V2007_08 DATABASE TECHNICAL NOTE

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SUMMARY

This note summarises the structure of the data relating to benefits held in Version 2007-08 of the FRS database. This note is intended to help users accessing the benefits data.

QUESTIONNAIRE

In the questionnaire each adult is asked to identify benefits received from a series of lists. After each list the interviewer asks a series of detailed questions about each benefit. This pattern is followed generally but there are a number of exceptions. For example only a woman is asked about Maternity Benefit and as there can only be one woman in a benefit unit there is only one 'slot' for the answers. Additionally some types of benefit are not included in the lists but are asked about separately (e.g. Housing Benefit).

ANALYSIS DATABASE

The details recorded about each type of benefit have been organised into a standard tabular form. Each benefit received occupies a row of the <u>BENEFIT</u> table. The variables have been rationalised so that the same information about each benefit is held in the same column of field, even if the original question was different. Table 1 shows the relationship between the yes/no question asking about receipt of a certain benefit on the ADULT table and the corresponding benefit key value on the BENEFITS table.

KEY FIELDS

Each row in the benefit table is uniquely defined by the following key fields:-

SERNUM   Unique serial number for the household

BENUNIT   The benefit unit number within the household

PERSON   The person number within the household

BENEFIT   The benefit key value is a code that identifies the type of benefit received
                (e.g. 19 = Income Support)

N.B.   *National Centre for Social Research, the contractors responsible for carrying out the fieldwork, have "BenType Codeframe" within their programs, which uses codes to identify Benefit Types. Although this was originally the same as our Benefit Key Value, they have since diverged; Benefit Key Value should, therefore, be used in all instances.* **Table 1 also lists the code allocated to each benefit type***.*

DATA FIELDS

The following data fields exist for each row in the benefit table. Each benefit will not record information in all fields. A more complete description of the routing for variables associated with each benefit is given in the spreadsheet [FRS 2007_08 Benefits Map.xls](#).

N.B.   *Except where otherwise stated, the Data Field has the same name as the question within the questionnaire (Rule 1). Exceptions to this rule have their Data Field name changed to be consistent e.g. the question GOVAMT would produce an answer in the variable BENAMT.*

BANKSTMT   Asks whether a bank statement can be consulted (Yes/No).

BENAMT   <u>In the database</u> the variable holds the weekly amount of benefit last received for <u>all</u> benefits. However, <u>on the questionnaire</u> other variable names are used for certain benefits. These exceptions are :

    GOVAMT   *total amount DWP pays directly for services, as defined in GOVPAY*

    PRGAMT   *for Government Training, as answered to question TRAIN*

    SFGRAMT   *Social Fund : Community Care Grant*

    EXBENAMT1   *extended Housing Benefit*

    EXBENAMT2   *extended Council Tax Benefit*

    EXBENAMT3   *extended Housing & Council Tax Benefit (combined)*

    LOANAMT   *Social Fund : Budgeting Loan or Crisis Loan*

    WIDPAMT   *Widow's payment – lump sum*

    WINFAMT   *Winter Fuel Payments*

    WTCAMT   *Working Tax Credit (regular payment)*

    WTCLPAY   *Working Tax Credit (lump sum)*

    CTCAMT   *Child Tax Credit (regular payment)*

    CTCLPAY   *Child Tax Credit (lump sum)*

    REPAYAMT   *Social Fund : Loan repayment from JSA or IS/PC*

    N.B.   *The amount has been converted to a **weekly** value, apart from Lump Sums (for benefits 31-35, 60 and 61) and Grants. (Float 0..997.00)*

BENAMTDK   If the answer to BENAMT above is "DON'T KNOW", is it because the benefit is paid in combination with another, and that a separate amount cannot be established (Yes/No)?

BENLETTR   Whether a benefit letter was consulted (Yes/No)?

