

2017-06-23 Meeting notes

Date

23 Jun 2017

Attendees

- [Elisa Kendall](#)
- [Dan Gillman](#)
- [David Saul](#)
- [Pete Rivett](#)
- [Anthony B. Coates](#)

Agenda

- 1) Use Case reminder
- 2) Where we are on our road map.
- 3) Open Action Items
- 4) JIRA Issues Review - <https://jira.edmcouncil.org/projects/IND/issues/IND-17?filter=allopenissues>
- 5) Todays content discussion.
 - SMIF OWL-UML
 - SKOS
 - RDF/S
- 6) For next week.

Proceedings:



Slides are available here –

On housing starts, a "start" of construction is defined when excavation begins for the footings or foundation of a building. If it is a multi-family building, then it's the start of anything related to construction. See

<https://www.census.gov/construction/nrc/definitions/index.html#start>

for details with respect to what that means. Note that this glossary includes other definitions we may want, such as regions of the US, definitions related to construction/housing, etc.

With respect to the economic indicator related to housing starts – there is a construction price indexes – there are several indicators and related surveys, such as new single family houses sold, new single family houses under construction, comparison of price indexes for houses sold vs. houses under construction; existing home sales – there is an index from the National Association of Realtors (which Census references to come up with new homes sales (from Census) vs. existing homes sales (from NAR)).

These are price indices / construction price indices, which are more like a producer price index rather than consumer price index.

BLS publishes information about non-residential construction under PPI, but not residential construction, although BLS publishes information on employment under residential construction. See <https://www.census.gov/construction/cpi/> for new housing construction price indices. So non-residential construction is under PPI, not clear what the housing construction prices should be classified as - likely independent. Construction Price Index - Non-residential (which is also under PPI) and Residential (which is not under PPI), simply because that's the way it is in the US. Check with Lucy to see what Canada does.

More information on wage related indices published by BLS is available at <https://www.bls.gov/opub/hom/pdf/homch2.pdf>

Decisions:

Action items

