

Voorburg Group, 17th meeting on Services Statistics 2002 Progress Report for Statistics Norway

The information society

1. Internet service Providers

The first result from the Internet Service Providers survey was published in June. We only published figures for the variable Number of subscriptions by transmission capacity and county. We hope to be able to publish statistics about volume of downloads and income later in the year.

2. Use of ICT in Public Sector

We will send out a questionnaire to all municipalities in the end of the year 2002. The questionnaire is a product of a Nordic cooperation and very similar to a questionnaire used by Statistics Denmark last year.

3. Use of ICT in Household

We have started the preparation for a survey of the household in Norway. We plan to use a questionnaire that covers the demands for statistics from Eurostat and OECD.

4. Content sector

We have started to define the Content sector and hope to produce statistics for this industry this year.

Producer Price Indices

In May 2001 a quarterly price index for architectural services was introduced, covering the time span from 1st quarter 1998 until 4th quarter 2000 (http://www.ssb.no/arkpi_en). The index was based on a hedonic regression model. Starting 2nd quarter of 2001, the price index for architectural services was based on hourly charged out rates only. The main reason for change was a cost-benefit analysis of the hedonic price index vs. an index based on hourly charge out rates. Special considerations were made concerning the response burden of enterprises included in the survey.

In September 2001 a quarterly price index for civil engineering will be published, covering the time span from 1st quarter 1998 until 1st quarter 2002 (http://www.ssb.no/byggkonspi_en). The index is based on a hedonic regression model.

The work on developing price indices for computer services and advertising services will be resumed in 2002.

Classification of service Activities and products

The implementation of Operation 2002 is started, and will be finished in the end of 2002.