
Director General for Regulation

Roger Halliday
Chief Statistician
Scottish Government
(By email)

21 January 2022

Dear Roger

Thank you for engaging with us regarding the results from the 2020 Scottish Household Survey (SHS) telephone survey. As with many statistical surveys over recent years, operations have had to move from face-to-face interviews to an alternative means of collection given the COVID-19 pandemic.

Given this change and its impact on the data and statistics, which means the telephone survey is not comparable with the previous SHS series, I agree with the approach you are taking to publish these data as experimental statistics. It will be important to support users in understanding the changes to the statistics and what that will mean for their use of the data.

I also agree that a review of the new output would be sensible and my team can discuss this further with you.

Yours sincerely



Ed Humpherson
Director General for Regulation