BENPD   On the <u>database</u>, holds the period covered by the original answer to the BENAMT question for <u>all</u> benefits. So, for example, BENAMT will always hold a weekly equivalent amount if the corresponding value of BENPD represents a period (i.e. in range 1-52). However, on the <u>questionnaire</u> other variable names are used for certain benefits. These exceptions are :

    GOVPD   *DWP direct payments for IS and JSA customers*

    PRGPD   *Government Training Allowance recipients, Period code answer - Symbolic 1…97*

    EXBENPD   *Extended Housing Benefit and/or Council Tax Benefit*

    WTCPD Working Tax Credit

    CTCPD   Child Tax Credit

    BOOKCARD   Is asked of those respondents who state that a benefit they receive is paid by order book, whether it is to hand, so that it could be consulted (1=Yes, consulted now, 2=consulted later, 3=respondent unwilling, 4=unable to find it, 5 =other reason for not consulting it).

    CCTC   Does this include a Child Care Tax Credit to help pay for child care expenses (Yes/No)?

    COMBAMT   Holds the combined total value of benefits when the values of individual benefits are not known.

    COMBBK   Are there any other benefits paid using the same benefit book (Yes/No)?

    COMBPD   Period code for COMBAMT

    HOWBEN   How is the benefit paid?   (1= Order book, 2=Direct to bank/building society account, 3=Giro cheque, 4=Benefit Payment Card, 5=other).

    NOTUSAMT   The amount usually received converted to a weekly period if different from the amount last received. (Question producing this is BUSAMT in the questionnaire) (Float 0..997.00). This question is only asked if the respondent states that the amount given in BENAMT is not usual (USUAL=2).

    NOTUSPD   The original period the usual amount covered before being converted to a weekly amount. (Question producing this is BUSAMT in the questionnaire (Period code answer - Symbolic 1…52). This question is only asked if the respondent states that the amount given in BENAMT is not usual (USUAL=2). If the answer to USUAL is YES the BENAMT and BENPD responses are copied across to the above two fields so that they always hold the usual amounts to simplify retrievals

    NUMWEEKS   This holds the number of weeks in the last 12 months that the benefit has been received. (Integer 0…52). It is only asked when the question PRES is also asked about. In the questionnaire there are different variable names for certain benefits. The exceptions are :-

        JSAWEEKS   for Jobseeker's Allowance, Integer 0-97

        ISWEEKS   for Income Support or Pension Credit, Integer 0-97

    OTHWEEKS   for "Other State or NI benefits", receipt only in the last 6 months, Integer 0-26

    ORDBKNO   The code on the front of the Order Book

PRES   Respondents who respond positively to questions BEN7Q1 – BEN7Q6 are then asked additionally if the benefit is currently being received, just as are respondents who state that they are claiming "Other NI or State Benefits" where the question is OTHPRES. (These are yes/no answers.)

> ***N.B.*** *For BEN1Q, BEN2Q, and BEN3Q, the first question is whether the benefit is currently being received, so there is no need for an additional PRES question. Also please note that the BEN4Q questions are whether these benefits have been received in the last 12 months. BEN5Q questions are whether these benefits have been received in the last 6 months.*

USUAL   For some NI Retirement Pension, Widow's Pension, Widowed Mothers Allowance, Jobseeker's Allowance and Income Support, the interviewee is asked if the amount last received was the usual amount (yes, no or no such thing as a usual amount)

VAR1 - VAR3   Some questions only apply to individual benefits. Instead of creating separate fields for each different question, these questions share the three fields Var1 to Var3. The fields hold data as follows (Benefit Key Values precede benefit types).

1.   ***Disability Living Allowance (Care component)***

VAR1   Holds the response to GetICA
is there anyone getting Carers Allowance for you? (Yes / No)

For recipients of State Retirement Pension or Widow's Pension

VAR2   DC - Is the Care component of DLA paid as part of your pension or do you receive it separately? (1=With pension, 2=Separately)

2.   ***Disability Living Allowance (Mobility component)***

VAR1   Holds the response to GetICA
is there anyone getting Carers Allowance for you? (Yes / No)

For recipients of State Retirement Pension or Widow's Pension

VAR2   DM - Is the Mobility component of DLA paid as part of your pension or do you receive it separately? (1=With pension, 2=Seperately)

4.   ***Pension Credit***

VAR1   Holds the response to 'contains PC Guaranteed Element'

VAR2   Holds the response to 'contains PC Savings Element'

6.   ***Widow(er's) Pension / Bereavement Allowance***

VAR2   1=Widow's Pension, 2=Bereavement Allowance, 3=neither

7.   ***Widowed Parents / Mothers Allowance***

VAR2   1=Widowed Mothers, 2=Widowed Parents, 3=neither

12. ***Attendance Allowance***

VAR1   Holds the response to GetICA
is there anyone getting Carers Allowance for you?

