North Sea Transition Authority

UKSS SECTION GUIDE

DECOMMISSIONING

This section will

- appear once at an organisational level, and
- appear for all Fields, except for when both of the following conditions are met:
    i. No forecast decommissioning costs left to report (including post monitoring costs).
    ii. AND an approved Close Out Report from OPRED.

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1. UKSS 2026 CHANGES

The following changes have been implemented in the Decommissioning section of the UKSS (UK Stewardship Survey):

1. The questions on the Assets CoP schedule page have been reordered so that the button to set/change to the Company CoP and cost profile dates is at the start of the section, and above the grey cells detailing the dates (which are only editable via the Set/change Company CoP/cost profiles button).
2. Redesigned the Well decommissioning section within the Well P and A actuals tab of the Estimates, forecasts and actuals section.
   The ‘New mechanical status’ and ‘Well type’ dictate which subset of questions will be requested. There is now questions associated with a Phase 0 – Plug and lubricated, a Reservoir barrier, an Intermediate barrier, an Environmental plug, High pressure/High temperature, CCS repurposing potential, P&A execution strategy, and Conductor/Wellhead, along with costs for well decommissioning up to AB2 mechanical status and from AB2 to AB2D/AB3 mechanical status.
3. For subsea infrastructure only, the validation check assessing the pipeline cost versus quantities values has been modified. The check now compares, for the same year period, Quantity/Length: Subsea infrastructure trunk – total length against Cost: Trunk lines.
4. Updated in-survey guidance notes in the following locations:
   - Assets > Estimates, forecasts and actuals > 2026 Well P&A Actuals
   - Assets > Cost Estimate > Well Decommissioning
   - Assets > Estimates, forecasts and actuals > Cost estimates > Subsea infrastructure
   - Assets > Estimates, forecasts and actuals > Well P&A Actuals > Well decommissioning

2. FIELD – DECOMMISSIONING

2.1 Manage Assets

The Objective of the Decommissioning section is to collect consistent information on decommissioning activity from operators to allow meaningful analysis resulting in valuable outputs back to the industry at large.

Please provide the best current estimates and identified actual costs where available. Data should be filled in for **all assets.**

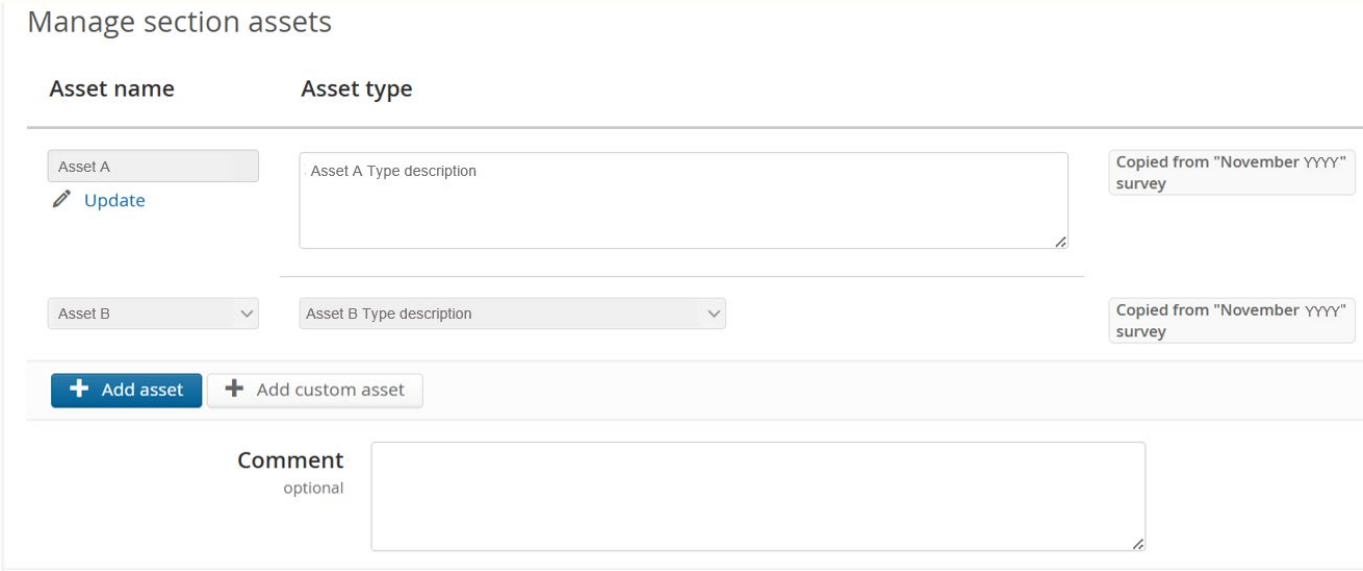
Within each field, please select ‘Add asset’ or if necessary ‘Add custom asset’ and provide direct costs and quantities under each asset.

An exception to this is where wells are drilled to multiple fields from a single platform. In this case, the wells should be counted under the platform and a note confirming this should be added to relevant field submissions.

Where appropriate, please add brief commentary to individual field submissions stating the host infrastructure back to which the field ties. Direct post-CoP running costs (e.g. inspection costs) for subsea fields should be defined and inputted. However, a subsea field’s share of host installation costs should not be allocated to the subsea field in the Stewardship Survey – the operator of the host installation is expected to provide these costs on a 100% basis elsewhere in the Stewardship Survey. Please use the comments box to provide narrative where helpful. Following these principles allows data to be gathered consistently in line with OEUK Guidelines and improves the quality and usefulness of the resultant benchmarks.

Where a platform or FPSO (used throughout this survey to denote any floating installation such as an FSU or FPF) acts as host to multiple fields, please add the host asset under one field only and provide host-related costs and quantities in this one place only. Please do not distribute host costs among user fields.

All assets within a Field should be listed on the screen.

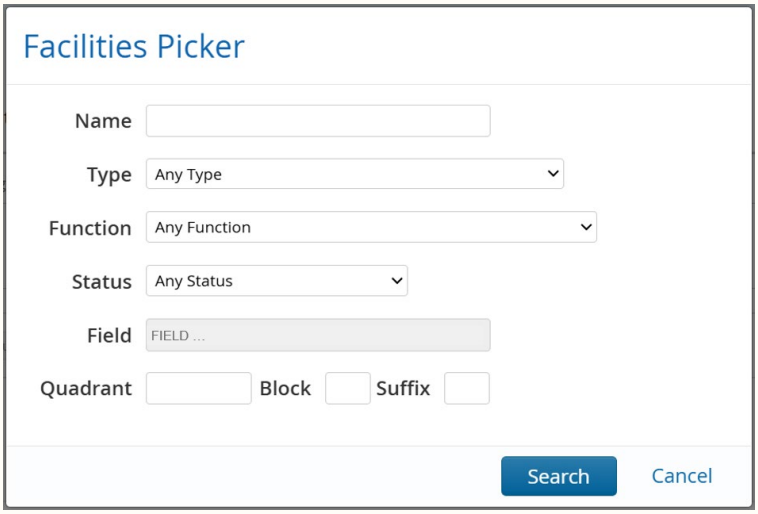


Use the Comment box to state any relevant information regarding the submission.

Should you need to report data on any additional facility, click the 

icon, or if necessary add custom asset.

The ‘advanced search’ option opens the ‘Facilities Picker’ window that helps to source a facility.



2.2 Cessation of production (CoP) dates

The NSTA requires operators to submit the following 3 cessation dates, estimates or actuals where relevant.

- Company CoP date
  Defined as the asset base case CoP date i.e. the date which the asset is expected to, or has already, permanently ceased production of native oil and gas. Likely based on an operator's economic P50 estimate or when the host facility is expected to cease operations/exporting. Date should **exclude** any potential field life extension impact from unsanctioned projects and should not consider any future third party processing dates.

- Early CoP date
  Defined as the earliest credible CoP date based on asset risk register i.e. the earliest credible CoP date based on asset risk register. CoP date could be driven by asset integrity risks, production decline or other such factors. This should be an operational risk date, not driven solely by economic factors.

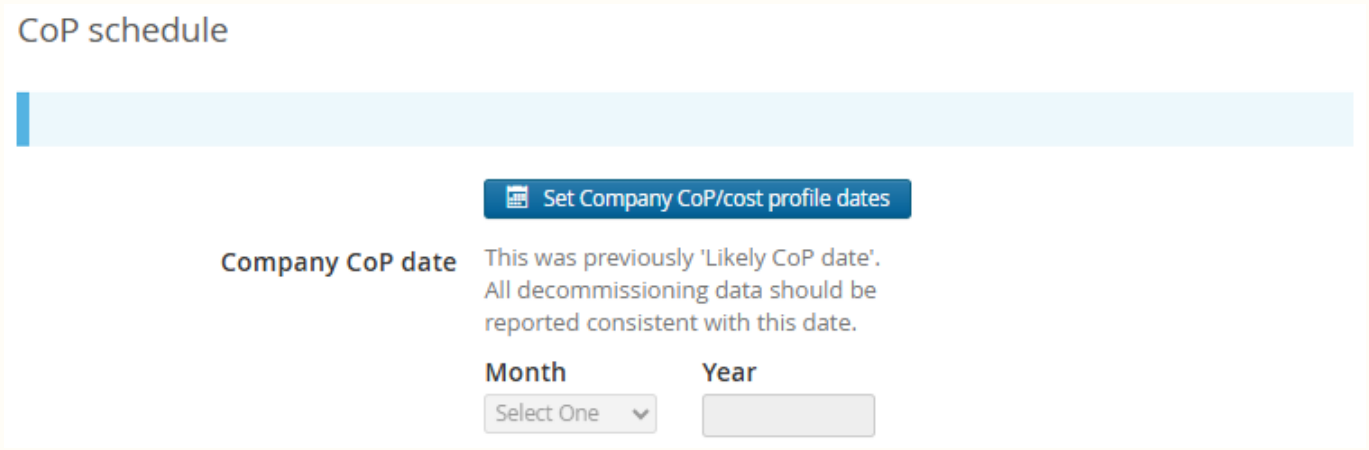
- Emissions backstop date
  Defined as the date in which host post-CoP running costs and routine GHG emissions cease permanently. This is very likely linked to final platform disembarkation for manned installations once the topsides are hydrocarbon free and the platform wells are decommissioned (likely to AB2 status) or vessel sail away in the case of FPSOs. The Emissions Backstop date and Company CoP date are therefore inherently linked.

These dates support an effective transition from asset late life operations to CoP and subsequent decommissioning, as well as supporting the implementation of the OGA Plan for Emissions Reduction.

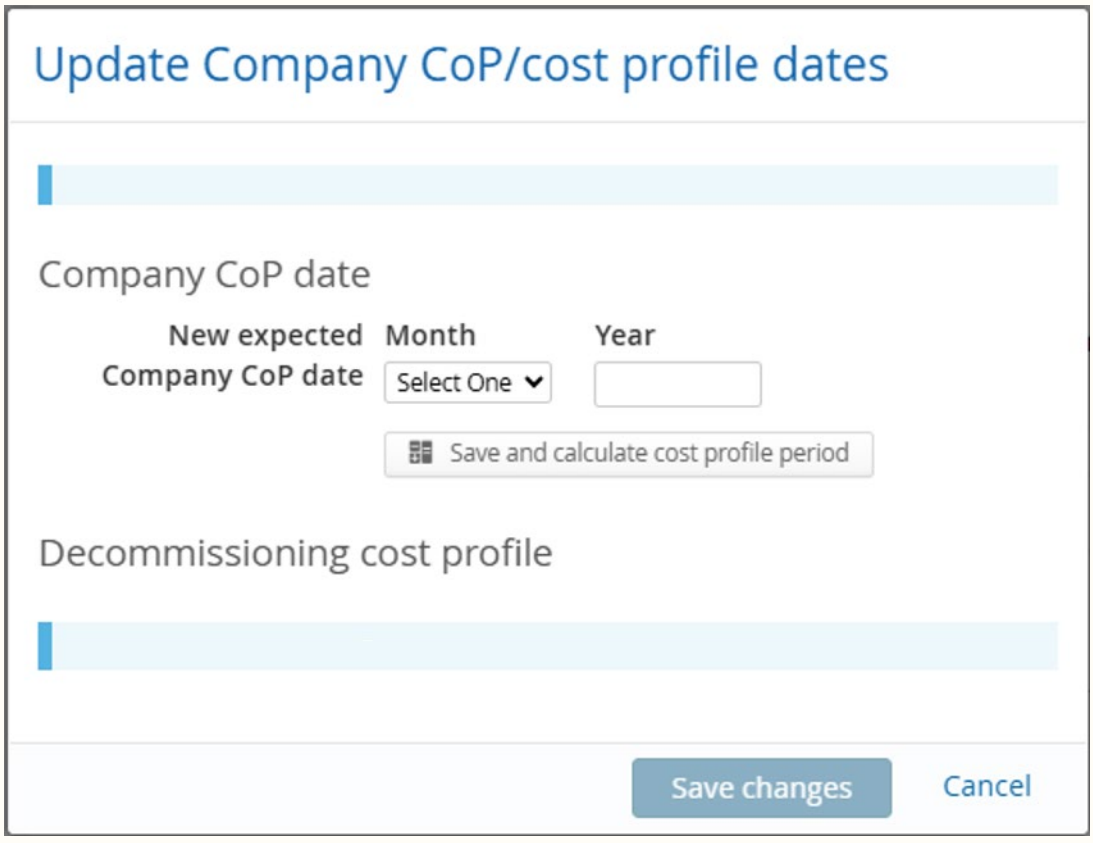
Please provide a brief comment as to the basis of the three dates in the 'General Comments' section.

All cost and quantities & weights profiles provided should be based on the 'Company CoP date', not the 'Early CoP date'.

