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Bank of England Credit Conditions Survey

The Bank of England today issued a consultation document on its plans to introduce a regular survey of UK loan market conditions, to support its analysis of monetary conditions and financial stability.

Under the proposal, bank and non-bank lenders would be invited to complete surveys for each of three markets: mortgage lending, unsecured lending to households, and corporate lending. The survey would have the following main features:

- **Quarterly:** timed to feed into the Bank's Inflation Report forecast rounds.
- **Qualitative:** lenders would be asked whether, for example, terms had eased or tightened.
- **Transparent:** summary results would be published with a short commentary.

Notes to Editors

1. The consultation document is available on the Bank's website.
2. Credit conditions are relevant to both monetary policy and to the Bank's financial stability mission. For example, changes in lending terms influence borrowing by households and firms and aggregate demand in the economy as a whole. Similar surveys are published by the Federal Reserve Board, the European Central Bank, and the Bank of Japan. Up to now the Bank has relied on twice-yearly bilateral discussions with a handful of the largest lenders. The proposed new approach will increase the scope, frequency, and transparency of one of the inputs to monetary policy.
3. On current data, between 10 and 20 lenders would be invited to participate in each of the three questionnaires, with around 30 lenders involved overall.
4. Depending on feedback from the consultation, the Bank currently envisages that the new survey would begin during 2007.

Key Resources

<http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20100114080129/http://www.bankofengland.co.uk/publications/other/monetary/credit-conditions-survey.pdf>

A consultation document by the Bank of England

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<http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20100114080129/http://www.bankofengland.co.uk/publications/other/monetary/credit-conditions-survey1.pdf>

Secured Lending to Households and Small Businesses

<http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20100114080129/http://www.bankofengland.co.uk/publications/other/monetary/credit-conditions-survey2.pdf>

Unsecured Lending to Households and Small Businesses

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Lending to Corporates