For recipients of State Retirement Pension or Widow's Pension

VAR2   AA - Is Attendance Allowance paid as part of your pension or do you receive a separate pension? (1=Together with pension, 2=seperate payment, 3=imputed as together, 4=imputed as separate)

13. ***Carers Allowance***

VAR3   ICAPer - Who is the person, you care for, that qualifies you for the allowance?

14. ***Jobseeker's Allowance***

VAR2   JSATYPE – There are two types of Jobseeker's Allowance. Is your allowance 1=Contributory, 2=Income Based or
3=Contributory (Imputed), 4=Income Based (Imputed)

17. ***Incapacity Benefit***

VAR1   MADEMP - Are you getting 'made up' pay from employer?
(1=yes, 2=No)

VAR2   MDUPWK - Are you paid every week?
(1=yes, 2=for only some weeks)

VAR3   MDUPNO - For how many weeks are you getting 'made-up' pay?
(0-97)

19. ***Income Support***

VAR3   MAINT – Does your Income Support include any payment from the Child Support Agency (Yes/No)?

25. ***Social Fund - Community Care Grant***

VAR1   SFGRNUM - How many such grants have you received in the last 6 months?

27. ***Back to Work Bonus (accrued)***

VAR1   BTWSTMT - Do you have a statement showing the amount of the bonus?

39. ***Social Fund - Budgeting Loan***

VAR1   LOANNUM - How many Social Fund loans do you have at the moment? (Integer 1..7)

40. ***Social Fund - Crisis Loan***

VAR1   LOANNUM - How many Social Fund loans do you have at the moment? (Integer 1..7)

65. ***DWP Payments (Income Support recipients)***

VAR2   GOVBEFOR - Was the amount before or after taking into account what the DWP pay for directly? (1=Before deducting, 2=After deducting)

66.   ***DWP Payments (Jobseeker's Allowance recipients)***

VAR2   GOVBEFOR - Was the amount before or after taking into account what the DWP pay for directly? (1=Before deducting, 2=After deducting)

69.   ***Social Fund Loan : Repayment (Income Support recipients)***

VAR2   SFINC - Whether the Income Support that the respondent receive last time was before or after taking off Social Fund loan repayments(1=Before, 2=After)

70.   ***Social Fund Loan : Repayment (Jobseeker Allowance recipients)***

VAR2   SFINC - Whether the Income Support that the respondent received last time was before or after taking off Social Fund loan repayments (1=Before, 2=After)

78.   ***Extended Housing / Council Tax Benefit (separate or combined)***

VAR1   EXTHBCTB - Did you receive an extended payment of Housing Benefit, or Council Tax Benefit, or both?

79.   ***Extended Housing / Council Tax Benefits (separate or combined)***

VAR1   EXTHBCTB - Did you receive an extended payment of Housing Benefit, or Council Tax Benefit, or both?

SUBSIDIARY TABLES

For Pensions and DWP Payments, additional tables have been created to hold more details about the breakdown of these benefits/loans.

