Measurement of non-market volume output

Summary conclusion

Questions

1. The following four questions were put to the AEG members:

   (a) Does the AEG support the inclusion of new sentences in Chapter 16 of the SNA discussing the importance in theory of taking into account marginal benefits to households in the estimation of the volume change of non-market services?

   (b) Does the AEG support the inclusion in the new SNA of more precise definitions of “input”/”output”/”outcome“?

   (c) Does the AEG agree to include in the new SNA positive and practical descriptions of acceptable output indicators, in particular for education and health?

   (d) Does the AEG agree to revise paragraph 16.139 to give it a more positive tone and reflect current thinking?

2. The AEG members participating in the e-discussion overwhelmingly support three of the four proposals relating to measurement of non-market volume output. They were about equally divided on the proposal to include new sentences in the SNA discussing the importance in theory of taking into account marginal benefits to households in the estimation of the volume change of non-market services.

Outcomes

3. The AEG agreed that marginal benefits should not be described as the basis for measuring the volume of non-market services. The AEG noted the other 3 recommendations were agreed to in the e-discussion.