VOORBURG GROUP 2003

Questionnaire for the new or relatively new (first or second time) and occasional participants

Please describe what kind of statistical activities you have in the fields of the 2002-2004 Voorburg Group program. The main areas of the Voorburg Group program are:

1) PPI for services,

2) Classification of service activities and products,

3) Information society statistics, and

4) Ad hoc issues which are: non profit institutions, sales by service products (measurement of turnover of detailed products), and short term indicators.

I – DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES

Does your country collect information in any of the aforementioned areas of the Voorburg Group program? ☐ No   (☐ Yes)   If yes, for which ones and since when?

The Bank of Korea has compiled PPI for service since July 1998, 1995 year base PPI.

And the time series back to the Jan 1995.

Provide a brief description of activities for each areas in which you are involved.

I am in charge of compiling and improving PPI for services.

Which are the statistically most developed areas in your country?

It is difficult to survey the service sector and make statistical reports, because service

companies are small in size compared to industrial sector and they usually don't have

ability to write a formal bookkeeping. The quantity and quality of service statistics are

very low compared to the statistics of other economic sectors.

PPI for services covers 8 service sectors as follows; transportation, communication,

finance, real estate, leasing and renting, advertising, professional services, and others.

Service PPI is composed of 77 items and takes 29% in the PPI weight system.

And Korea Association of Information & Communication collects ICT data and
publishes monthly ICT statistics which contains production, domestic sales, import
and export data.

Is there any area, for which you have statistics providing international comparison?

Service PPI

II – ISSUES & CHALLENGES

What are the most important issues for your country form the 2002-2004 Voorburg
Group program?

Service PPI

What are the greatest challenges you are facing currently in these areas?

It is difficult to survey the price of service item, because it has variety of types of
services according to the users. Service sector has many non-profit services such as
gov't administration, defence, social welfare, R&D, and other service sectors such as
broadcasting, financial services, retail and wholesale trade which don't have clear
guideline for measuring the price ie "what is the price of this type of services".
So it is very difficult to broaden the coverage of PPI for services.

III – PRIORITIES – FUTURE WORK

What kind of development programs or plans do you have on these fields?

The Bank of Korea has the programs of improving service PPI and enlarging its
coverage every 5 year when rebasing the PPI.

IV – MOTIVATIONS & EXPECTATIONS

What are your main motivations for attending the next Voorburg Group meeting?

To get the information about the current international trend of PPI for services.

How to measure the price from the non-profit service sectors and the sectors which
don't have price guideline.

To learn the newly adopted statistical techniques to service PPI

What are your expectations concerning the next Voorburg Group meeting?

I hope some result about the price guideline will come out.

What is the expected outcome of your participation?

To get the new information about PPI for services.

Thank you for taking the time to answer this questionnaire.