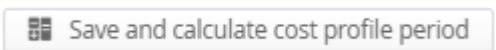
2.3 CoP Schedule



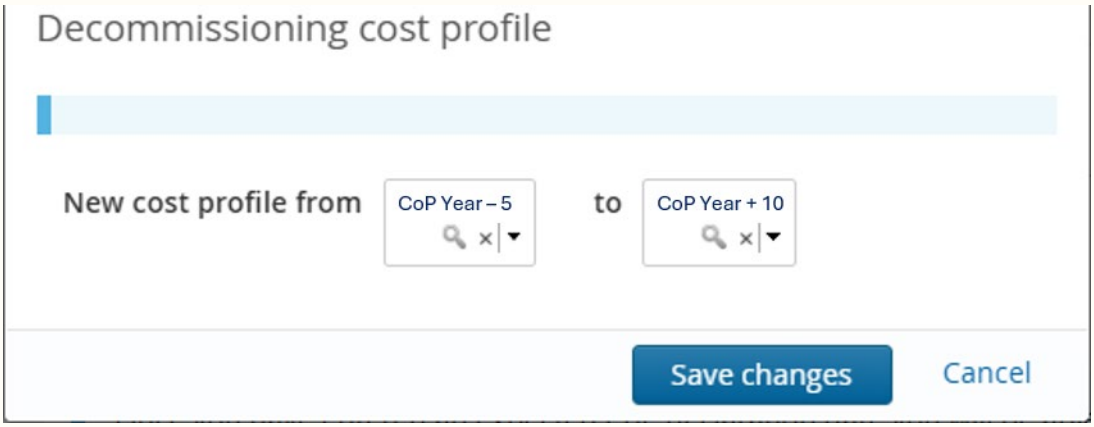
Click on the  icon to set the Company CoP date and decommissioning cost profile. Reference section 2.2 for Company CoP date definition.



Once the Company CoP date is saved the decommissioning cost profile years will appear.



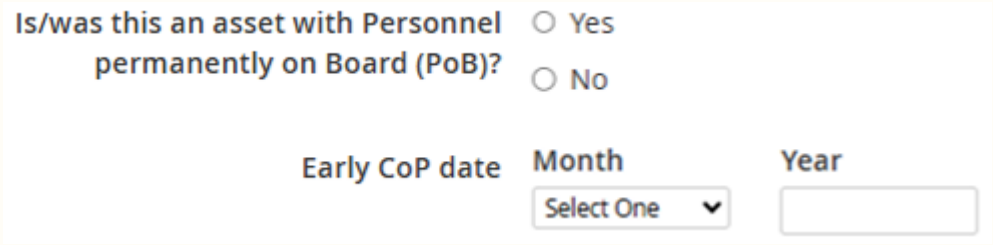
The cost profile will be used to populate the cost and quantities data tables. The default setting will be from ‘Company CoP date – 5 years’ and to ‘Company CoP date + 10 years’, but please choose the cost profile timespan that you would like the cost and quantities data tables populated with.



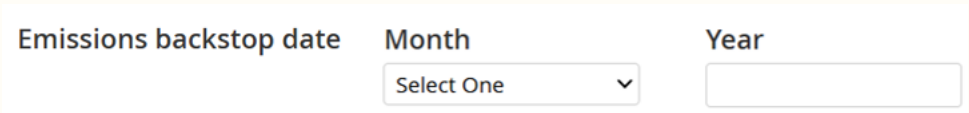
NOTE:
If you have data for years that are not present in this default range, adjust the start and end years before saving your changes, otherwise the data will be deleted.

Any values already entered against specific years will only be retained if the year falls within the new cost profile range.

Once the Company CoP date and Cost profile dates are set, the following data request will be displayed:



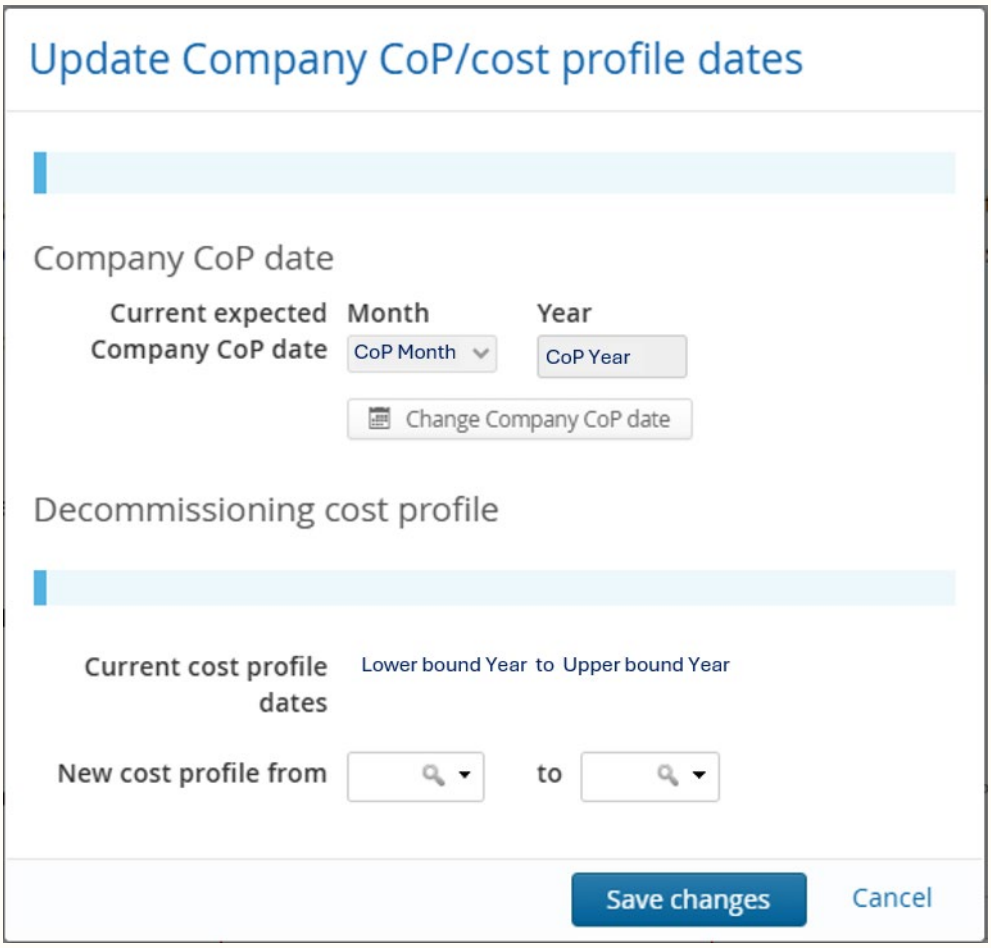
If ‘yes’ is selected for the question, ‘Is/was this an asset with Personnel permanently on Board (PoB)?’, then you will be requested to enter an Emissions backstop date.

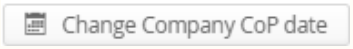


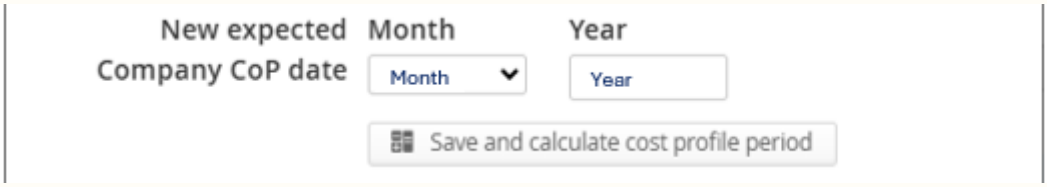
2.3.1 Update Company CoP date or Decommissioning cost profile dates

The Company CoP date and/or the decommissions cost profile dates can be edited by clicking on the 

icon and opening the ‘Update Company CoP/cost profile dates’ window.



Click on  to alter and save the ‘New expected Company CoP date’.



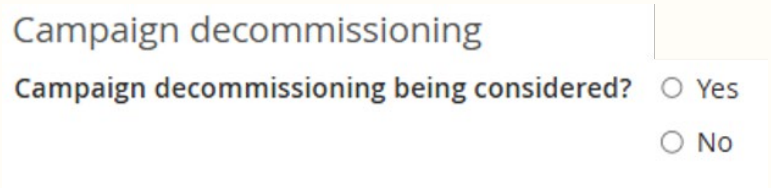
After saving the new Company CoP date, the cost profile period range will automatically change to run from Company CoP date - 5 years to Company CoP date + 10 years.
Please adjust to ensure

- the retention of 'actuals' (costs/quantities/weight) data submitted in previous surveys against specific years, **otherwise those values will be deleted**;
- the required years will be present for the cost estimates and activity forecast questions.

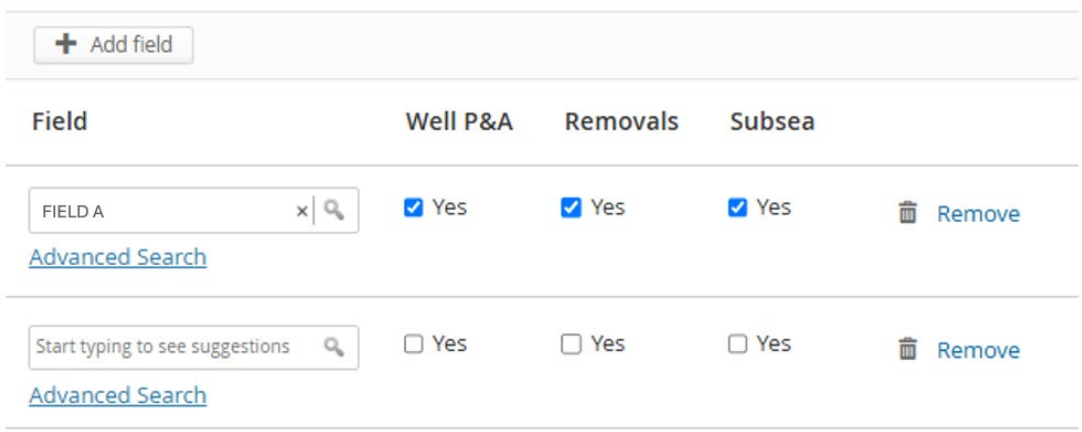
Note: The 'New cost profile' range can be adjusted without the need to change the Company CoP date.

2.4 Campaign decommissioning

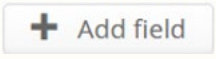
This section aims to capture whether any part of the listed decommissioning activities are being considered for aggregation/campaign approach either within company portfolio or with other operators in region.



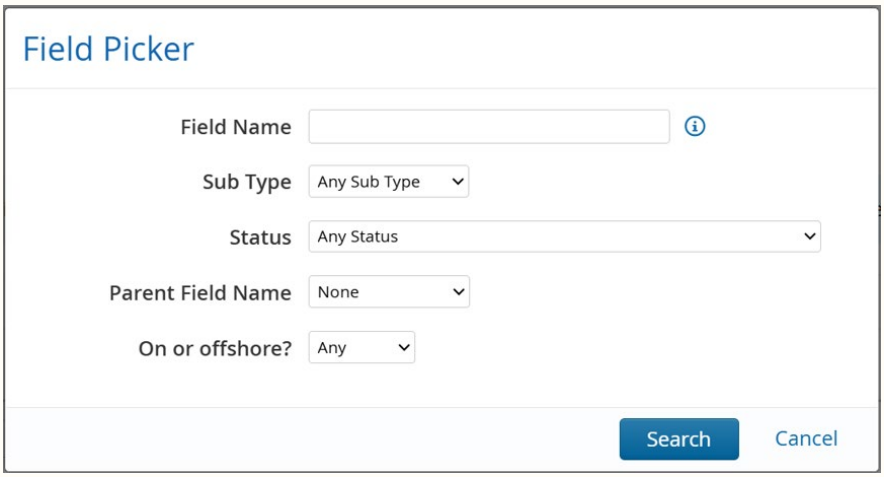
If 'Yes' is selected for the question, 'Campaign decommissioning being considered?', then you will be requested to indicate which elements of the work are being considered for a campaign approach and, if known, state the other fields this is with.



The campaign decommissioning selection will be copied forward from the previous year's submission.

Please use the 

icon to detail all the fields that are in the work campaign. The 'advanced search' option opens the 'Field Picker' window that helps the user to find and select an existing facility.

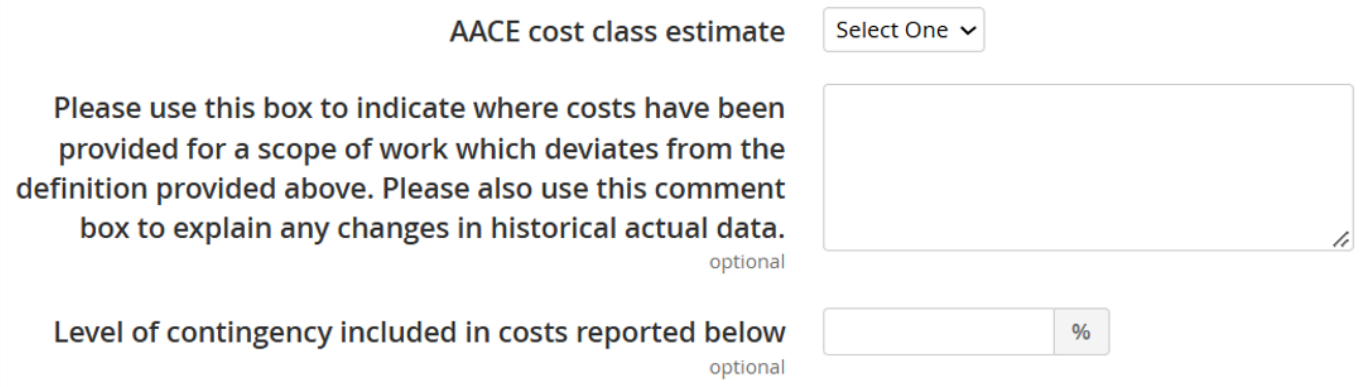


2.5 Estimates, forecasts and actuals

For the aspects of decommissioning listed in the table of contents below,

Table of contents
Operator project management
Post CoP running costs
Well decommissioning
Facilities & pipelines permanent isolation & cleaning
Topsides preparation
Removal
Subsea infrastructure
Topsides and substructure onshore disposal
Site remediation
Post Decommissioning Monitoring
Total expenditure
Other relevant information

a table of costs and the following data request will be presented for completion:



With reference to the Estimate class and Secondary characteristic table below, select a classification of estimate for the AACE cost class estimate question and the associated contingency level (if any) included in the costs reported question.

