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Supplementary forecast information release

Housing Benefit tenure

The OBR are releasing the information below following a request for further detail underlying the March 2014 *Economic and fiscal outlook*. The OBR will where possible meet requests to release supplementary forecast information, where this will improve the quality of public debate on the public finances. Our full release policy can be found on our website.

The request for further information asked for the underlying tenure trends (for owner occupancy, private renting, and social renting) that support our housing benefit forecasts to 2018-19.

The table below shows the assumptions about housing tenure that underlie our housing benefit forecasts. These are shown for all households, and also for working age households and pensioner households.

Housing tenure for working age households, pensioner households, and all households

	Per cent											
	Outturn					Forecast						
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	
Working Age												
Renting	33.4	34.8	36.5	38.4	39.3	39.8	40.4	40.8	41.3	41.7	42.0	
Owner occupiers	66.6	65.2	63.5	61.6	60.7	60.2	59.6	59.2	58.7	58.3	58.0	
Pensioners (excluding residential care)												
Renting	25.4	24.5	24.3	23.6	23.1	22.5	21.9	21.8	21.4	21.2	21.1	
Owner occupiers	74.6	75.5	75.7	76.4	76.9	77.5	78.1	78.2	78.6	78.8	78.9	
Overall¹												
Renting	31.3	32.1	33.3	34.4	34.8	35.0	35.2	35.5	35.7	35.8	36.0	
Owner occupiers	68.7	67.9	66.7	65.6	65.2	65.0	64.8	64.5	64.3	64.2	64.0	
¹ Overall figures based on the following assumption for the composition of total households:												
Working Age	73.9	73.7	73.5	73.2	72.6	72.3	72.1	71.9	71.7	71.4	71.1	
Pensioners	26.1	26.3	26.5	26.8	27.4	27.7	27.9	28.1	28.3	28.6	28.9	

Source: ONS Labour Force Survey data, DWP and OBR.

The renting assumptions are used to derive total caseload forecasts. Figures are available on the DWP website for housing benefit caseloads that show how those caseloads are split between private renting and social renting.¹ This split is based on historic Housing Benefit trends and not on the tenure split of the population.

¹ These figures are available in the table on Housing Benefit in the spreadsheet 'Outturn and forecast: Budget 2014' at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/benefit-expenditure-and-caseload-tables-2014>