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MINI PRESENTATIONS ON PRODUCER PRICE INDICES

DEVELOPING A PRICE INDEX FOR BANKING SERVICES IN THE UK

Comparison with US approach:

- same basic index calculation method
- different data collection
- commercial loans and deposits only
- less detailed

Data collection

- quarterly returns by banks to the Bank of England
 - covering interest rates and banks' income and expenditure
- aggregate data only
 - not broken down into portfolios

Current considerations

- choice of reference rate
 - probably "repo rate"
- effects of different types of bank
 - retail vs investment banks
- deflation: whether/how?
- scope for increased level of detail collected by Bank of England

Business account transaction fees

- published rates and fees available for small/medium-sized businesses
- large corporates tend to negotiate own deals - can vary widely
- possible increased detail on fees to be collected on Bank forms