Estimate class	Secondary characteristic
	Expected accuracy range Typical variation in low and high ranges at an 80% confidence interval
Class 5	L: -20% to -50% H: +30% to +100%
Class 4	L: -15% to -30% H: +20% to +50%

Class 3	L: -10% to -20% H: +10% to +30%
Class 2	L: -5% to -15% H: +5% to +20%
Class 1	L: -3% to -10% H: +3% to +15%

2.5.1 Cost estimates

MM ≡ million.

Please complete the Cost Estimate with the operator's actual and best available forecasted spend under each of the Work Breakdown Structure (WBS) categories. Forecasted costs are required in £MM in '*survey year*' money. Actual costs are required in the year of money spent.

The expectation is that the next 10 years of estimates are entered as a profile across the 11 WBS categories. Beyond '*survey year* + 10 years', if cost estimates are available as a profile and/or per WBS category then please enter as so. Otherwise, enter estimates beyond '*survey year* + 10 years' as aggregated below:

- Owners Cost (Project Management, Post CoP Running Costs) into the Operator project management section
- Well Decommissioning into the Well Decommissioning section.
  This includes well costs incurred as pre work for plug and abandonment operations, such as P&L, wellbore surveys etc.
- Topside Removal (Permanent Isolation & Cleaning, Topside Prep, Topside Removal) entered into Removal - Topside section and separately including Substructure Removal into the Removal - Sub-structure/Jacket section.
- Subsea Infrastructure into the Subsea infrastructure - Other section
- Onshore Recycling & Disposal (Site Remediation, Monitoring) into the Topsides and substructure onshore disposal section

FPSO Guidance:

- Engineering down, emptying tanks, cleaning down and flushing of risers - costs to go in Permanent Isolation & Cleaning.
- Disconnection costs, riser disconnection and recovery, mooring leg disconnection and recovery, anchor removal, tugs for heading control, towing to port etc. in Substructure Removals.
- Marker buoy or Guard vessel hire should go under post CoP running costs.

Where a basis may not be available to readily split into WBS Categories, please be pragmatic in the methodology of doing so. Leave a brief comment in the ‘Other relevant information’ or General comments box detailing what was done.

Please indicate, using the text boxes provided, where the figures entered within a category deviate from the OEUK WBS definition.

Actual costs from the previous survey have been copied across for your convenience into this survey.

Historic data is locked to prevent unnecessary edits to actual costs. Please only unlock and edit when there is a genuine error or a significant update in the actual costs previously provided as in most instances, it would be expected that actuals would remain consistent with prior year surveys. If a change is necessary, please enter a comment into the individual comment box above for the reason for the change.

Notes:

- The decommissioning survey cost should include ‘full life cycle cost’, i.e. including wells yet to be drilled or infrastructure yet to be installed which has been sanctioned.
- The total estimate in the Decommissioning survey should agree to the Activity Survey.
- Please indicate if contracts have been placed for each of the forecasted tasks or activities; this is valuable information for the supply chain.

 You can paste values into the table directly from Excel:

- The page will map your pasted cell values to the table cells, ignoring any overflowing rows or columns
- Input fields which have been pasted to will be highlighted green to allow a visual check.

Data for years prior to last year are actual values and should not be edited.
There is an option to unlock the previous year’s data; **only unlock these values to correct historic actual data.** Changes made to the historical actuals must be explained in the comments box above the table.

Contracts in place:

Please indicate if contracts have been placed for each of the forecasted tasks or activities; this is valuable information for the supply chain.
Contract selection will be copied forward from previous years submission.

2.5.1.1 Operator project management

The owner's direct costs for management and engineering, preparation of documentation, presentation and related, including:

- Project Management Core Team
- Stakeholder engagement
- Studies to support Decommissioning Programmes and scope definition/ method development
- Decommissioning programme preparation and decommissioning programme reporting / close out (admiralty charts, fish safe etc)

The contractors awarded scopes of work throughout a decommissioning project will have project management with their associated activities. This ‘contractor project management’ should be included in each respective WBS element as necessary.

Costs associated with operators core decommissioning team (project management team) should be included under operator project management.
Operator project management costs are expected to be incurred throughout the full lifecycle of a decommissioning project.

	Operator project management (£MM)
COP Year – 5	
COP Year – 4	
COP Year – 3	
COP Year – 2	
COP Year – 1	
(COP) Year	
COP Year + 1	
COP Year + 2	
COP Year + 3	
COP Year + 4	
COP Year + 5	
COP Year + 6	
COP Year + 7	
COP Year + 8	
COP Year + 9	
COP Year + 10	
Total spend	0

2.5.1.2 Post CoP running costs

Post CoP running costs as they refer to the management and operation of the installation (platform or FPSO only). Where relevant this includes:

- Logistics (aviation & marine)
- Operations Team
- Deck Crew
- Power Generation
- Platform Services
- Integrity management (Inspection and maintenance)
- Operations specialists services e.g. waste management
- Guard vessel costs should also be included here

For FPSO removal projects please insert costs from the CoP date to the date of handover (i.e. at port or other).

Note: If 'Yes' was selected for the question "Is/was this an asset with Personnel on Board (PoB)?" in the CoP schedule section,
then the 'Actual/Forecast date for the final disembarkation' question will appear.

	Post CoP running costs (£MM)	What is your actual/anticipated core crew PoB (annual average) of the installation in late life operations, pre CoP up to time of disembarkation
COP Year – 5		
COP Year – 4		
COP Year – 3		
COP Year – 2		
COP Year – 1		
(COP) Year		
COP Year + 1		
COP Year + 2		
COP Year + 3		
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COP Year + 9		
COP Year + 10		
Total spend/number	0	

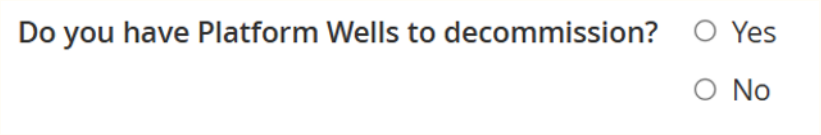
Please provide actual/anticipated core crew* PoB (average per annum). For platforms which had PoB but which have now been disembarked, please still submit the historical PoB data. Do not enter zero PoB.

For bridge-linked platforms with PoB, please apportion total PoB under the platform where post-CoP running costs have been apportioned.
This should be only one platform. Insert zero PoB for the other platforms.

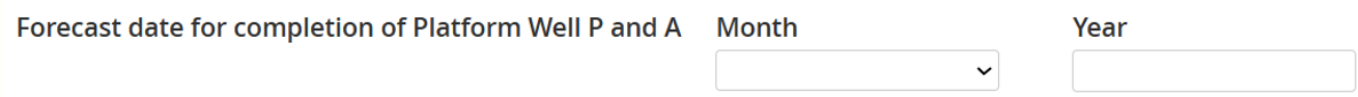
*Core crew: e.g., operations and maintenance team, catering, medic, heliops etc. plus topside preparation team and well decommissioning team.

2.5.1.3 Well decommissioning

Platform P&A



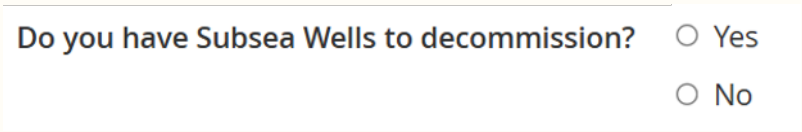
If ‘yes’ is selected for the question, ‘Do you have Platform Wells to decommission?’, then you will be requested to enter a forecast date for completion of Platform Well P and A.



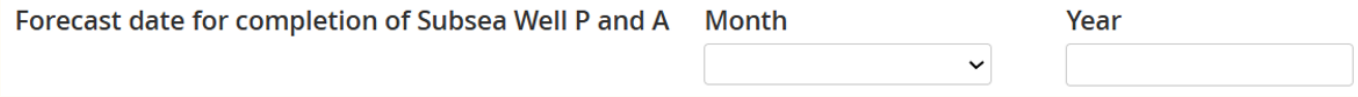
Subsea development wells

Subsea development wells only, please exclude any E&A well costs.
These will feature in the Wells section of the survey only.

However, if you have an E&A well P&A **actual** then please submit this in the ‘Well P and A actuals’ section of **any** field in your portfolio so that it may be included in the benchmarking dataset.



If ‘yes’ is selected for the question, ‘Do you have Subsea Wells to decommission?’, then you will be requested to enter a forecast date for completion of Subsea Well P and A.



Costs for well P&A

The costs for well P&A (both platform and subsea) include:

- Facilities Upgrade
- Studies to support well programmes
- Well suspension (spread rate/duration)
- Wells project management
- Operations support
- Specialist services e.g. Wireline
- Conductor recovery
- Cleaning and recycling
- Vessel costs

Please record the platform and subsea wells forecasted cost by mechanical status. If well decommissioning is phased over multiple years identify costs in the correct mechanical status.

	Platform P&A				Subsea Development Wells		
	Facilities upgrades (£MM)	AB1 (£MM)	AB2 (£MM)	AB3 (£MM)	AB1 (£MM)	AB2 (£MM)	AB3 (£MM)
Contract in place		○ Yes ○ No ○ N/A			○ Yes ○ No ○ N/A		
COP Year – 5							
COP Year – 4							
COP Year – 3							
COP Year – 2							
COP Year – 1							
(COP) Year							
COP Year + 1							
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COP Year + 4							
COP Year + 5							
COP Year + 6							
COP Year + 7							
COP Year + 8							
COP Year + 9							
COP Year + 10							
Total spend	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Facilities Upgrade

Examples of facilities upgrade may include, but not limited to rig reactivation, modular unit, Hydraulic Workover Unit installation, procurement of special equipment, recertification, platform upgrades, rig upgrades, others. (please provide a description of these costs using the comment box above).

Mechanical Status

Please ensure you add the costs in the correct column.

AB1: A wellbore where the reservoir has been permanently isolated. The wellbore below the barrier is no longer accessible.

AB2: All required permanent isolation barriers have been installed and verified (including environmental barriers). No ‘in-well’ work is required to fully decommission the well. The well origin and conductor above the well origin may still require to be removed.

AB3: The well origin and all conductor above the well origin have been removed.

As a minimum, costs to AB2 status and costs from AB2 to final decommissioned status are expected to be estimated separately. e.g. if the platform well decommissioning programme is £10MM total, see examples and table below to illustrate how to record the forecasted cost.

Example 1 – all phases of abandonment are completed in 2025.
How to record: split cost by mechanical status to reach the total

Example 2 – all phases of abandonment up to final abandonment status are completed in 2026, and costs are NOT able to be reported per mechanical status.
How to record: put all cost into final mechanical status (e.g. AB3)

Example 3 – AB2 complete in 2027 and AB3 completed in 2028.
How to record: split total cost by mechanical status and year.

Also, where activities span multiple calendar years report the cost proportionally e.g. if AB2 abandonment is phased across 2027 and 2028 proportion well costs across the two years.

Example		Platform P&A		
	Year	**AB1**	**AB2**	**AB3**
1	2026	£ 5 MM	£ 3 MM	£ 2 MM
2	2027			£10 MM
3	2028		£ 8 MM	
	2029			£ 2 MM

Subsea wells

Subsea development well estimates only. Please exclude any E&A well estimates. However, if you have an E&A well P&A **actual** then please submit this in the 'Well P and A actuals' section of **any** field in your portfolio so that it may be included in the benchmarking dataset.

2.5.1.4 Facilities & pipeline permanent isolation & cleaning

This includes costs for the permanent isolation & cleaning of facility and pipelines such as:

- Operations drain, flush, purge & vent
- Engineering down including: physical isolation, de-energise, vent & drain
- All cleaning costs (including removal of hazardous wastes, hydrocarbon freeing of equipment, pipeline pigging etc)
- Waste Management

Please indicate if contracts have been placed for each of the forecasted tasks or activities; this is valuable information for the supply chain.
Contract selection will be copied forward from previous years submission.

	Facilities (£MM)	Pipelines (£MM)
Contract in place	○ Yes ○ No ○ N/A	○ Yes ○ No ○ N/A
COP Year – 5		
COP Year – 4		
COP Year – 3		
COP Year – 2		
COP Year – 1		
(COP) Year		
COP Year + 1		
COP Year + 2		
COP Year + 3		
COP Year + 4		
COP Year + 5		
COP Year + 6		
COP Year + 7		
COP Year + 8		
COP Year + 9		
COP Year + 10		
Total spend	0	0

2.5.1.5 Topside preparation

This includes costs for preparing the topsides **to be managed in its interim status** prior to removal:

- Engineering up of temporary utilities e.g. power, air and water
- Module process & utilities separation
- Dropped object surveys and subsequent remedial actions

Topsides removal preparation costs must not be included here, please record under Topsides Removal WBS instead.

Please indicate if contracts have been placed for each of the forecasted tasks or activities; this is valuable information for the supply chain.
Contract selection will be copied forward from previous years submission.

