

Table 3 - Questions to consider

1	Would you like to read the full privacy notice for this survey?	
	<input type="radio"/> Yes	
	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
2	Your details:	
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	Job Title (if applicable)	Manager
Ref	Questions to consider	Please supply your reasons
3	The NFI should widen the data matching powers to include prevention and detection of crime (other than fraud).	<p>This new power will allow the NFI data to be used to help Police investigations.</p> <p>It is not clear from the consultation if it would only be Police authorities that could use the data in this way or if for example council fraud investigators could also use it for investigations into “other crime”?</p>
	<input type="radio"/> Strongly agree	
	<input type="radio"/> Agree	
	<input type="radio"/> Neither agree or disagree	
	<input type="radio"/> Disagree	
	<input type="radio"/> Strongly disagree	

		<input type="radio"/> Don't know	
4	The NFI should widen the data matching powers to include apprehension and prosecution of offenders	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Strongly agree <input type="radio"/> Agree <input type="radio"/> Neither agree or disagree <input type="radio"/> Disagree <input type="radio"/> Strongly disagree <input type="radio"/> Don't know	<p>This new power will allow the NFI data to be used to help Police investigations.</p> <p>It is not clear if this facility be available to other bodies eg council counter-fraud teams who prepare cases to be taken forward for prosecution?</p>
5	The NFI should widen the data matching powers to include prevention and detection of errors and inaccuracies.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Strongly agree <input type="radio"/> Agree <input type="radio"/> Neither agree or disagree <input type="radio"/> Disagree <input type="radio"/> Strongly disagree <input type="radio"/> Don't know	<p>This would allow councils to help ensure local residents obtain benefits they are entitled to.</p> <p>It is not clear from the consultation if this facility would this just be available to councils or to other bodies that pay out grants, benefits, or provide social benefits etc?</p>
D	The NFI should widen the data matching powers to include recovery of debt owing to public bodies.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Strongly agree	<p>This should help improve debt collection rates.</p> <p>The consultation mentions the Fairness in Debt Management principles several times and says that these principles should be adhered to.</p>

		<input type="radio"/> Agree <input type="radio"/> Neither agree or disagree <input type="radio"/> Disagree <input type="radio"/> Strongly disagree <input type="radio"/> Don't know	<p>It is unclear how the Cabinet Office will ensure the Fairness in Debt Management principles are adhered to. The draft Code says that “participant organisations will have their own fairness policies and practice in how they manage debt”. It is unclear if consideration has been given to cases where local policies differ from the Fairness in Debt Management principles.</p> <p>This would be a good resource for all types of bodies across all sectors, not just councils and central government as mentioned in the consultation.</p>
<b>7</b>	Do you want to raise any particular equality related issues in relation to this proposal?	<p>No issues identified  The new powers should help identify people who are not claiming benefits they are entitled to.</p>	
<b>8</b>	Do you have any views on the updates to the Code of Data Matching Practice?	<p>No issues. The comments above also apply to the draft Code.</p>	
<b>9</b>	Do you have any views on the proposals to extend the data matching powers with respect to data protection?	<p>Data protection issues including appropriate privacy notices should be considered for any new organisations participating in the NFI for the first time as a result of the new powers.</p>	
<b>10</b>	Is there anything additional that you wish to add?	<p>no</p>	
<b>11</b>	Please indicate whether you are happy for the relevant points and comments you have made to be published in the consultation summary report:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I am happy for my responses to be published alongside my name and organisation <input type="checkbox"/> I am happy for my responses to be published alongside my organisation <input type="checkbox"/> I am happy for my responses to be published anonymously <input type="checkbox"/> I do not want any of my responses to be published	