PENAMT TABLE   Holds details of the components making up Retirement, Old Persons and Widows Pensions, each row in the table represents one component of the benefits. The rows are uniquely identified by the following Key fields :-

SERNUM   Unique serial number for the household

BENUNIT   The benefit unit number within the household

PERSON   The person number within the household

BENEFIT   The benefit type is a code identifying the type of benefit received i.e. 5 = Retirement Pension, 7 = Widows Pension

AMTTYPE   Component type i.e.:-
1.   Basic pension
2.   Basic increment
3.   Graduated pension
4.   Age Addition
5.   Increase of Pension for an Adult
6.   Increase of Pension for Children
7.   Invalidity addition
8.   Attendance Allowance
9.   Additional pension before contracted out deductions
10.   Contracted out deductions
11.   Additional pension: after contracted out deductions

12.   Additional pension increments

13.   Upgrading of contracted out increments

14.   Care Component – High

15.   Care Component – Middle

16.   Care Component – Low

17.   Mobility Component – High

18.   Mobility Component – Low

19.   Pension Credit - Guaranteed Element Amount

20.   Pension Credit - Savings Element Amount

25.   Basic Pension – based on   National Insurance (NI) Contributions

26.   Additional Pension - based on your earnings from 6th April 1978
to 5th April 1997

27.   Additional Pension - less contracted out Deductions (COD)

28.   Additional Pension - to 5th April 1997

29.   Additional Pension - based on your earnings from 6th April 1997 to 5th April 2002

30.   Additional Pension - based on earnings, caring or incapacity from 6th April 2002

31.   Shared Additional Pension - arising from your divorce settlement

32.   Increments - Basic Pension increments

33.   Increments - Additional Pension increments

34.   Increments - money paid to protect amount of any COD increments

35.   Increments - Shared Additional Pension Increments

36.   Graduated Retirement Benefit - based on contributions paid between 1961 and 1975

37.   Invalidity Addition - paid if you were entitled to Invalidity Allowance

38.   Money for other people

Additional variable/s :-

     PENQ   The weekly amount (Float 0.00..97.00)

GOVPAY TABLE   Holds the items that the DWP pay directly, each row in the table represents one item, the individual amounts are not asked. The rows are uniquely identified by the following key fields :-

     SERNUM   Unique serial number for the household

     BENUNIT   The benefit unit number within the household

     PERSON   The person number within the household

     BENEFIT   The benefit type is either 65 (Payments from IS/PC) or 66 (Payment from JSA)

     GOVPAY   Item type i.e.:-

     1.   Mortgage Interest

2. Rent Arrears

3. Fees for nursing homes

4. Gas or electricity bills

5. Service charges for heating or fuel

6. Water charges (GB)

7. Council Tax arrears (GB)

8. Rates Arrears (NI)

9. Fines

10. Maintenance payments

11. Item not known

BENEFIT EXISTENCE FIELDS

Accessing the BENEFITS table and looking for relevant rows can check the existence of benefits. Additionally, it is possible to check if an adult has a benefit, using the ADULT table. The original responses to the Benefit list questions are held in the ADULT table each field representing one Benefit. The fields are listed in Table 1. The possible values in each field are the standard converted multiple choice responses, i.e.:-

1	Yes
2	No
3	All responses in set are 'No'
- 1	Not applicable / skipped
- 9	Don't Know
- 8	Refused to answer
- 2	Not known / unable to derive

ADDITIONAL RESPONSES

In addition to Benefit details there are some additional questions concerning future benefits. These are held in the BENEFIT or ADULT table and are as follows:-

WHOREC1 - 5   These questions are asked of those people claiming DLA (Care), DLA (Mobility) and Attendance Allowance, or will claim any of these benefits in the future, as outlined below (Person Number -Symbolic 1..20,97). The benefits can be received for up to 5 people. The responses appear in the BENEFITS table.

B2QFUT1 - 3   Are asked of those people current not in receipt of Disability Living Allowance (Care and/or Mobility Components), or Attendance Allowance to establish if they are awaiting a decision on the application. The responses appear in the ADULT table.

B3QFUT1 - 6   Are asked of those people current not in receipt of JSA, IS/MIG, IB, MA, IIDB, or PC who are awaiting a decision on the application. The responses appear in the ADULT table.