	Topsides preparation (£MM)
Contract in place	○ Yes ○ No ○ N/A
COP Year – 5	
COP Year – 4	
COP Year – 3	
COP Year – 2	
COP Year – 1	
(COP) Year	
COP Year + 1	
COP Year + 2	
COP Year + 3	
COP Year + 4	
COP Year + 5	
COP Year + 6	
COP Year + 7	
COP Year + 8	
COP Year + 9	
COP Year + 10	
Total spend	0

2.5.1.6 Removal

Please indicate if contracts have been placed for each of the forecasted tasks or activities; this is valuable information for the supply chain.
Contract selection will be copied forward from previous years submission.

	Topside (£MM)	Sub-structure/Jacket (£MM)
Contract in place	○ Yes ○ No ○ N/A	○ Yes ○ No ○ N/A
COP Year – 5		
COP Year – 4		
COP Year – 3		
COP Year – 2		
COP Year – 1		
(COP) Year		
COP Year + 1		
COP Year + 2		
COP Year + 3		
COP Year + 4		
COP Year + 5		
COP Year + 6		
COP Year + 7		
COP Year + 8		
COP Year + 9		
COP Year + 10		
Total spend	0	0

Topside Removal cost includes activities such as:

- Removal preparation (reinforcements and structural separation for removal).
  These costs must be provided here and not under the earlier section 'topsides preparation'. Topsides removal benchmarking is calculated using costs provided in this section only and should include all topsides removal-related costs
- Major lift operations
- Vessel operations
- Sea-fastening
- Transportation and load-in
- Logistics and management associated with topsides removals

If there is only a total value for topside and jacket removal combined please place the cost in the Topsides column and place a comment to this effect in the comment box above the cost table for when scope of work deviates.

Substructure Removal costs include activities such as:

- Removal preparation
- Removal
- Vessel
- Sea-fastening
- Transportation and load-in
- Logistics and management associated with substructure removals
- FPSO disconnection & removal cost (Riser cutting etc. included in Subsea)

2.5.1.7 Subsea infrastructure

This includes costs associated with the decommissioning of subsea infrastructure including:

- Vessel preparation for subsea end-state (remove, trench, rock-dump)
- Sea fastening & transportation
- Load-in
- Subsea project management
- Waste management accounting (traceability of all streams)
- Removal: subsea structures, umbilicals, mattresses
- Logistics and management associated with subsea decommissioning

Subsea infrastructure lump sums should be added to ‘Other (Manifolds/SSIV/Christmas trees etc.)’. **If used - please include a high-level note** in the ‘Other relevant information’ comment box at the end of the page to explain the expected content of the lump sum i.e. pipelines, umbilicals, jumpers, manifolds, mattresses etc.

	Pipelines				
	Trunk lines > 14-inch diameter (£MM)	Other pipelines ≤ 14-inch diameter (£MM)	Umbilicals and cables (£MM)	Mattresses (£MM)	Other (Manifolds/SSIV/Christmas trees etc) (£MM)
Contract in place	○ Yes ○ No ○ N/A	○ Yes ○ No ○ N/A	○ Yes ○ No ○ N/A	○ Yes ○ No ○ N/A	○ Yes ○ No ○ N/A
COP Year – 5					
COP Year – 4					
COP Year – 3					
COP Year – 2					
COP Year – 1					
(COP) Year					
COP Year + 1					
COP Year + 2					
COP Year + 3					
COP Year + 4					
COP Year + 5					
COP Year + 6					
COP Year + 7					
COP Year + 8					
COP Year + 9					
COP Year + 10					
Total spend	0	0	0	0	0

Note: Numerical data can only be submitted to a maximum of 3 decimal places in the cost estimate subsea infrastructure section.

2.5.1.8 Topsides and substructure onshore disposal

Activities include:

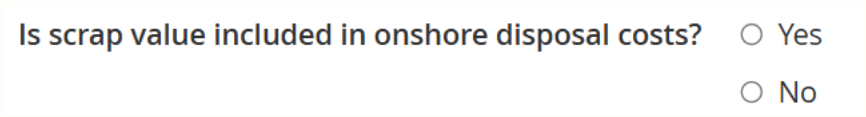
- Onshore cleaning and handling of hazardous waste
- Onshore deconstruction
- Re-use, recycle, and final disposal
- Transportation to point of sale and/or onshore disposal
- Waste management accounting (traceability of all streams)

Onshore disposal volumes should include marine growth.

Where relevant and known or estimated, please indicate scrap values for onshore disposal by doing **all** the following:

1) add as a negative value,

2) select ‘yes’ to the question “Is scrap value included in onshore disposal costs?”.



Scrap value should not be provided anywhere else
e.g. added as a negative value under ‘Topsides removal’ or ‘Substructure removal’.

Please indicate if contracts have been placed for each of the forecasted tasks or activities; this is valuable information for the supply chain.
Contract selection will be copied forward from previous years submission.

	Topsides and substructure onshore disposal (£MM)
Contract in place	○ Yes ○ No ○ N/A
COP Year – 5	
COP Year – 4	
COP Year – 3	
COP Year – 2	
COP Year – 1	
(COP) Year	
COP Year + 1	
COP Year + 2	
COP Year + 3	
COP Year + 4	
COP Year + 5	
COP Year + 6	
COP Year + 7	
COP Year + 8	
COP Year + 9	
COP Year + 10	
Total spend	0

2.5.1.9 Site remediation

This includes:

- Pile management
- Oil field debris clearance (500 metre zone)
- Over-trawl surveys

Please indicate if contracts have been placed for each of the forecasted tasks or activities; this is valuable information for the supply chain.
Contract selection will be copied forward from previous years submission.

	Site remediation (£MM)
Contract in place	○ Yes ○ No ○ N/A
COP Year – 5	
COP Year – 4	
COP Year – 3	
COP Year – 2	
COP Year – 1	
(COP) Year	
COP Year + 1	
COP Year + 2	
COP Year + 3	
COP Year + 4	
COP Year + 5	
COP Year + 6	
COP Year + 7	
COP Year + 8	
COP Year + 9	
COP Year + 10	
Total spend	0

2.5.1.10 Post Decommissioning Monitoring

Post decommissioning monitoring programme as agreed with DESNZ. This includes the immediate post decommissioning survey and subsequent survey and monitoring costs including:

- Navigation aids maintenance
- Monitoring program for any facilities that remain

Please indicate if contracts have been placed for each of the forecasted tasks or activities; this is valuable information for the supply chain.
Contract selection will be copied forward from previous years submission.

	Post Decommissioning Monitoring (£MM)
Contract in place	○ Yes ○ No ○ N/A
COP Year – 5	
COP Year – 4	
COP Year – 3	
COP Year – 2	
COP Year – 1	
(COP) Year	
COP Year + 1	
COP Year + 2	
COP Year + 3	
COP Year + 4	
COP Year + 5	
COP Year + 6	
COP Year + 7	
COP Year + 8	
COP Year + 9	
COP Year + 10	
Total spend	0

2.5.1.11 Total expenditure

The Total expenditure is auto calculated from the data entered in the sections above.

It is expected that the estimate and phasing (previous survey year, actual survey year, forecasted future years) of Total expenditure entered will match the decommissioning estimate provided in the ACTIVITY section of the survey (aside from onshore terminal decommissioning and unsanctioned project costs).

Note: the DECOMMISSIONING section is at Asset level, and therefore the addition of all assets' Total expenditure (from the previous survey year onwards) should equate to the Total expenditure in the ACTIVITY section of the survey.

If there is an error in the ACTIVITY section of the survey, you can revisit the ACTIVITY section and amend. If the ACTIVITY section is already submitted, please contact stewardshipsurvey@nstauthority.co.uk who will reopen the section for you to allow you to amend.

If there is a discrepancy between the ACTIVITY survey and the estimate and phasing, please clarify the reason(s) in the 'Other relevant information' comment box at the bottom of the page. This will remove the requirement for a query being raised during the NSTA survey QC process.

You will be able to check estimates and phasing in the Cost Review page (reference section 2.6 of this document).

2.5.1.12. Other relevant information

Please use this comments box to provide additional information that may be of value to analysts. This may include:

- a description of facilities upgrade costs.
- explain why there is only a total value for topside and jacket removal combined.
- explain the content of any subsea infrastructure lump sums added to the 'Other (Manifolds / SSIV / Christmas trees etc.)' e.g., pipelines, umbilicals, jumpers, manifolds, mattresses etc.
- a discrepancy between the ACTIVITY survey and the total expenditure estimate and phasing.

At the end of the cost estimates section there is a checkbox to tick to confirm that the data copied forward is correct. The person who ticks the checkbox will be recorded as the cost esitmates data reviewer.



2.5.2 Quantities and Weights

Unless otherwise stipulated, all weights are to be entered in metric tonnes.

For the wells and infrastructure to be decommissioned, the corresponding well numbers and weights / quantities should be listed in this section.

EXAMPLE:
For well quantity, if the example data in section 2.5.1.3. of this document was entered into the cost estimate section, then red text would appear for years 2026, 2027, 2028 & 2029. However, as the data in year 2028 relates to the well that will reach final status in 2029 you would count this as 0 in 2028. All other years would be counted as 1 as they are the final mechanical statuses for those wells.

We ask for data on:

- Well P&A
- Making safe, topsides preparation and removal
- FPSO removal, subsea infrastructure, topsides and substructure onshore recycling
- Subsea Infrastructure including pipeline details.

Note: All historic actuals and forecast data will be copied from the previous year's survey, but if the new profile range excludes any years that contained previously entered data, then that data will have been deleted.

2.5.2.1. Well P & A

Where there are costs quoted in the Cost of Well Decommissioning section, the corresponding scope / number of wells decommissioned to their final mechanical status per year should be provided here.

If any value was inserted into the AB1, AB2 or AB3 columns in the cost estimate section you will be prompted via red text to enter a value. Please only count the wells that have reached or are anticipated to reach their final mechanical status for that year, count as 0 if no wells reached or are anticipated to reach the final mechanical status that year.

The total number should equal the total number of wells to be decommissioned for that asset, please double check that the total matches your records.

Subsea wells data should include subsea development wells only, please exclude any E&A well data. These will feature in the Wells section of the survey only.

Rig/Unit Type Definitions (also applies to Well P&A Actuals section, if applicable):

- Integral rig - Platform rig with full derrick (would have been used to drill the wells)
- Modular Rig – Temporary rig
- Stand-alone jack-up –Standard or heavy duty

- Stand-alone semi-sub – Drilling rig or intervention unit
- Other rigless:
  - HWU – Hydraulic workover unit
  - LWIV – Light well intervention vessel
  - DSV – Dive support vessel
  - MSV/CSV – Multipurpose support vessel/construction support vessel
  - AHTS – Anchor handling tug supply vessel
- Unknown

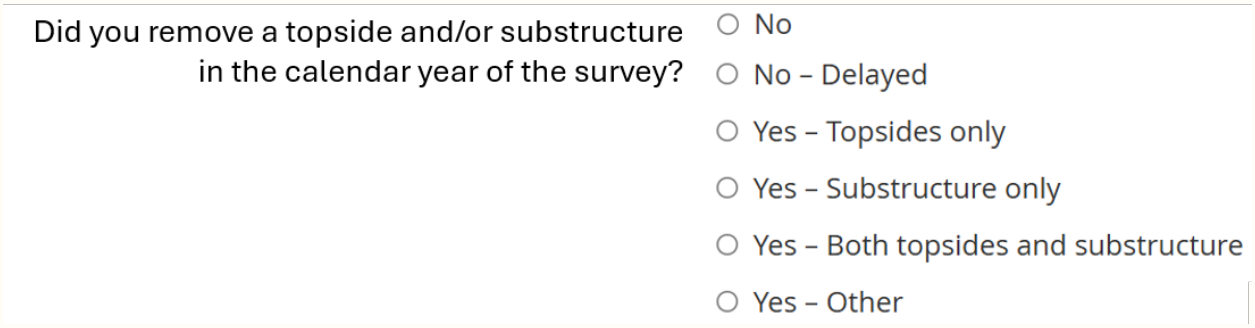
Where 'Other' is selected from a drop-down list, additional details must be provided in the 'Other Information' comments box at the end of the Quantities and Weights tab.

	Platform wells (number)	Platform wells (rig/unit type)	Subsea development wells (number)	Subsea development wells (rig/unit type)
COP Year – 5	0		0	
COP Year – 4	0		0	
COP Year – 3	0		0	
COP Year – 2	0		0	
COP Year – 1	0		0	
Year (CoP)				
COP Year + 1				
COP Year + 2				
COP Year + 3				
COP Year + 4				
COP Year + 5				
COP Year + 6				
COP Year + 7				
COP Year + 8				
COP Year + 9				
COP Year + 10				
Total	0		0	

2.5.2.2. Facilities & pipelines permanent isolation & cleaning, topsides preparation and removal

Please check the removals quantities & weights align with the removals cost profile provided under the 'cost estimate' section.

For the following question the calendar year relates to the January to December of the year that the Survey goes live.

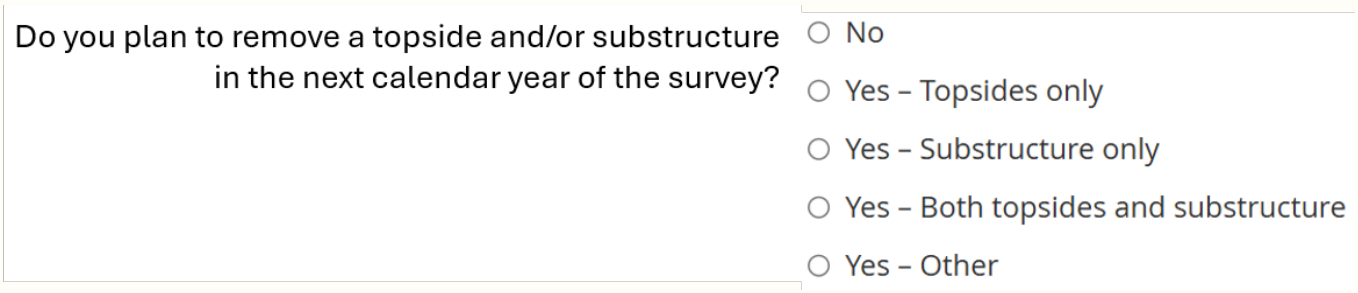


If ‘No-Delayed’ is selected, then you must provide a reason for the delay.

