



# An overview of an Index of Services Production manual

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# Contents of the Manual

Section A: Introduction

Section B: Infrastructure

Section C: Terminologies for ISP

Section D: Sources and methods for compiling ISP

Section E: Methodological issues

Section F: Transmission to Dissemination

Bibliography

Annexes

# Presentation is in three parts

- a brief overview of the manual;
- infra structure and key terminologies for ISP [Bernard Lefrançois, Statistics Canada]; and
- sources and methods for compiling ISP [Rob Pike; ONS].

# Objective of the manual

To provide official statisticians with practical guidelines to compile a monthly or a quarterly ISP

( It is not to address theoretical issues )



# Objectives of ISP

- To enhance the quality of business cycle analysis; and
- To assist the compilation of quarterly GDP.

# Schedule in 2005 (tentative)

- Feb: to complete sections B, C and D of the manual [3rd meeting of the Task Force on services]
- Jun: to complete sections A through E [4th STESWG meeting]
- Oct: to get feedbacks from OECD's NA meeting and 20th Voorburg Group meeting
- Dec: to prepare a final version of ISP manual [to be approved by OECD committee on Statistics]

## TF on Services welcomes any forms of participations from Voorburg group members

- To provide materials for:
  - section D.4.2 A (few issues on deflators)
  - various parts of section E (Methodological issues): weighting, index compilation, time series methods, comparability with NA, quality issues.
  - examples of output variables used for NA
  
- To provide comments on ISP manual