The BEIS team wants to have up-to-date data on the current state of metering in large (above 1,000 m^2) non-domestic buildings in scope of the scheme. This will be vital in getting a clearer picture of metering and how easy, or difficult, it will be to collect the necessary building level energy data required to produce a building rating. If the research finds that the state of metering is not adequate to do this, the research should suggest how ratings might otherwise be produced.

2. **How should sectors be phased into the scheme, in what order and to what timescale and why?**

The BEIS team would like to gather evidence on how the implementation of the scheme should be phased. The contractor will be asked to give their views on the provisional criteria for assessing the readiness of each non-domestic sector to adopt the scheme. They will also be asked to provide their views on the possible order, and timing, of the phasing for the scheme. For example, when should each sector, e.g. retail or storage, be required to disclose ratings under the scheme?

3. **How are building owners and businesses likely to respond to the scheme in terms of their likely compliance?**

This question aims to provide the BEIS team with a better understanding of how likely building owners/occupiers will comply with the scheme, i.e. obtain and disclose their rating as prescribed by the Government, and how might compliance be increased?

Overview of the research methodology

The proposed methodology is set out in more detail in section 3 but, at a high-level, should include the following:

- Desk based research
- Theory based research
- Datasheet collection exercise of building energy managers
- Interviews with experts, building landlords and owner occupiers
- The contractor's own expertise and professional advice.

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