If ‘Yes – Topsides only’ or ‘Yes – Substructure only’ or ‘Yes – Both topsides and substructure’ is selected, then you must complete the Removals actual section.

If ‘Yes – Other’ is selected, then you must provide more detail in the comment box that appears and complete the Removals actual section.

For the following question the calendar year relates to the January to December of the year that the Survey closes.



If ‘Yes – Other’ is selected, then you must provide more detail in the comment box that appears.

	Facilites & pipelines permanent isolation & cleaning		Topsides preparation	Removal		
	Topside (numbers of modules, including FPSO Topsides)	Kilometres of pipeline	Numbers of modules (including FPSO Topsides)	Topside (total weight tonnes)	Substructure (jacket) tonnes to be removed	Number of subsea structures to be removed
COP Year – 5						
COP Year – 4						
COP Year – 3						
COP Year – 2						
COP Year – 1						
Year (CoP)						
COP Year + 1						
COP Year + 2						
COP Year + 3						
COP Year + 4						
COP Year + 5						
COP Year + 6						
COP Year + 7						
COP Year + 8						
COP Year + 9						
COP Year + 10						
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0

2.5.2.3. FPSO, subsea infrastructure, topsides and substructure onshore recycling

Please indicate the total steel weight of FPSOs to be decommissioned. This should be the weight of the vessel and not the displacement weight.

	FPSO	Subsea infrastructure (tonnes to be lifted)	Topsides and substructure onshore disposal
	Steel weight of FPSO (tonnes)	Other (Manifolds/SSIV/Christmas trees etc)	Total tonnage coming onshore
COP Year – 5			
COP Year – 4			
COP Year – 3			
COP Year – 2			
COP Year – 1			
Year (CoP)			
COP Year + 1			
COP Year + 2			
COP Year + 3			
COP Year + 4			
COP Year + 5			
COP Year + 6			
COP Year + 7			
COP Year + 8			
COP Year + 9			
COP Year + 10			
Total	0	0	0

2.5.2.4. Subsea infrastructure

Subsea Infrastructure includes:

- Pipelines
  - Trunk Lines (note 1)
  - Other Pipelines (note 2)
- Umbilicals and cables (note 3)
- Mattresses

Pipelines are defined as a pipe or system of pipes (excluding a drain or sewer) for the conveyance of any fluid, together with any apparatus and works associated with such a pipe or system. **Pipelines** include flexible pipelines and bundles.

Note 1. **Trunk lines** are defined as pipelines with a diameter greater than 14-inches and a length in excess of 18km.

Note 2. **Other Pipelines** should include pipelines out with the trunk line classification. This includes tie backs, short flow lines and bundles. If this includes bundles of pipelines, please indicate in the 'Other useful information' comments box at the end of the page. Umbilicals and cables have been given their own category.

Pipelines					
	Trunk lines: > 14-inch OD, including bundles Other: ≤14-inch OD	**Pipeline number**	**Total length**	**Length of pipeline to be removed**	**Actions**
COP Year − 5	Trunk lines: + Add pipeline				
	Other pipelines: + Add pipeline				
Year (COP)	Trunk lines: + Add pipeline				
	Other pipelines: + Add pipeline				
COP Year + 10	Trunk lines: + Add pipeline				
	Other pipelines: + Add pipeline				
Total	Trunk lines:		km	0 km	
	Other pipelines:		km	0 km	

Note 3. **Umbilicals and cables** are defined as utility support pipes

Please also indicate the length of pipeline expected to be removed in kilometres.

The pipeline dropdown list is now connected to the new Pipeline Works Authorisations (PWA) service.

Note: Numerical data can only be submitted to a maximum of 3 decimal places in the quantities and weights subsea infrastructure section and text entries will not be accepted.

	Umbilicals		Mattresses
	Number of umbilicals/cables	Total length of umbilicals/cables (km)	Number of mattresses
COP Year – 5			
COP Year – 4			
COP Year – 3			
COP Year – 2			
COP Year – 1			
Year (CoP)			
COP Year + 1			
COP Year + 2			
COP Year + 3			
COP Year + 4			
COP Year + 5			
COP Year + 6			
COP Year + 7			
COP Year + 8			
COP Year + 9			
COP Year + 10			
Total	0	0	0

2.5.2.5. Other information

Please use this comments box to provide additional information that may be of value to analysts. This may include:

- Details on rig/ unit type if ‘Other’ has been selected for any of the platform or subsea well quantities.
- Details of any bundles of pipelines.

At the end of the cost estimates section there is a checkbox to tick to confirm that the data copied forward is correct. The person who ticks the checkbox will be recorded as the reviewer of the Quantities and Weights data.



2.5.3 ‘*Survey year*’ Well P and A actuals

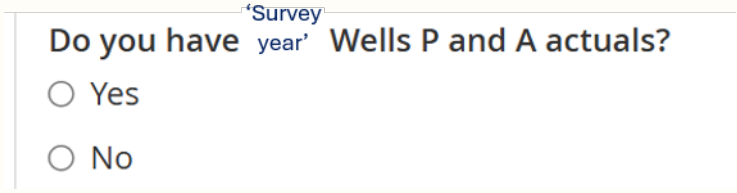
2.5.3.1 Well Decommissioning

This section is seeking the out-turn costs from well decommissioning works where a well has attained a new mechanical status in the ‘*survey year*’. This data will be collected annually and used as input to NSTA well decommissioning benchmarks.

Please only include if final costs to attain the new mechanical status are known or have a high degree of certainty.

Notes:

- For each WONS well number please select from the dropdown the starting mechanical status and the new mechanical status, either attained or believed to have been attained for which the well actual is being provided.
- When entering details of Well P&A, the well type will default to ‘Platform’ unless the WONS number is attributed to ‘Subsea’.
  Please double check the Well Type is correct and if it is incorrect, you can change this.
- Please provide the direct and indirect costs of taking the well from ‘starting mechanical status’ to ‘new mechanical status’.
- Only identify facilities upgrade costs in the 'Facilities Upgrade' field.
  Please average the cost across the associated wells in the 'Facilities Upgrade' line.



If 'Yes' is selected for the question 'Do you have 'survey year' Wells P and A actuals?' then you will be:

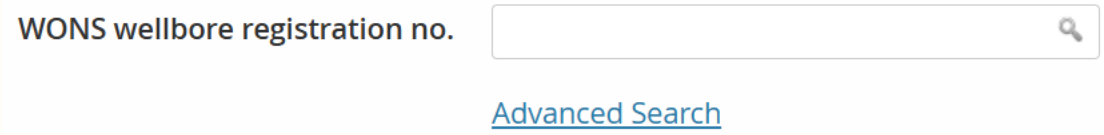
1. requested to add a well using the + Add well button,



2. informed that Well P and A actuals data should be supplied 'inception-to-date'. In other words, if the new data is a continuation or correction of a previously-submitted actual, then the previously-submitted 'Starting mechanical status' should be selected and the cumulative data up to the 'New mechanical status' should be provided.
3. required to answer additional questions.

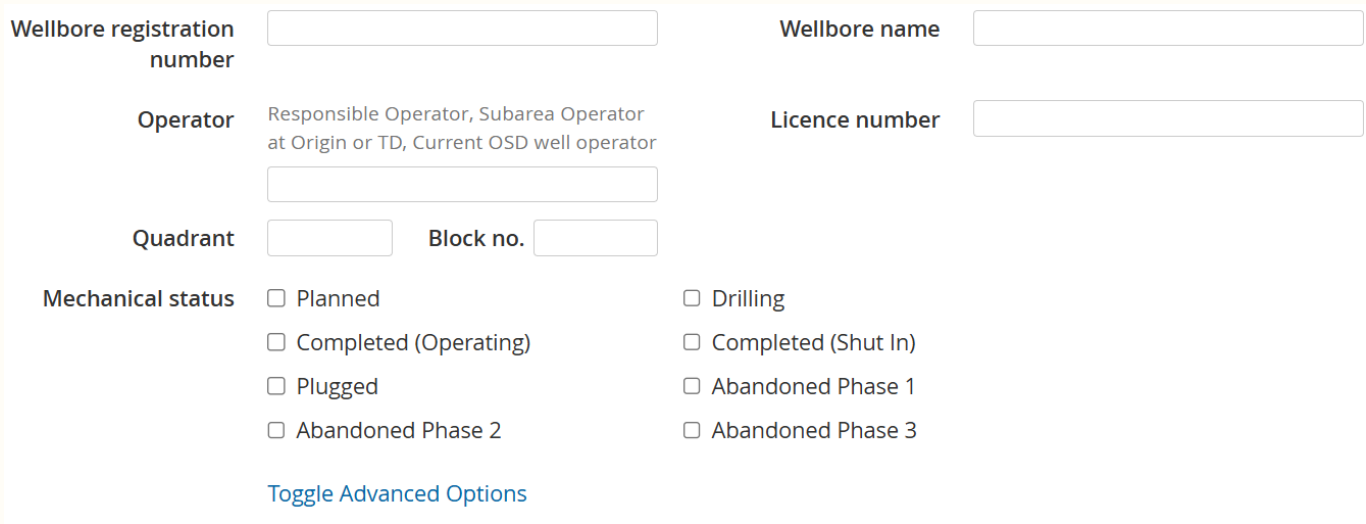
Multiple wells can be added using the + Add well button and deleted using the Remove button.

2.5.3.1.1 WONS wellbore registration number

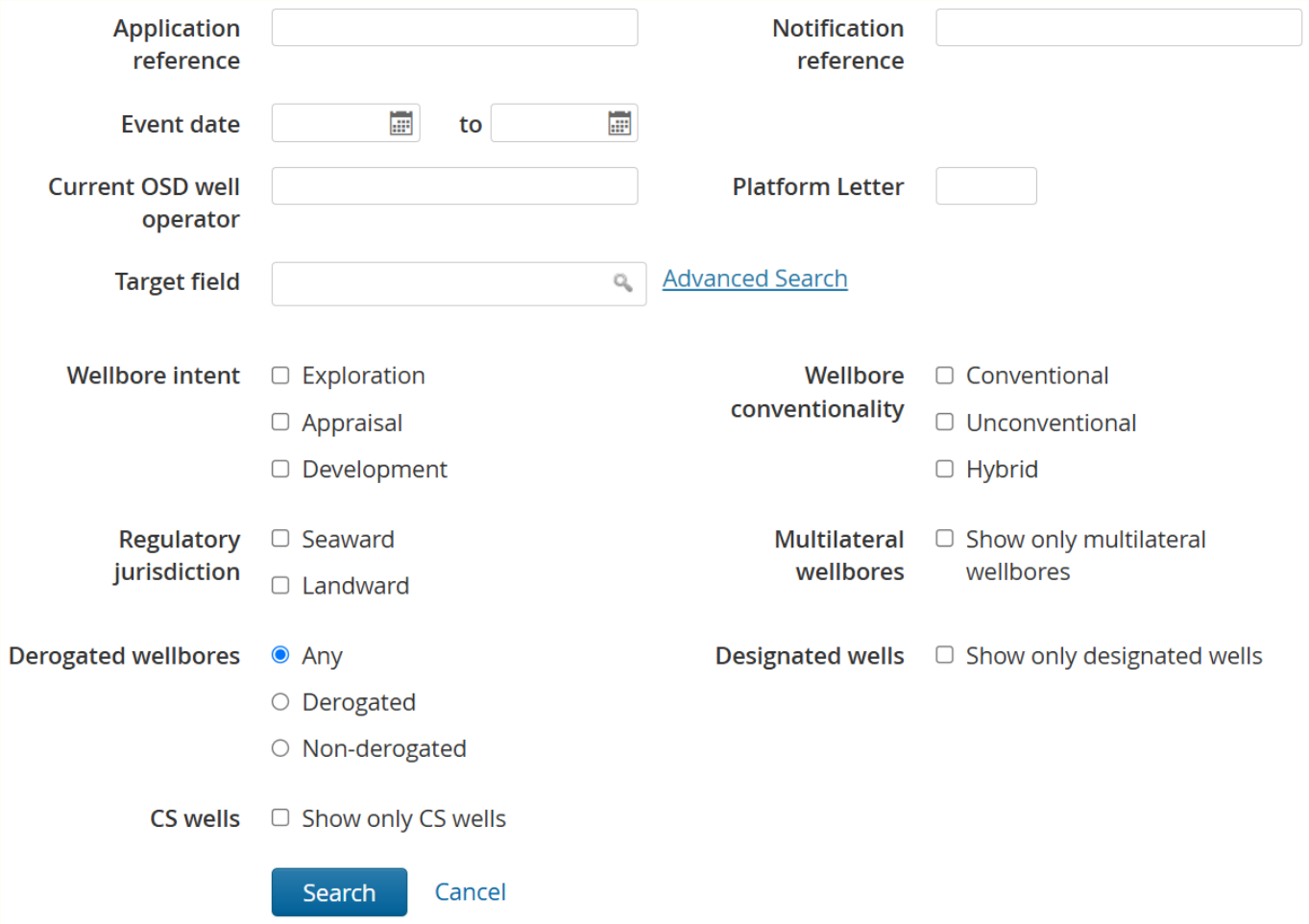


Search and select the relevant wellbore number as listed in WONS.

