

Questionnaire on Volume of Dwelling Services

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The Problem

- In many countries the rental market for dwellings is not well developed
- Most dwellings are owner occupied
- Dwellings available for rent are not representative of the whole housing stock

Quantity Approach

- In ICP 2005 the “Quantity Approach” was used for some countries/regions
- “Volume relatives” are calculated instead of “Price relatives”
- PPPs are obtained by dividing “Volume relatives” into “Expenditure relatives”

Volume relatives

- Obtained in two stages
 - The quantity of dwellings in each country is measured by floor space or numbers of rooms
 - The quantities are adjusted for quality:
 - Electricity
 - Water
 - Toilet

Changes compared to ICP 2005

- Better editing
- Insist on floor space and number of rooms
 - May need new ad hoc surveys
- New quality indicator – persons per room
 - How to combine with the three quality indicators which are expressed in percentage terms?
- Equal weighting?

Questionnaire

- The draft questionnaire is much longer than last time
- Asks for information not needed for quantity approach but may be useful for editing
- To be completed by all countries – including those with rent data