaces **'You should have checked:'**

**'Is cavity wall insulation present?'** has been replaced by **'Is there clear evidence that cavity insulation is present in the majority of the cavity walls?'** Facing page notes below.

'This area enables surveyors to summarise the cavity wall insulation details obtained throughout the survey. All relevant flags on the form should be **reviewed** and a final judgement to determine whether there is, indeed, cavity wall insulation present should be made. Include as-built (as well as retrofit) insulation if you believe it to be present, but do not assume all recently constructed dwellings are insulated. If you can not tell as-built insulated is present mark **'N'**.

For a dwelling with a mix of insulated and un-insulated cavity walls, your assessment should be whether cavity wall insulation is present in the majority of the cavity wall area.'

Under section **20, Block**, '**Approximate number of houses/modules in disrepair in block**' has replaced by '**Approximate number of seriously defective houses/modules in block**'. The briefing and therefore the facing page notes have not changed.

## Pages 21, 22, 23, 24, 25

There are a number of subtle changes to the five HHSRS pages, which are difficult to notice at first glance.

### Outcomes and look up tables

There have been significant changes to three hazards: damp and mould growth; entry by intruders; and noise. All outcomes other than the average for the three classes of harm outcomes have been 'greyed out' and therefore are not available for selection. This is because there is no statistical evidence to suggest that any outcome will be different to the average for these hazards.

Thus the look up table is affected, as you are only able to select the average class 1 outcome. The rest of the look up table like the harm outcomes, have been 'greyed out' and again unavailable for selection.

### Actions

The **Described elsewhere YN boxes** have been tidied up even further so that where only one option is possible the other has been blanked out. So, for example, the 'Remove trip steps' question is now always coded **N** – not described elsewhere and a quantity entered. This has been done where there is no where else on the form to input a quantity.

### Collision and entrapment

The final change relates to the **Average low headroom** hazard under collision and entrapment. We have included on the form the average likelihood for collision due to low headroom (1 in 180). The briefing on the facing page notes is below.

'Only complete the form for collision with a low architectural feature when the resulting score exceeds the average for a child being injured through entrapment (F).'

### Facing page notes

Page 1 - There is some extra guidance on the use of the **Kish grid** which is inline with the briefing in the EHS manual.

Page 9 - The facing page notes have been updated to reflect the current briefing in the EHS manual.

Plan of flat - The shape of the flat, however, is treated in a similar way to the shape of the house or module. Any irregularities in the plan form or any supplementary rectangles should be subsumed within the main part, when the rectangularised measurements are given.

Locate flat in module - Indicate the location of the flat within the module. First draw a rough plan of the module, and then the flat plan at the appropriate location within it. Provide information about the upper floor(s) of a maisonette. Take care to get the orientations correct, the front of the module and the front of the flat must always have the same orientation.

If the plan type is complex, indicate how it is to be 'remodelled' into a 'rectangle' form for the measurement of the dimensions.

Tenths of wall exposed - For each wall of the main part indicate the proportion of the total wall (in tenths of overall area including windows) which is exposed to the outside air. Each column should add up to 10.

Record the tenths of the total area of walls enclosing the flat including the windows, doors, etc.

To outside air - Walls adjacent to garages, refuse chutes or other unheated facilities should be regarded as exposed walls. Do not treat walls adjacent to internal corridors, stairwells or lobbies as exposed.

To internal accessways - walls adjacent to internal corridors, stairwells or entrance halls should be recorded here.

To other flats - Walls which are adjacent to other flats or houses should be recorded here.

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## Changes to the English Housing Survey physical survey form for 2010-11

This note summarises the changes that have been made to the EHS form for 2010-11 and provides some additional briefing. It should be read in conjunction with the attached survey form and replacement pages to the briefing manual.

### General changes

The size of the text has been increased slightly wherever possible, to make the questions on the form easier to read. This has mainly been done to text on pages 3 and 4.

Pages 3, 4, 10, 12 and 17 - The words 'Housing Health and Safety Rating System' have been abbreviated to HHSRS so that the form, manual and facing page notes are consistent.