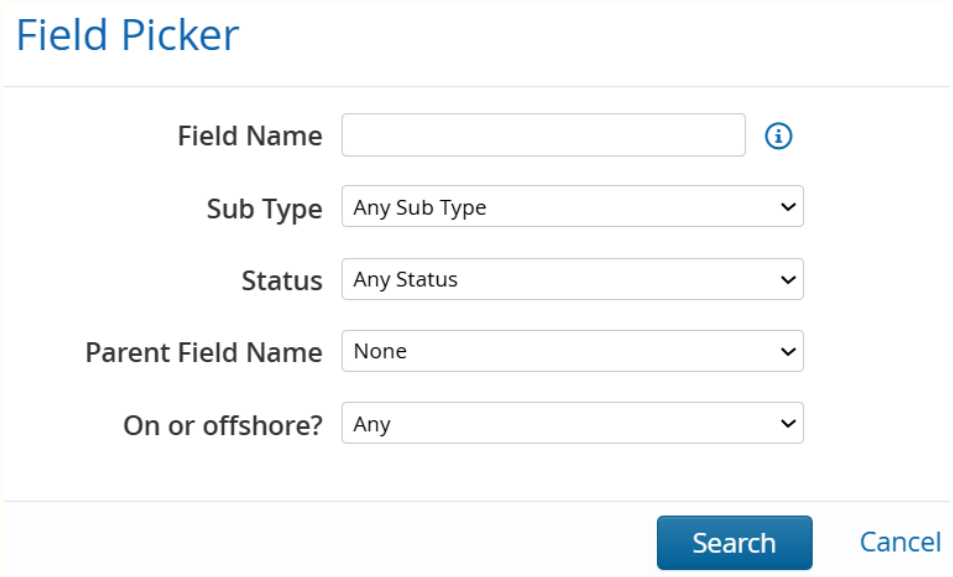
The Advanced Search link enables you to search using the following well attributes:



The Toggle Advanced Options link opens up the following additional attributes for your search:



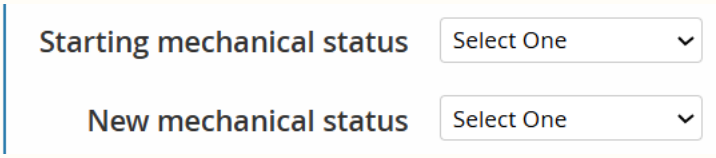
The 'Target field' advanced search link opens up the field picker pop-out window:



2.5.3.1.2 Mechanical status

The well decommissioning costs are expected to be the actual costs incurred when a well changes mechanical status during the '*survey year*' and not just the actual costs incurred in the '*survey year*'.

Therefore, for each well, please provide both the starting mechanical status and new mechanical status for which these costs are associated.



Mechanical Status Definitions:

Completed (Shut In): Completed wellbore that is shut in either at the tree values or subsurface safety value. Normally this status will only be applied if the wellbore is intended to be shut in for 90 days or more.

Plugged: A wellbore that has been temporarily plugged with a plug rather than a permanent isolation barrier. This includes inactive wells where the control system has been disconnected so the well is effectively plugged with the subsurface safety valve and tree valves.
Note that licence clauses refer to 'plugging' and 'plugged and abandoned', 'plugged and sealed', 'plugging or sealing', these should be interpreted in context of the licence and clause in question.

AB1: A wellbore where the reservoir has been permanently isolated. The wellbore below the barrier is no longer accessible.

AB2: All required permanent isolation barriers have been installed and verified (including environmental barriers). No 'in-well' work is required to fully decommission the well. The well origin and conductor above the well origin may still require to be removed.

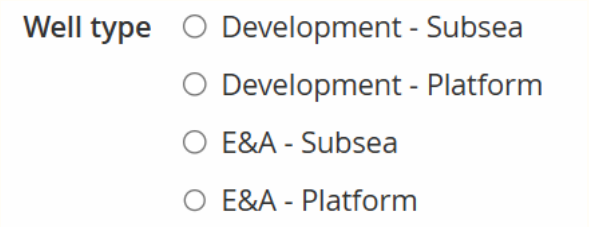
AB2 Derogated: All 'in-well' isolation work is complete. Derogation to leave the well origin or well equipment, e.g. conductor, above the well origin has been granted by OPRED.
In instances where derogation has not been granted by OPRED or where a derogation decision is pending or where a derogation application is intended to be submitted, please also select 'AB2 Derogated'.

AB3: The well origin and all conductor above the well origin have been removed.

Notes:

- Cost data related to works up to AB2 mechanical status should be provided in the 'Well decommissioning – cost up to AB2 mechanical status' section below.
- Cost data related to going from AB2 to AB2 Derogated or AB3 should be provided in the 'Well decommissioning – costs from AB2 to AB2D/AB3 mechanical status' section which comes after.
- Cost data inputted in these two sections should not overlap.

2.5.3.1.3 Well type

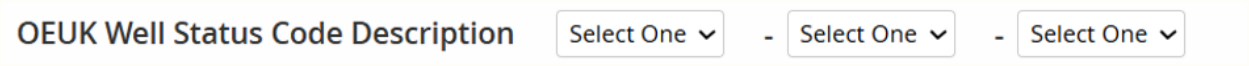


The well type will default to 'Platform' unless the WONS number is attributed to 'Subsea'. Please double check the Well Type is correct and if it is incorrect, you can change this.

If either of the 'E&A' options is selected, then the associated licence number will appear.



2.5.3.1.4 OEUK Well Status Code Description



As defined in the OEUK Well As defined in OEUK Well Decommissioning Guidelines Issue 7. Please provide the well status code at the start of decommissioning activities.

For example, a 3-3-1 well in which you have now installed all required barriers, but whose wellhead remains, should be entered as 3-3-1, not as 0-0-1.

2.5.3.1.5 Campaign data requests

Campaign information and cost requests are dependent on the 'New mechanical status'. The following table indicates which set of requests will be made for each 'New mechanical status' (denoted by X), and the specific requests are shown below the table.

	New mechanical status			
Campaign data request section	Completed (Shut-in) or Plugged	AB1	AB2	AB2D or AB3
Phase 0 – Plug and lubricate	X	X	X	X
Reservoir barrier		X	X	X
Intermediate barrier		X	X	X
Environmental plug			X	X
High Pressure / High Temperature			X	X
CCS repurposing potential			X	X
Conductor / Wellhead				X

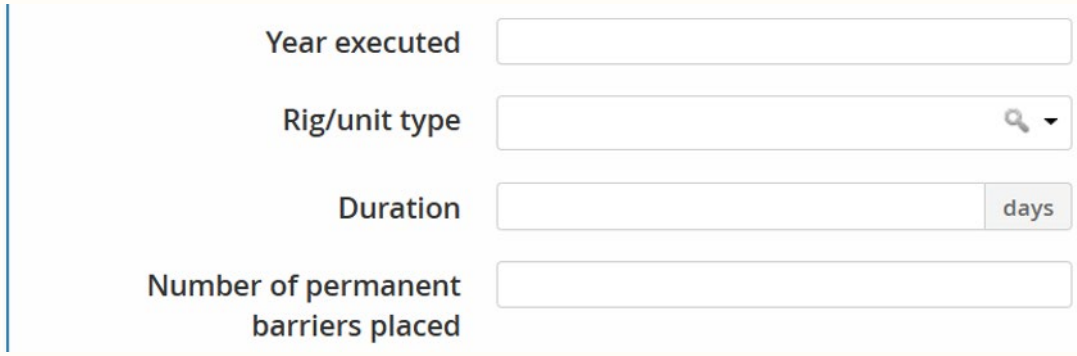
Campaign data request section	Completed (Shut-in) or Plugged	AB1	AB2	AB2D or AB3
P&A execution strategy			X	X
Costs up to AB2 mechanical status	X	X	X	X
Costs from AB2 to AB2D/AB3 mechanical status				X

Where 'Other' is selected from the ‘rig/unit type’ drop-down list, additional details must be provided in the 'Other Information' comments box at the end of the Well P and A actuals tab.

Phase 0 – Plug and lubricate

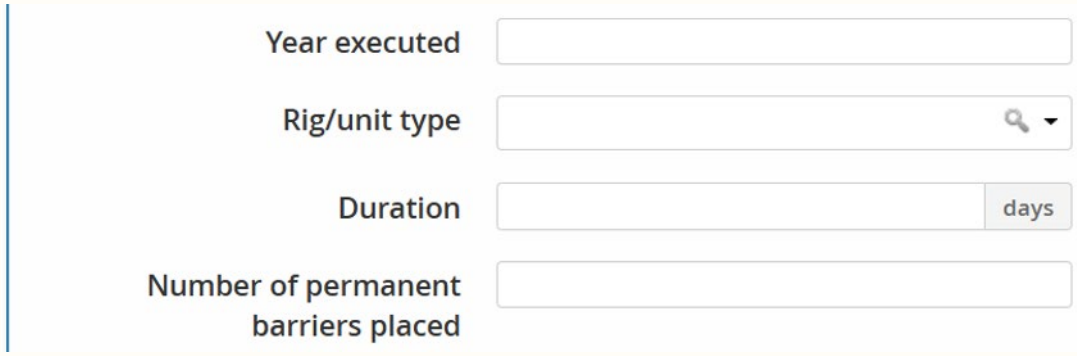


Reservoir barrier

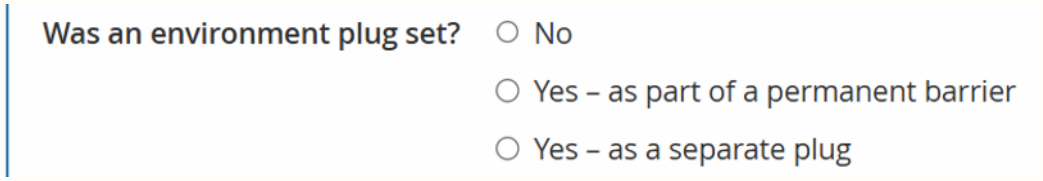


Intermediate barrier

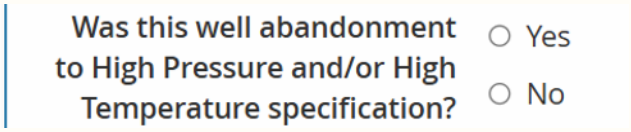
Applicable if an intermediate barrier has been installed but a required environmental plug has not yet been placed, meaning that the well has not yet reached AB2 mechanical status.



Environmental plug

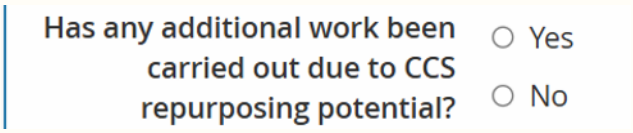


High pressure / High Temperature



CS repurposing potential

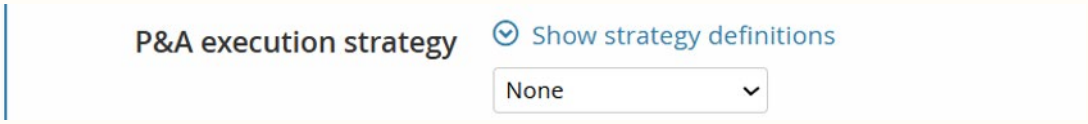
State whether any additional work has been carried out due to Carbon Capture and Storage repurposing potential.



Conductor / Wellhead



P&A execution strategy



Please classify the well according to the principal strategy actually used to install the required permanent barriers and any required environmental plug.

Do not classify solely by the original plan, vessel type, well status code, or whether the well was inherently simple.

There are three P&A executive strategy options to choose from, defined as:

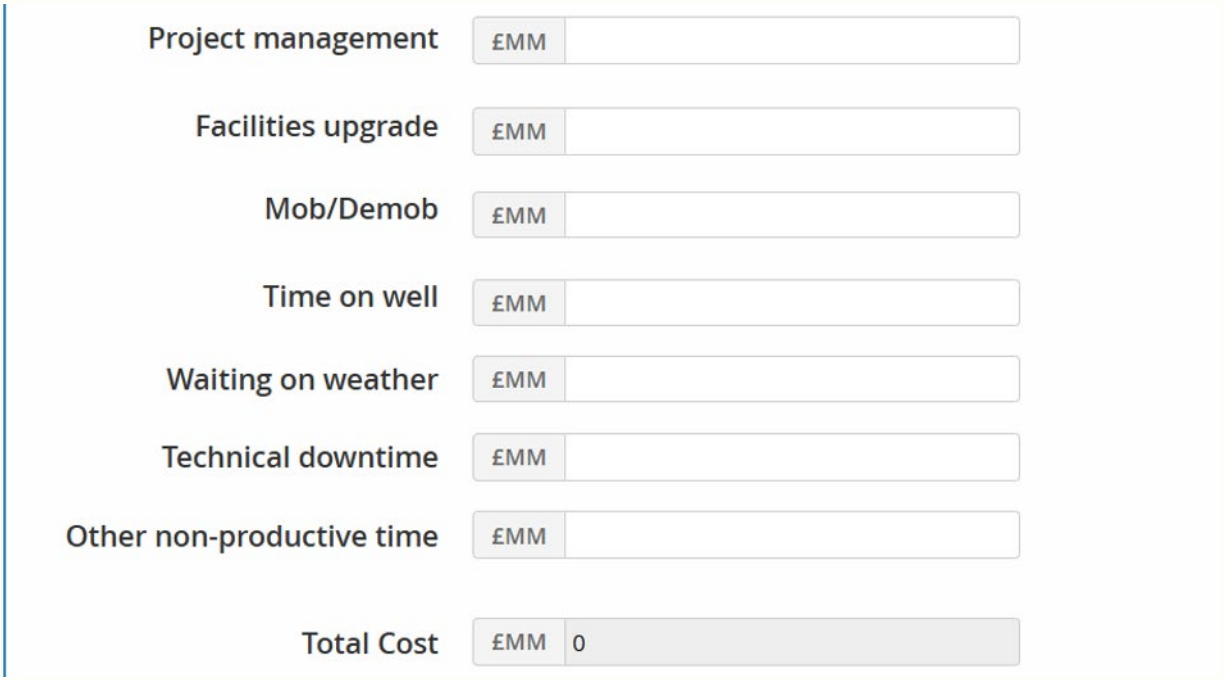
Conventional - The well was abandoned principally using conventional full-bore rig-based or heavy workover methods. The required well decommissioning barriers and plugs were installed mainly after tubing/completion recovery or other operations to establish full-bore access, and/or by conventional cement placement, section milling, cut-and-pull, casing recovery or similar methods.

