

Outcome of User Consultation of 'Northern Ireland Road and Rail Transport Statistics' Bulletin

Background

Central Statistics and Research Branch (CSRB), within the Department for Regional Development, sought the views of users on the continued publication of the 'Northern Ireland Road and Rail Transport Statistics' bulletin. This quarterly bulletin presents data in two sections as follows:

Public Transport Section

These data are supplied by Translink and relate to all journeys taken during the quarter on Ulsterbus, Metro and Northern Ireland Railways scheduled (timetabled) services (Tables 1.1-1.4).

Petroleum Section

These data are supplied by the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) and relate to the tonnage of petrol and diesel delivered for use during the quarter in Northern Ireland from UK sources (Table 2.1).

Consultation Period

The user consultation opened on the 6th May 2015 and closed on the 3rd July 2015, a period of just over 8 weeks.

Responses Received

At the time of the consultation closing, two responses, both from internal customers, were received. Both customers expressed an ongoing need for a small selection of the Translink data. Following further discussions, both parties were content that the Translink data can continue to be sourced from Translink on a quarterly basis without the need for a formal publication.

Outcome of Consultation

Following consideration of the feedback received from the user consultation and the approval of the National Statistician, it has been decided that CSRB will cease the compilation and publication of the 'Northern Ireland Road and Rail Transport Statistics' quarterly bulletin with immediate effect. The final publication relates to January to March 2015 and was published on the 25th June 2015.

Future Data Availability

(i) Public transport

Public transport data continues to be available from Translink. Contact details are as follows:

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Also, CSRB will, for the foreseeable future, continue to publish public transport data from Translink in the 'Northern Ireland Transport Statistics' report on an annual basis. Chapter 6 is dedicated to public transport and includes information on all journeys taken during the year on Ulsterbus, Metro and Northern Ireland Railways scheduled services. The publication is available on the DRD website at:

http://www.drdni.gov.uk/index/statistics/recent-stats-categories/ni_transport_statistics.htm

(ii) Petroleum

Petroleum data presented in Table 2.1 is no longer available. It was sourced from the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) however they have now ceased the production and provision of Northern Ireland level petrol and diesel delivery data following a review of their Downstream Oil Reporting System which identified several data quality issues at sub-national (individual country) level.

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