### Page 5

You will note at the top of the page that there have been some significant changes and some new questions added. These new questions all relate to the **reading of meters** for both **Gas** and **Electricity**.

Separate guidance material will be given to you explaining how you should go about completing these new questions.

### Page 6

Two further responses under **Primary heating group** have been added, If the survey dwelling has **Central heating (wet)** present we now want you to specify whether the distribution is through '**radiators**' or '**underfloor heating**'.

### Page 9

Under '**entry floor to dwelling proper**' the following text has been added to aid completion of this question.

### **‘Level of first actual accommodation?’**

There has been a change in the order of the questions under **‘Dimensions of flat (internal and rectangularised)’** at the base of this page. The flat **‘level’** and **‘dimensions same as module’** questions have been swapped around. This now means that the main floor and next floor levels have to be filled in regardless of whether the external dimensions are the same as the module. The facing page notes have been changed to reflect this.

### **Page 14**

There have been two changes to the form under **Section 16 Elevation features**. Firstly the response to the question; **‘Solar water heating panels’** has been changed from a number, to a simple **Y/N** response.

Secondly the words **‘Evidence of’** have also been added to the **‘Cavity wall insulation’** question to make it clear what you should be looking for.

### **Page 23**

The ***Coded elsewhere Y box*** for Relocate cooker under the fire hazard has been blanked out. So, it is now always coded **N** – not described elsewhere and a quantity entered.

### **Page 25**

A new action has been added to the noise hazard.

**‘Provide mechanical ventilation’**. This will save the need to open the windows for ventilation purposes and therefore reduce the chances of any external noise being heard.

The **‘Y’** under Coded elsewhere has also been blanked out therefore on choosing this action a quantity must always be specified.

### **Facing page notes**

Pages 3, 4, 10, 12 and 17 - The words ‘Housing Health and Safety Rating System’ have been abbreviated to HHSRS so that the form, manual and FPN are consistent.

Page 5 - The facing page notes have been updated to include a cut down briefing on the new meter reading questions.

Recording meter readings - Ask the householder’s permission to record their meter readings.

- only record the whole numbers

- read all meters from left to right, ignoring any red dials, red numbers or numbers within the red surround on the display
- if a pointer is between two numbers, record the lower number
- if the pointer is between 9 and 0 record 9
- if a pointer is directly over a number record this number unless the following number in the sequence is a 9 in which case record the dial reading minus 1

If you come across a non-standard meter please do not complete and note this in the reason section for the meter concerned. For more detailed notes please refer to your guidance.'

Page 13 - The title of '**Attic/Basement**' has been changed to '**Attic/Basement - Habitable Space/Living accommodation**'.

The following sentence has also been added to the end of this section. '**Lofts and cellars refer to areas where no habitable space is provided and should not be coded in this section.**'

These changes have been implemented to clear up some confusion in completing this section of the form.

Page 14 - The notes have been altered to reflect the new briefing on how to answer if any '**Solar Water Heating Panels**' are present. The following has been added.

'Record **Yes** if there are solar panels installed for water heating purposes. If they are on the roof record their presence on the face into which the roof slopes.'

The following sentence has also been added to the **fenestration** section of this page as integral garages can often be missed under the assessment.

**'Include integral garages but not dormer windows or roof lights'**.

Page 15 - The use of EPDM rubber for flat roof coverings is becoming more frequent, the manual has been updated to reflect this.

Page 17 - The manual and FPN have been updated to give more guidance on how to treat garage doors, the following has been added to '**Door frames to dwelling**'.

'The condition of any **garage door** present is scored under section 19 - Parking provision of survey dwelling and should not be included here. Do not double count.'