Hybrid - Both approaches were materially used. For example, one or more required barriers or plugs were installed through tubing or by restricted-access/rigless methods, but other key barriers, plugs or phases required conventional full-bore rig-based or heavy workover operations.

Minimal-intervention - The well was abandoned principally using rigless, through-tubing, coiled-tubing, wireline/e-line, hydraulic workover, LWIV or similar restricted-access methods to install the required decommissioning barriers and plugs, including any environmental plug where applicable, materially reducing conventional full-bore rig activity such as tubing recovery, section milling, casing recovery or conventional full-bore cement placement.

Well decommissioning - costs up to AB2 mechanical status

Input all direct well P&A costs including upfront plugging, plus allocation of any indirect costs

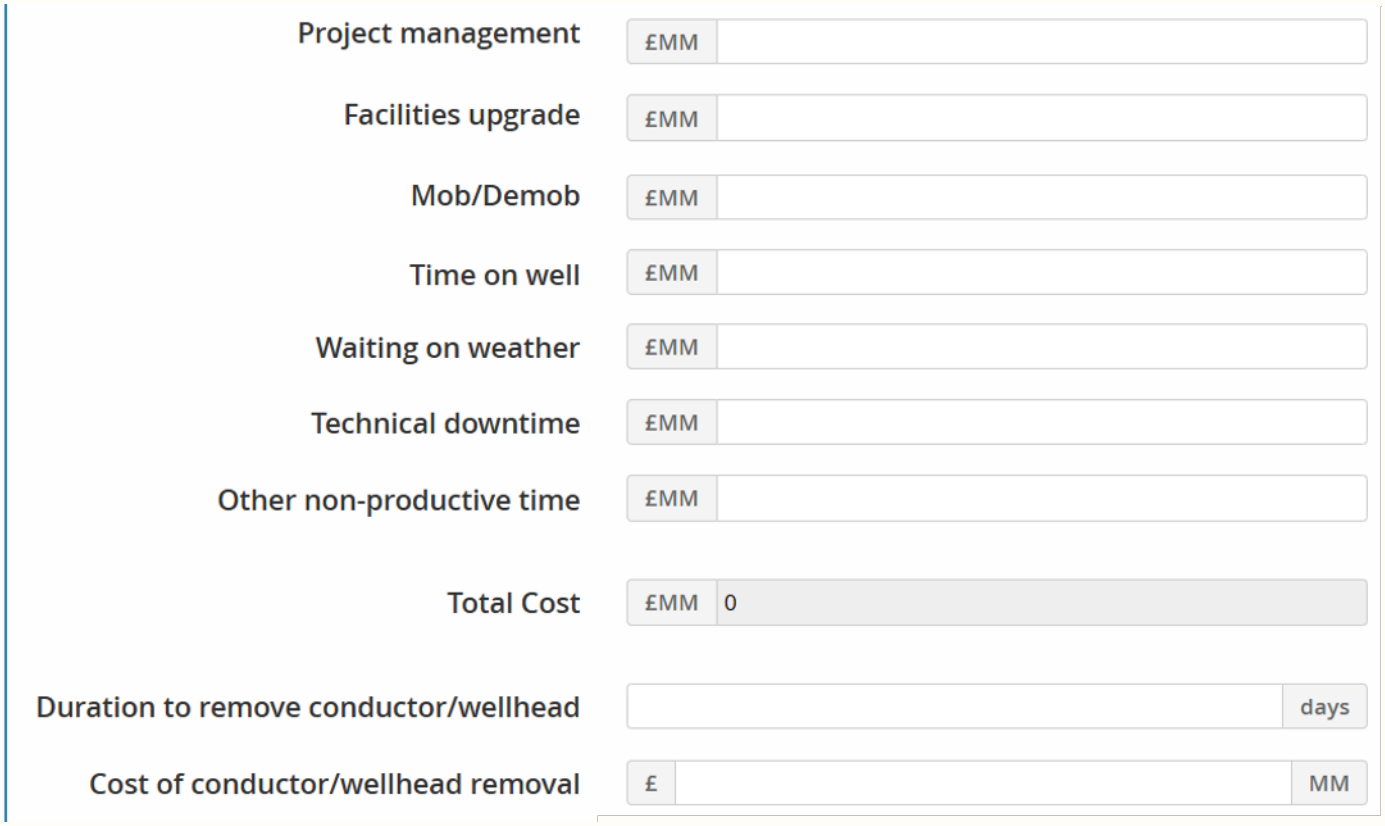


Notes:

- Project management – include all time writing and pre-engineering work.
- Facilities upgrade – Per-well allocation of rig reactivation. HWU installation, procurement of special equipment, platform upgrades, others (please provide a description of these costs using the 'Other Information' box).
- Mob / Demob – Per-well allocation of rig/unit mob/demob cost. If multiple mobilisations, combine these into a single per-well allocation.
- Time on well – Actual work on well and ancillary costs (e.g. standby boat).
- Total Cost – is automatically calculated.

Decommissioning costs from AB2 to AB2D/AB3 mechanical status

Input all direct conductor/wellhead removal costs, plus allocation of any indirect costs. **Avoid double-dipping allocated costs entered in the 'cost up to AB2 mechanical status' section**.



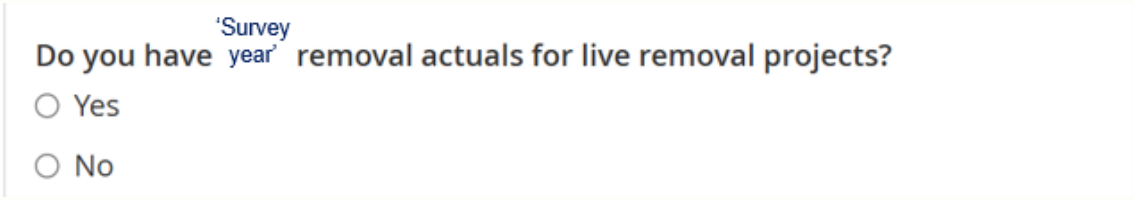
Notes:

- Project management – include all time writing and pre-engineering work.
- Facilities upgrade – per-well allocation of rig reactivation. HWU installation, procurement of special equipment, platform upgrades, others (please provide a description of these costs using the 'Other Information' box).
- Mob / Demob – per-well allocation of rig/unit mob/demob cost. If multiple mobilisations, combine these into a single per-well allocation.
- Time on well – actual work on well and ancillary costs (e.g. standby boat).
- Total Cost – is automatically calculated.
- Duration to remove conductor/wellhead – only include duration associated with conductor/wellhead removal if it is part of the well abandonment programme. Conductor removal being executed as part of the jacket removal (e.g. Heavy lift) should not be included.
- Cost of conductor / wellhead removal – Cost of removing conductors and topsides equipment/wellhead only, all other P&A costs to be covered within the other categories.

2.5.4 '*Survey year*' Removals actuals – recent removal projects

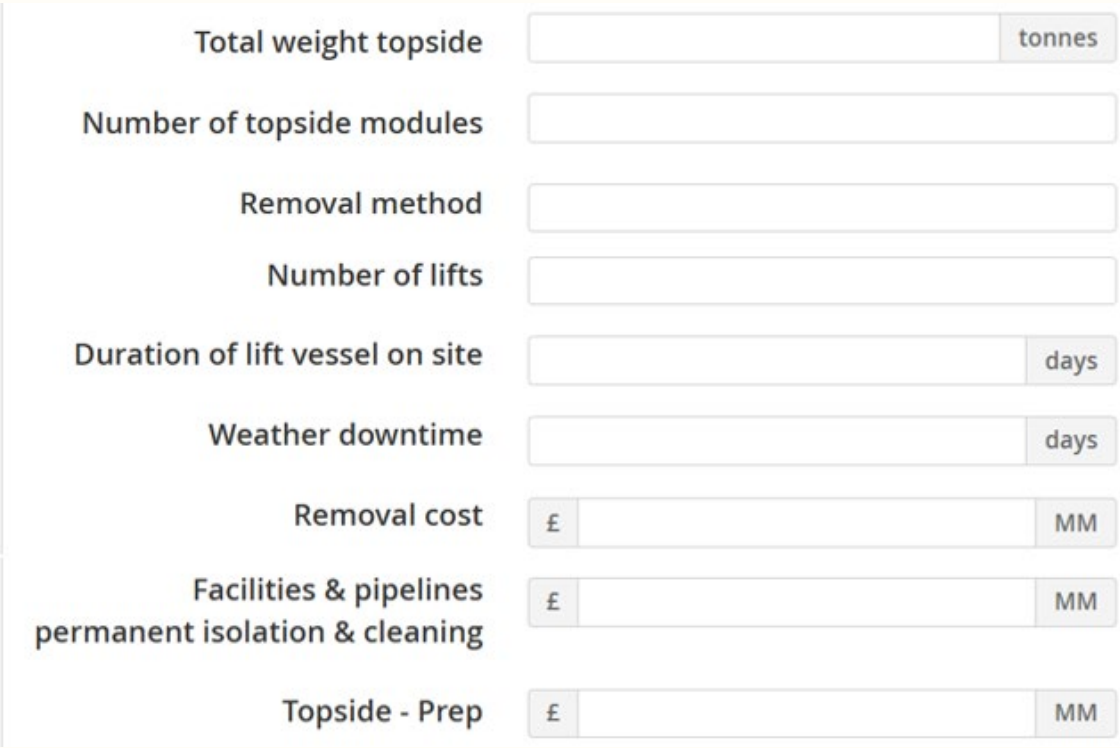
This section is seeking the out-turn costs from decommissioning works performed in the '*survey year*'. This data will be collected annually so that a suitable number of data points are compiled and benchmarking data can be developed over time.

Please only include if final costs are known.



If you selected *'Yes'* to the question 'Do you have '*survey year*' removal actuals …?' then you must answer additional questions regarding Topside and Substructure / FPSO.

2.5.4.1 Topside

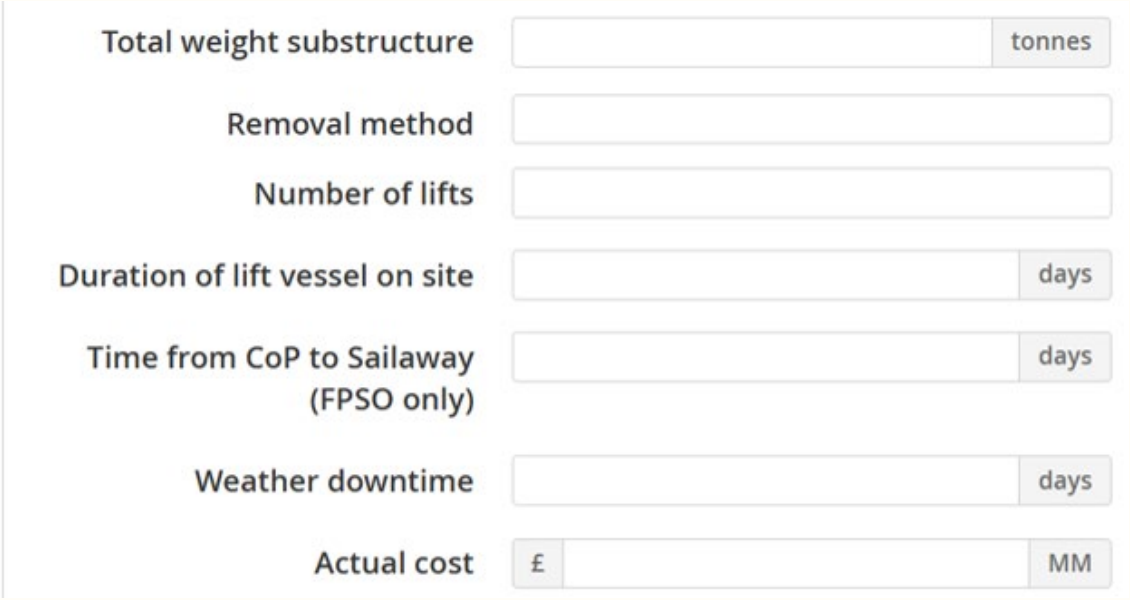


Note:

- Removal method examples include single lift, piece small, heavy lift vessel.
- The removal cost should include all costs to land the topsides at the disposal yard onshore (i.e. WBS 6 only).

2.5.4.2 Substructure / FPSO

For FPSOs, please enter the Time from CoP to Sail-away in days.



Note:

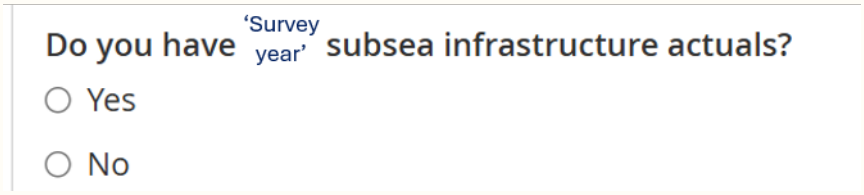
- Removal method examples include single lift, piece small, heavy lift vessel.
- The actual cost should include all costs to land the substructure at the disposal yard onshore (i.e. WBS 7 only).

