Responses to the Global Consultation of: WS.3 Unpaid Household Service Work

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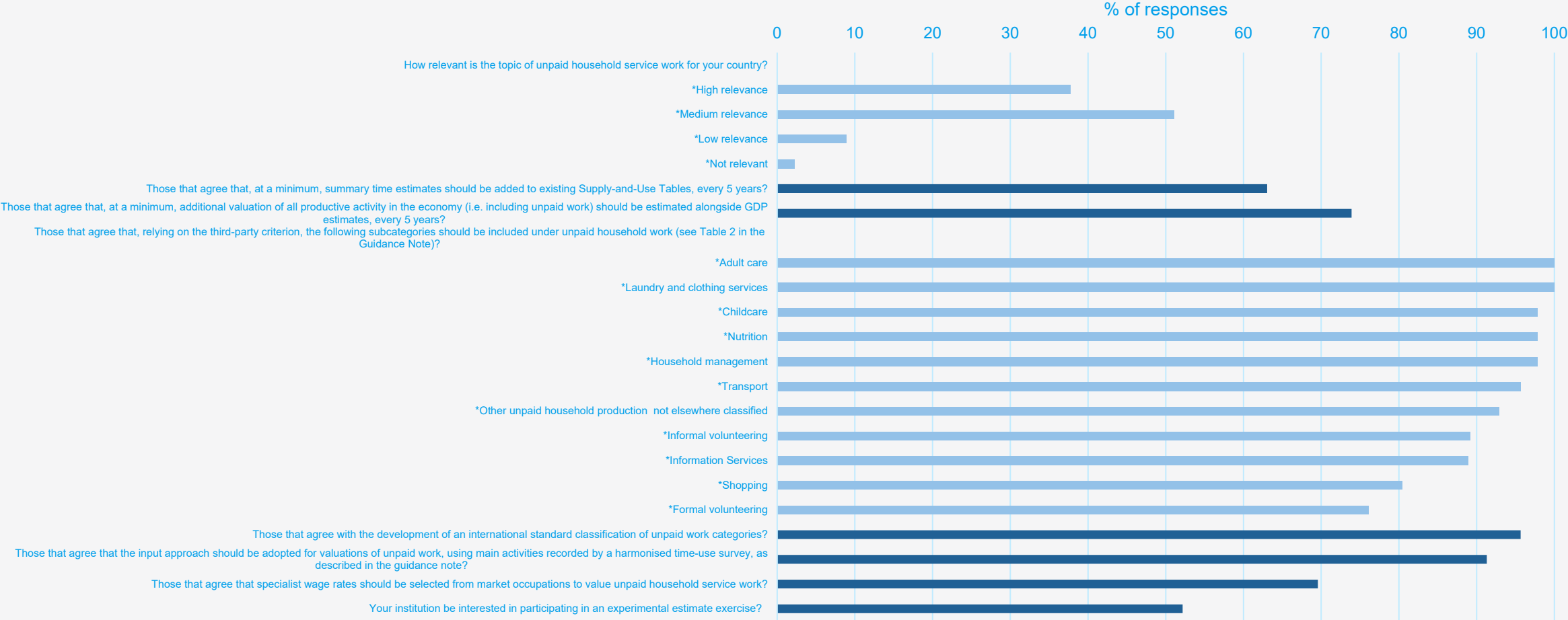Office for National Statistics

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Results summary - headlines

- Most supported aspect
  - 95% supported international standard classification of UPW services
- Least supported aspect
  - 50% agreed that their institutions would create experimental estimates as part of the trial

    (…but also 63% agree to adding time-estimates to extended SUT tables)
- Most divisive guidance
  - Activity categories and which should be included. Volunteering and leisure boundary were key areas of debate.

Results summary - details

% of responses

How relevant is the topic of unpaid household service work for your country?
- *High relevance
- *Medium relevance
- *Low relevance
- *Not relevant

Those that agree that, at a minimum, summary time estimates should be added to existing Supply-and-Use Tables, every 5 years?

Those that agree that, at a minimum, additional valuation of all productive activity in the economy (i.e. including unpaid work) should be estimated alongside GDP estimates, every 5 years?

Those that agree that, relying on the third-party criterion, the following subcategories should be included under unpaid household work (see Table 2 in the Guidance Note)?
- *Adult care
- *Laundry and clothing services
- *Childcare
- *Nutrition
- *Household management
- *Transport
- *Other unpaid household production not elsewhere classified
- *Informal volunteering
- *Information Services
- *Shopping
- *Formal volunteering

Those that agree with the development of an international standard classification of unpaid work categories?

Those that agree that the input approach should be adopted for valuations of unpaid work, using main activities recorded by a harmonised time-use survey, as described in the guidance note?

Those that agree that specialist wage rates should be selected from market occupations to value unpaid household service work?

Your institution be interested in participating in an experimental estimate exercise?

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Changes or clarifications to guidance (1)

- Areas where guidance needs further content
  - Blanket inclusion of activity by strict adherence to third party criterion needs emphasing and potential implications
  - Application of market wages or prices

Changes or clarifications to guidance (2)

- Areas where guidance needs changing
  - Recommended time-estimates in extended SUT

Changes or clarifications to guidance (3)

- Common misunderstandings
  - Relevance of shopping time
  - Application of specialist wage rates

Changes or clarifications to guidance (4)

- Any areas with low awareness of key issues
  - Implications of digital services as enabling intermediates in household service production/consumption

Key issues arising from consultation

- Unpaid household service standardised classification called for with more detail on definitions and how boundaries of each activity are determined
- Levels of agreement on how estimates of time/value of unpaid work should be included in the tables of the SNA could be better so needs further work to gain support