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## English Housing Survey 2009-10

### Summary of changes to household questionnaire

1. A number of additions are being made which are largely topics that were previously included in the SEH but which are not now being routinely collected year on year. The additions cover:
  - A. mortgage arrears (as included for the SEH but amended to include two new questions on legal action and reduced mortgage payments)
  - B. succession tenancies (as for the SEH)
  - C. rent arrears (as for the SEH)
  - D. reasons for tenancy ending/moving (an amended version of SEH questions)
  - E. repossessions (as in SEH)
  - F. questions on length of lease (as SEH)
  - G. mortgage insurance (as for the SEH)
  
2. In addition to these topics small number of permanent changes to the survey were introduced:
  - H. to include a question to shared owners on the proportion of the equity they had when they bought the property and what their current equity share is (from SEH)
  - I. to add to the questions to those on a housing waiting list - to determine if they are on more than one list and if on a LA and/or RSL list
  - J. to update mortgage interest rate categories e.g. to create two fixed rate categories; one for more than five years the other for five years or less
  - K. minor changes to the leasehold questions
  - L. question on whether current landlord is accredited (new)
  - M. new question on whether tenant was on housing benefit when tenancy started
  - N. an additional question on how work done to the home is funded
  - O. updates needed to benefits section
  - P. minor changes to income section

- Q. minor change to response categories of adaptations questions
- R. revised question on concealed households

3. The changes are slightly more far ranging than we had anticipated but this largely reflects concerns over the housing market given the current economic downturn. The fire module is to come out for 2009-10 but the waiting list module is to remain and added to. Based on estimates from the SEH we do not think the changes will result in any addition to overall interview length
4. Longer term we cannot be sure how many of the above new additions will need to be retained for 2010-11 for monitoring purposes and we will review again at the end of 2009 - but obviously with the objective of minimising any further changes. It is possible the fire module may not be brought back until 2011-12 to allow for the above topics to run for two years.
5. In addition to the above:
  - clarification was provided for interviewers regarding the handling of open plan accommodation and the definition of a bedroom
  - reviewing some of the range checks in the light of issues arising from the Q1 checking
  - routing to the Whinform question on concealed households including consistency checks between the core and EHS module

The EHS interview survey questionnaire documentation shows all changes introduced and when and is a comprehensive document presenting, on a cumulative basis, the content of the survey from 2008-09 forward.

CLG  
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## English Housing Survey 2010-11 Summary of changes to household questionnaire

1. **Fire Module Added** (last run 2008/09) (QFires10a.EHS).
2. **Work done to the home module. Dropped for 2010-11** (QWork10a.EHS). Potential of more focused questions being added in the near future.
3. **Additional housing market expectations and finance questions included** - how much expect value of home to change; how expect mortgage interest rates to change and accessibility to mortgage finance.
4. **Small change to the wording of the tenancy deposit questions.**

**a) The wording and options of 'CDephldr' has been amended to:**

**CDephldr2** - "Is your deposit protected under one of the government authorised tenancy deposit schemes?"

From April 2007 deposits will normally be held in one of the three government authorised schemes which are the Tenant Deposit Protection Service Ltd, Tenancy Deposits Solutions Ltd, The Tenancy Deposit Scheme Ltd. If the tenant refers to any of these please code "Yes"

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know

**b) The wording and options of 'Dephldr' has been amended to:**

**Dephldr2** - "Was your deposit protected under one of the government authorised tenancy deposit schemes?"

From April 2007 deposits will normally be held in one of the three government authorised schemes which are the Tenant Deposit Protection Service Ltd, Tenancy Deposits Solutions Ltd, The Tenancy Deposit Scheme Ltd. If the tenant refers to any of these please code "Yes"

1. Yes

2. No
3. Don't know

**c) The following Tenancy Questions (QDepatt10a.EHS) have been removed for Year 3 EHS: CDepAlt, CDepProp, CFee, CFeeFor and CFeeAmt.**

**5. Additional questions on repossessions/arrears:**

**a) The following questions have been added after "Omb11" (QHoushist10c.EHS) – asked off all respondents who have had to give up their homes due to difficulties with mortgage.**

