



## INVITATION TO TENDER (ITT) for Social Mobility Commission State of the Nation 2024 Clarification Questions

Date: 01/12/2023

Q No	Question	Response
1a	Section 6 in the 'Format of Bids' refers to 'References'. Please could you advise whether this means citations of previous published work, or contact details for previous clients who can provide a reference about our work?	Section 6 which is 'References' refers to previous published work.
1b	The ITT document notes that bids may exceed the stated budget if 'there is specific added value to the work which is achieved by increasing the budget'. Would it be okay if we provide a core proposal within the budget and then outline costed optional extras that we think would add value?	Yes.
1c	We know that previous State of the Nation reports have acknowledged contributions from a range of leading academics. Would we have access to people in this group, as well as the SMC secretariat, for discussion and feedback on our statistical analysis or should we build this expertise into our proposed project team?	The SMC secretariat will be able to feedback on the statistical analysis. The SMC secretariat would work with their expert consultants and would not be able to give the success bidder access to expert consultants.
1d	Would you be able to clarify what level of previous experience with each of the specific datasets listed, such as the LFS, you will be looking for us to evidence in our project team?	The SMC would expect extensive experience with the LFS, as the majority of indicators are derived from it. This should be evidenced by previous publications and analytical work.
1e	We understand that the R code used by the supplier of the analysis in 2023 will be provided. Are you able to advise whether there will be any opportunity to ask this supplier questions about the code if needed?	Yes, the SMC secretariat can forward questions to the previous supplier if needed.