TABLE 1   BENEFIT CODES

Question on ADULT table	table key BENEFITS	BENEFIT Description
B2QFUT1	42	Future : DLA (Care component)
B2QFUT2	43	Future : DLA (Mobility component)
B2QFUT3	44	Future : Attendance Allowance
BEN1Q1	3	Child Benefit
BEN1Q2	37	Guardian's Allowance
BEN1Q3	13	Carer's Allowance
BEN1Q4	5	Retirement or Old Person's Pension
BEN1Q5	6	Bereavement Benefit includes Bereavement or Widowed Parents Allowance
BEN1Q6	8 or 9	War Disablement or War Widow(er)'s Pension
BEN1Q7	10	Severe Disablement Allowance
BEN2Q1	1	DLA (Care component)
BEN2Q2	2	DLA (Mobility component)
BEN2Q3	12	Attendance Allowance
BEN3Q1	14	Jobseeker's Allowance
BEN3Q2	19	Income Support
BEN3Q3	17	Incapacity Benefit
BEN3Q4	21	Maternity Allowance
BEN3Q5	15	Industrial Injury Disability Benefit
BEN3Q6	4	Pension Credit
BEN4Q1	24	Social Fund Loan : Funeral Grant
BEN4Q2	22	Social Fund Loan : Maternity Grant
BEN4Q3	25	Social Fund Loan : Community Care Grant

BEN5Q1	78, 79, 80	Extended Housing Benefit, Council Tax Benefit, Rent or Rate rebate
BEN5Q2	60	Widow's Payment – lump sum
BEN5Q3	51	Receipt last 6mths – Child Maintenance Bonus / Premium
BEN5Q4	52	Receipt last 6mths – Job Grant *(formerly Lone Parent Benefit Run-on)*
BEN5Q5	45	Receipt last 6mths – Work Search Premium
BEN5Q6	46	Receipt last 6mths – In Work Credit
BEN5Q7	48	Receipt last 6mths – Work related Activity Premium
BEN5Q8	47	Receipt last 6mths – Return to Work Credit
BEN5Q9	30	Receipt last 6mths – Any other State or N.I. benefit
BEN7Q1	61	Unemployment / Redundancy Insurance
BEN7Q2	31	Trade Union Strike / Sick Pay
BEN7Q3	33	Private Sickness Scheme Benefits
BEN7Q4	34	Accident Insurance Scheme Benefits
BEN7Q5	81	Permanent Health Insurance
BEN7Q6	35	Hospital Savings Scheme Benefits
BEN7Q7	32	Friendly Society Benefits
BEN7Q8	83	Critical Illness Cover
BEN7Q9	82	Any other sickness insurance
CTCLUM1	93	CTC - lump sum under £105 covering whole year
CTCLUM2	91	CTC - regular payment via bank, PO or giro
EXTHBCT1	78	Extended HB – Housing Benefit paid separately
EXTHBCT2	79	Extended CTB – Council Tax Benefit paid separately
EXTHBCT3	80	Extended HBCTB – Housing & Council Tax combined or 'don't know'
GOVPIS	65	DWP 3rd party payments – made on behalf of IS recipients
GOVPJSA	66	DWP 3rd party payments – made on behalf of JSA recipients
GTA	36	Government Training Allowance

NDEAL	20	Currently participating in New Deal 50+
SFLNTYP1	39	Social Fund Loan : Budgeting
SFLNTYP2	40	Social Fund Loan : Crisis
SFRPIS	69	Social Fund Loan : repayment from IS or PC recipients
SFRPJSA	70	Social Fund Loan : repayment from JSA recipients
SFTYPE2	25	Social Fund Loan : Community Care Grant
TAXCRED1	90 or 92	Working Tax Credit : weekly or lump sum
TAXCRED2	91 or 93	Child Tax Credit : weekly or lump sum
WAR1	8	In receipt : War Disablement Pension
WAR2	9	In receipt : War Widow(er)'s Pension
WINTFUEL	62	Winter Fuel Payment
WPBA	6	Widow's Pension / Bereavement Allowance
WPA	7	Widowed Parents / Mothers Allowance
WTCLUM1	92	WTC – lump sum under £105 covering whole year
WTCLUM3	90	WTC – regular payment via bank, PO or giro