- a. **ORepAdv** - "Before you gave up your home, did you seek advice from any of the following? (code all that apply)"
1. Your lender
  2. An independent advice organisation - such as the Citizens Advice Bureau
  3. Your local authority
  4. A Government, local authority or other website (such as direct.gov.uk)
  5. Another source

*If response to Omb11=2 or 3 or 4.*

- b. **ORepHap** – "Prior to giving up your home did any of the following happen? (code all that apply)"
1. Your lender advised you to try and sell your home
  2. Another organisation advised you to try and sell your home
  3. Your lender advised you they were going to take legal/court action against you because of the arrears.
  4. You received a summons to attend court or a court hearing date.
  5. You attended a court hearing
  6. You received a possession order

**b) Development of question MrgAr3 (QMortgag10b.EHS) to improve our understanding of those citing 'other' reasons for mortgage arrears. Option 1 split into two new options (was previously "A spouse or partner left home or died"). Also additional question added to specify other category:**

- c. **MrgAr32** – "Which of the following reasons help explain why your household has fallen behind in the mortgage payments? You can give as many reasons as you like."
1. A spouse or partner left home
  2. A spouse or partner died
  3. Someone else who had been contributing left home
  4. Someone who had been contributing became pregnant/new born baby
  5. Someone who had been earning, lost pay because they were sick or injured
  6. Self-employed and income has gone down
  7. Someone was made redundant/is unemployed

8. Someone lost overtime or worked reduced hours
  9. Someone worked same hours but for less pay
  10. There was an increase in the mortgage payments
  11. There was an increase in other payments
  12. Other, please specify
- d. **MrgAr32Oth** – “Please specify other reason for falling behind with mortgage repayments?” [String 100].

6. **Change to mortgage interest rate categories (Inttype2) (QMortgag10b.EHS).**

A small change to the interest rate bands for question Inttype2 as follows (Categories 1-4 remain unchanged, Category 5 - to read ‘fixed for less than 2 years’, Category 6 to read ‘fixed for 2 years to less than 5 years’, Category 7 to read ‘fixed for more than 5 years’). These changes produce the following question:

- a. Inttype3 - “What type of interest rate deal currently applies to your (main) mortgage?”
  1. "Capped variable rate (variable rate but fixed not to go above a set level)"
  2. "Variable - (normal lender's rate can change at any time)"
  3. "Discounted variable rate (below lender's standard variable rate and can change at any time)"
  4. "Tracker (moves up and down relative to eg the bank of England base rate)"
  5. "Fixed for less than 2 year"
  6. "Fixed for 2 years to less than 5 years"
  7. "Fixed for more than 5 years")

7. **Outstand2 now called OutStand21.** Question was amended to clarify issue where respondents were including outstanding mortgage repayments as well. Therefore, additional soft check has been added, and corresponding question changed from Outstand2 to OutStand21:

- a. **Outstand21** - “And what is the amount still outstanding on this/these other loan(s) - excluding the amount outstanding on the main mortgage?”
- b. **Soft Check** - “The amount you have given as outstanding on the other loans secured on this property is identical to the amount you have given as outstanding on the main mortgage. Is this correct? The amount outstanding on other secured loans should exclude the amount outstanding on the main mortgage.”

8. **Leaseholders and repair charges** - to those who are leaseholders of flats in blocks owned by LAs and HAs. On whether they have received any bills for major works, how much these bills were, how easy it was for them to settle these bills etc. We do not expect these to be a permanent feature of the interview and could come out again next year depending on response and policy interest.

9. **Updating the income section to reflect changes to the benefits system.** The following changes have been made:

- a. **Remove following questions:** (wtcmj1, wtcmj2, wtcse1 and wtcse2) (QBen10b.EHS).  
BnoRec (QOBen10b.EHS) – remove option 11 (Disp) from question (“Disability and carer premiums with income support etc”).
  
  - c) **Remove questions** - DpChk, BnDispAm, BNDispDK, BNDispPd, BNDispWk (QOBen10b.EHS).
  - d) **Add two additional disability premium** questions (QBen10b.EHS), one to be asked of those recording they receive income support at BnRec, and one to be asked of those recording pension credit at BnRec.
  
