

## **2004/2005 SOCIAL RESEARCH PROGRAMME**

NOTE: This programme may be subject to change during the year

# DEPARTMENT FOR WORK AND PENSIONS

## SOCIAL RESEARCH DIVISION

### RESEARCH PROGRAMME 2004/2005

#### INTRODUCTION

This document sets out the new research projects for Social Research Division for the 2004/05 financial year.

Please note that the vast majority of projects will be commissioned via the DWP Social and Economic Framework Agreement which was established earlier this year. **Expressions of interest for projects in this programme are therefore not required.**

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## Social Research Division: List of New Projects for 2004/05

	Strategy	New Projects
<b>1.</b>	<b>Child Support</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Investigating awareness and the effects of the Child Maintenance Premium</li> <li>2. An investigation of compliance and non compliance by clients of the Child support Agency</li> <li>3. An investigation of Child Support Agency client-to-client payments</li> <li>4. A national survey of Child Support Agency staff experience of the new Child Support System</li> </ol>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Housing Support</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Assessment of treating entering work as a change of circumstances</li> <li>2. HB control for gypsy sites rents</li> <li>3. Claimants and advisors awareness of and attitudes to HB as an in-work benefit</li> </ol>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Fraud</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reporting change of circumstances to the Department and Local Authorities</li> </ol>
<b>4.</b>	<b>European Social Fund</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. ESF beneficiary survey – Individuals</li> <li>2. Evaluation of ESF Co-financing – Third stage</li> <li>3. ESF beneficiary survey – Companies</li> <li>4. Evaluation of global grants</li> </ol>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Disabilities</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Small Employers' awareness of and responses to the DDA and the October changes</li> <li>2. Examining the position of the public sector to the provisions of the 1995 DDA and the new Disability Discrimination Bill</li> <li>3. DDA monitoring and PSA support: General population survey</li> </ol>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Pensions and Older People</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pension Service customer survey 2005</li> <li>2. Pensioner poverty</li> <li>3. Joint teams evaluation</li> <li>4. Partnership Fund evaluation</li> <li>5. Ethnic minorities' pensions decisions</li> <li>6. Pensions – what do people want</li> <li>7. Employers' pension provision survey 2005</li> <li>8. Financial intermediaries qualitative research: Pension Credit and disincentives to save</li> <li>9. Women and pensions: Qualitative research</li> <li>10. Retirement Planning Monitor</li> <li>11. ELSA data analysis</li> <li>12. Evaluation of techniques designed to maximise membership of workplace pension schemes</li> <li>13. Evaluation of combined pension forecasts</li> </ol>