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# Report

**Subject:** : Early Review of New and Amended BVPIs During Quarter 3 2005/06  
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During Quarter 3, in line with the BVPI Audit Action Plan Service Units undertook an early review of their new and amended BVPIs testing for compliance where it was possible to prior to year-end. The following reservations were raised:

Revenues & Benefits:

BVPIs 79bi, 79bii & 79biii – HB overpayments

Stats 124 is the problem and Section B lines 15 to 18 are the overpayments problems.  
BVPI 79bi uses Line 16 and 17  
BVPI 79bii uses Line 15, 16 and 17  
BVPI 79biii uses Line 15, 16 and 18

Manual calculations only show similarity with Line 18 (write-offs during the quarter). For the BVPI calculations, and because Line 15 was so far out, the Academy BVPI calculations used the manual calculation for Line 15. The manual BVPI calculations obviously used the manual calculations for Lines 15 to 18 and so these results were but into PACE (instead of mixing and matching between Academy and manual calculations). The problem can be seen below:

Academy	Academy (using manual calc for Line 15)	Manual
79bi 68.3%	68.3%	57.8%
79bii 1.4%	20.7%	20.7%
79biii 0.03%	04.5%*	04.6%*

\* these are nearly the same because the numerators were similar (Line 18) and the denominators were the same

Upon reflection It was noticed that the manual calculation for 79bii should have been **25.7%** rather than **18%**. This has now been amended on PACE.



Awarded in:  
Housing Services  
Waste and Recycling Services



Claire Milton (Audit Commission) suggested that she would raise the query with her IT people and that we continue to go through our Academy User Group. Academy figures will continue to be taken as well as manual collection, though ultimately it is desired to come from Academy.

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#### Environmental Services:

BVPI 199d - year-on-year reduction in incidents of and increase in enforcement actions taken to deal with 'fly-tipping'

Data for the number of incidents of 'fly-tipping' have only begun being recorded this year. Enforcement officers are due to receive delegated powers under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act in April and therefore activities will increase. Present enforcement activity is of a high level in terms of undertaking prosecutions in court at a 'commercial' level, which are therefore very few and far between. It is therefore likely we will come out with a low rating against this BVPI as we are not currently doing the type of enforcement work it concentrates on and we will see an increase in the number of incidents of 'fly-tipping' simply because we are starting from the lowest base of all by having not recorded these previously.

BVPI 217 - Pollution control improvements to existing installations

Pollution Control can now be determined and will be reported on from April 06. This figure could not be reported on in the past, as upgrading programmes have only been required by recently published process guidance notes.

BVPI 216a & BVPI 216b – Land contamination

The cartology database is the source of information on BVPI 216a and 216b. As these indicators have not been required in the past, work has been progressing on the database to produce this information. We will be able to report on these indicators from April 06, however the figure may fluctuate slightly based on new contaminated land sites being identified and potentially contaminated land being remediated.

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#### Forward Planning & Transportation:

BVPI 219b – Conservation areas with up-to-date character appraisals

A figure was submitted but with a health warning as some lack of clarity exists over the definition. Referred to guidance on conservation area appraisals by English Heritage - which suggests on page 22 that the appraisal should be formally adopted and available on the website. Awaiting Service Unit decision as to whether we have completed these character appraisals in the way English Heritage sets out. If we have then the Quarter 3 figure could move from 0% to 4.35%.

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