  - e) **Check added to GrErnGs1** (QEarnGS10b.EHS): To avoid double counting income from a Government Training Scheme (GTS), the following question has been added, where GrErnGS1 is greater than 0.
    - **GrErnGs2** – “Can I just check, did you include this amount when you gave me your total income earlier on?”  
Yes/No
  
  - f) **Added additional question** following Econact (QTecstat10b.EHS) to specify other economic status if Econact = other:
    - **EconActOth** – “Please specify other economic status” [string 100].
  
  - g) **Additional question about Job-seekers Allowance** added for those who say they receive JSA at BnRec:
    - **BnJSAType** – “There are two types of Job Seekers Allowance. Is your allowance” (asked before BnJSAAm):
      1. 'contributory', that is based on your National Insurance contributions
      2. or is it 'income based', that is based on an assessment of your income?
- Question is asked as an auxiliary in blaise, and then responses are coded into the variable BNJSAType in Blaise. This allows the following recode to take place in Blaise - If the respondent receives both forms of JSA they should be coded as receiving income based JSA.
- h) **Benefit Don't know check questions:** Wording has been changed for the following Benefit Don't Know questions: *“Is this don't know because you have already included the amount or will be including the amount with another benefit?”*
    - BnInspDK2
    - BnPenCDK2
    - BnJSADK2
    - BnStpnDK2

- BnIncpDK2
- BnESADK2
- BnWTCDK2
- BnCTCDK2
- BnMataDK2
- BnWdpnDK2
- BnWrdpDK2
- BnSDADK2
- BnlidbDK2
- BnAADK2
- BnICADK2
- BnDMCDK2
- BnDCCDK2
- BnSspDK2
- BnOdisDK2

Also - a soft check has been added to the above variables, where respondent replies yes: *“If ‘Yes’ – please ask the respondent to include the amount for this benefit when providing details of their other benefit payments”.*

- i) **Missing Self Employment Amounts** – routing has been changed for the question GrErMJA and NtErnMJA, so it is correctly asked if:
- Earnings from employment (inc self employment) is selected along with at least one other income source from SrcInc08) AND
  - Recpay = 1 (if applicable) THEN
  - Ask the detailed earnings from employment question (GrErnMJA and NtErnMJA).
- j) **Reinstated the following response categories (BnoRec) so in line with BnRec:**
12. None of these
  13. Refused
  14. Don't know

**10. Adaptations for disabled people module. The following questions have been dropped for 2010-11:**

Dshvln5, Dsndln5, Dshvin6, Dsndln6, DshvEx1, DsndEx1, HAS443b

**11. Reinstate two former SEH questions on suitability of accommodation and satisfaction with Landlord:**

- a. **Suitability of accommodation** To be inserted after Dsadapt ((If Dsadapt=Yes) (QDisadapt10b.EHS)

**HAS443** – “Is your accommodation suitable for the person(s) who has/have this illness or disability?”

1. Yes
2. No

- b. **Satisfaction with Landlord:** To be inserted after LldSatReas (Same routing as for LldSat) (QSatrep10b.EHS)

**HAS238N** - “And taking everything into account, how satisfied are you with the housing services provided by your landlord/freeholder?”

1. Very satisfied
2. Fairly satisfied
3. Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
4. Slightly dissatisfied
5. Very dissatisfied

12. **Changes to the wording of the consent questions – asking for agreement to the physical survey to clarify to interviewers the range of information required.**
13. **Inclusion of an additional consent question on behalf of DECC to ask for agreement to match against energy consumption information.**
14. **Amendment to re-contact question to include both CLG and DECC**
15. **The definition of a household has been clarified in the interviewer instructions as shown below:**

*A household is defined as one person or a group of people who have the accommodation as their only or main residence and (for a group) either share at least one meal a day or share the living accommodation, that is, a living room or sitting room.*

- b) **The wording for vacant selection at the variable Vnotrinf has been updated.**

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