

Summarised below are common issues related to BVPIs, including:

- Composting of street sweepings;
- Trade Waste at CA sites;
- Bulky Waste;
- Recyclables from residual treatment processes;
- Rubble;
- Third Party recycling tonnages;
- WDAs in two tier area

**1. How do I record street sweepings which are sent for composting?**

Street sweepings are classified as household waste. If leaf fall from street sweepings are collected for composting, the tonnage should be recorded in the household tonnage section of Q18 'Municipal parks/grounds waste collected through other means for composting'.

The destination of where the material is sent to should then be entered into Q19 'other compostable waste' and for a WDA/UA in Q61-63. Any street sweepings collected & directly disposed of should be recorded directly in Q23.

**2. Where should I record trade waste accepted at Civic Amenity sites?**

Any residual waste from commercial sources accepted at Civic Amenity Sites should be entered in Q23 Collected non household waste: Civic Amenity Sites. If waste from commercial sources is collected at Civic Amenity sites for recycling, this should be entered into Q11, the destination of where the material is sent to should then be entered into Q19.

**3. Where should I record bulky waste collected from households?**

Bulky waste collected from households should be recorded in Q10. If the material collected is reused this should be placed in the 'Tonnage collected for reuse' column of Q10 and the destination of the material in Q35. Any tonnages collected for reuse are not included in BVPI calculations.

**4. Will recyclables recovered from the pre-treatment of residual waste be able to count towards my recycling rate in BVPI 82a?**

If residual household waste reported in Question 23 is subsequently sent to a pre-treatment process in Q56, 57, 59, 60, 64 or 65 the material recovered for recycling will be included in your household recycling rate (for authorities carrying out disposal function). The percentage of recyclables from household sources will be calculated based on a residual household waste adjustment factor from information supplied in Q69 or alternatively Q23.

**5. As a WCA we collect residual waste which goes to our WDA and material is subsequently recovered for recycling, where should I record this?**

The tonnages of residual waste diverted to recycling should NOT be counted by the constituent WCAs in their recycling for 82a. The sorting of MSW is a waste disposal activity and the waste has passed into the control of the WDA at this point. Therefore, the back allocation of recyclate coming out of a pre-disposal treatment (in Q51-65) by a WDA to their WCAs' recycling is not allowed for BVPIs.

Where a WDA is sorting MSW (whether through MBT or 'dirty MRF') and getting some material out that is being sent for (and accepted by reprocessor) for recycling then this will be recognised in the WDA's calculated BVPI 82a. Including this in the WCA tonnages would result in double-counting.

**6. Will any rubble collected for recycling count towards my BVPI recycling rate?**

Under the Controlled Waste Regulations 1992 any waste arising from works of construction or demolition including preparatory works is to be treated as industrial waste. Therefore any rubble from household sources or otherwise is not treated as household waste and therefore is excluded from a local authority's recycling rate.

**7. Will household waste collected for recycling by third parties be included in my BVPI recycling rate?**

Waste collected by third parties for which collection or disposal recycling credits are paid under Section 52 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 may be recorded in Question 12 or 33 of WasteDataFlow. Any tonnages (excluding rubble) recorded in these questions will be included when calculating a local authority's recycling rate.

**8. Which sections of the residual waste question (Q23) are included as household waste?**

Residual waste tonnages are reported in Q23. The following columns are included in your BVPIs: Collected Household Waste categories (regular collection, street cleaning, bulky waste, other), household waste from civic amenity sites, and Gully emptyings. Further information on gully emptyings and other definitional issues regarding household waste for BVPIs can be obtained from Defra's FAQs at [http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/waste/localauth/perf\\_mgmt.htm#bvpi](http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/waste/localauth/perf_mgmt.htm#bvpi)

**9. WDAs in two-tier areas: what data from my WCAs are you including in my calculated household recycling rate?**

Detailed guidance on the calculation methodology is available at <http://www.wastedataflow.org/html/datasets.aspx>. For WDAs, only the household recycling information from their WCAs are used in calculating BVPI82 (household elements of questions 10, 12, 16, 17, 18, 19, 33, 34).

**10. Why are BVPIs only for household waste?**

The definitions, scope and auditing of BVPIs are not the responsibility of WasteDataFlow. WasteDataFlow is simply the reporting vehicle for BVPIs from 2006/7 onwards and this does not change any of the existing guidance and procedures as set out by DCLG, the Audit Commission and Defra. Any queries regarding definitions etc. should continue to be raised through the normal routes.