2.5.5 '*Survey year*' Subsea infrastructure actuals

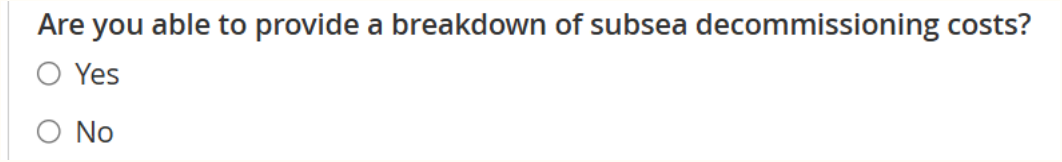
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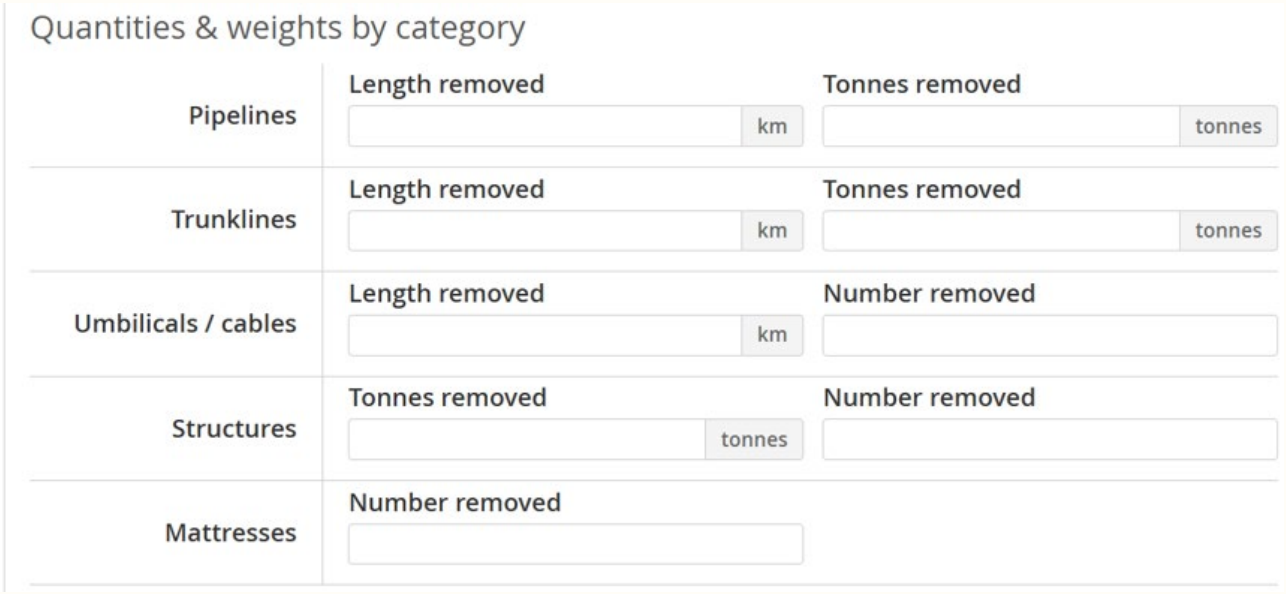
Please only include if final costs are known.
It is mandatory that all categories with zero values be reported, i.e. state as '0'.

Please note the units in this section.

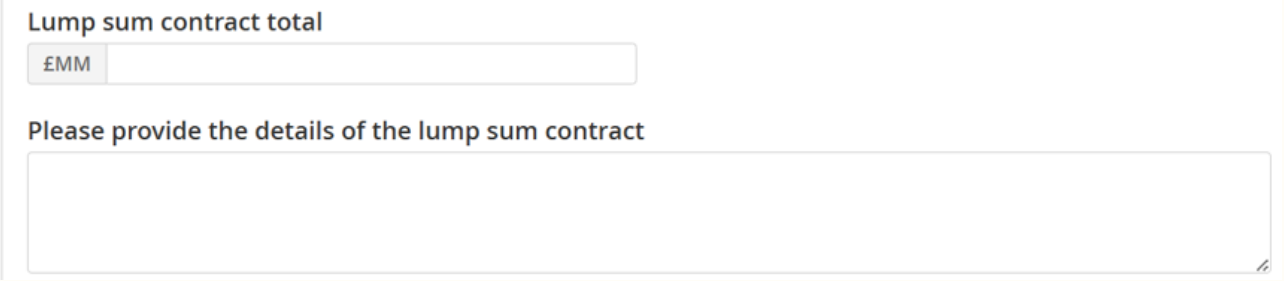


If you selected *'Yes'* to the question 'Do you have subsea infrastructure actuals?' then you must answer the following additional questions:

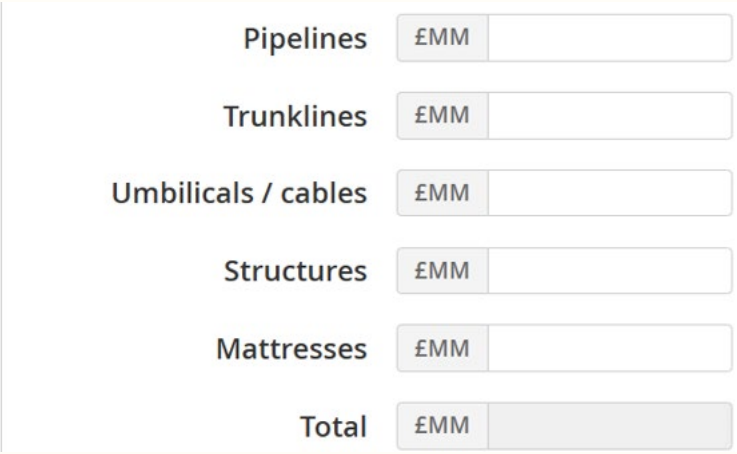




If you selected ‘No’ to the question ‘Are you able to provide a breakdown of subsea decommissioning costs?’
then you will be asked for a lump sum and for further details of this contract.



If you selected ‘Yes’ to the question ‘Are you able to provide a breakdown of subsea decommissioning costs?’
then you will be asked to provide a breakdown of costs:



Please note, it is mandatory that all categories with zero values should be reported as '0'.

2.6 Cost Review

Background

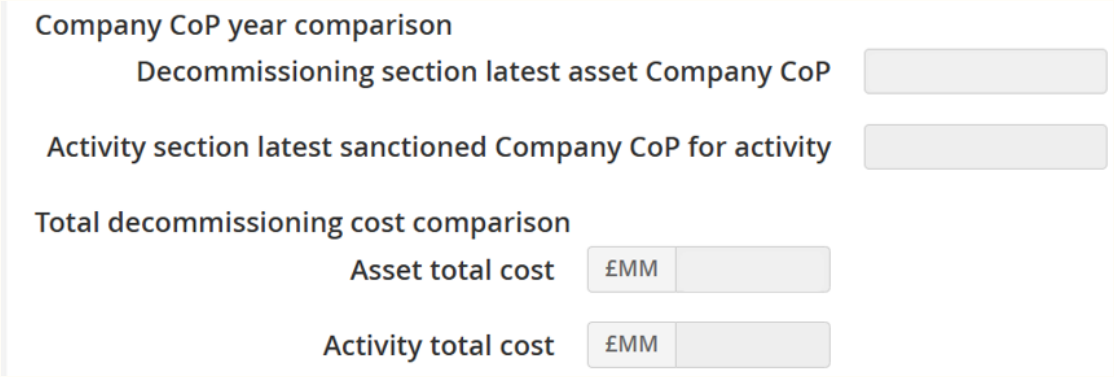
Decommissioning cost data is currently asked for in both the Activity and Decommissioning sections of the survey.

In the Activity section, high level forecasted cost data per field is asked for and is due earlier than the rest of the survey sections. This is so that the data can be used to inform the NSTA's estimates and projections of expenditure and production which is provided to the Office of Budget Responsibility ahead of the Spring Statement.

The Decommissioning section asks for costs, along with other information, at a more granular asset level which is due later than the Activity section to provide more time to submit this data.

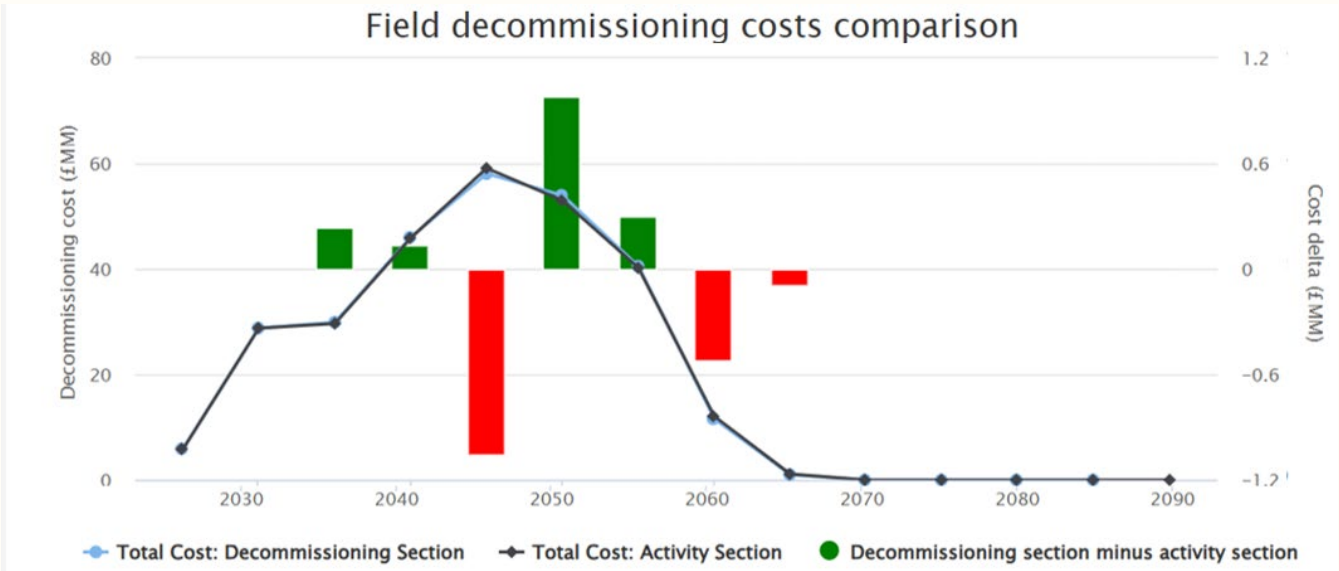
How to use the cost review page:

The chart has been designed to help ensure that the decommissioning cost profiles entered in the Decommissioning section of the survey are consistent with the decommissioning cost data entered in the Activity section.



Total decommissioning spend is expected to be within 5% and less than £20MM. A warning will appear when spend is not within 5% and more than £20MM. Please use the graph and data table to identify where the discrepancies lie.

Example chart



For more information you can hover over a year to see the data,
or click on the Show chart data as table icon to view the raw data used to create the chart.

Year	Sum of Decommissioning section costs (£MM)	Sum of Activity section costs (£MM)	Decommissioning section costs minus Activity section costs (£MM)	Cost difference as percentage of decommissioning section costs (%)
Year #				

The table can be hidden from view by clicking on the Hide chart data table icon.

If the Activity section has yet to be completed, then one of the following messages will be presented:

1. **Validation Dependence**
   Validation for this section is dependent on submission of the **Activity** section for the same reporting unit.
   You cannot submit unit until the dependent section has been submitted.

2. **No Activity section**
   No Activity section is available for this reporting unit. The graph will only show Decommissioning section data.

The Activity section must be submitted before the graph can pull through the decom data.
If there are any issues highlighted by the graph in the Activity section, please request for the Activity section to be reopened.

Warnings
If warnings are generated but you believe discrepancies to be correct (e.g. E&A wells included in Activity Section), please clarify with an explanation in the ‘warnings have been found’ comments box.

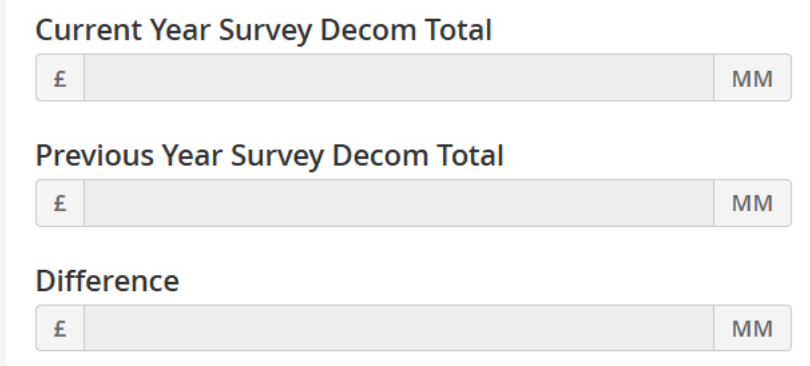
3. ORGANISATION – DECOMMISSIONING

All field-level Decommissioning sections must be submitted before completing this organisational-level Decommissioning section.

The first three question presented are optional:

- **Do you include contingency in your cost estimate?**
  If 'yes', then detail how do you assess contingency: overall company standard, project by project, WBS bucket by bucket, otherwise state 'no'.
- **Do you have a documented Basis of Estimate?**
  If 'yes', then detail what it is based upon (OEUK guidance, NSTA, AACE etc) , otherwise state 'no'.
- **What scope are you proposing will remain in situ / what scope have you had approved to remain in situ from ORPED?**

Please review the decommissioning cost submitted in the previous survey year compared to your cost estimate for the current survey year.

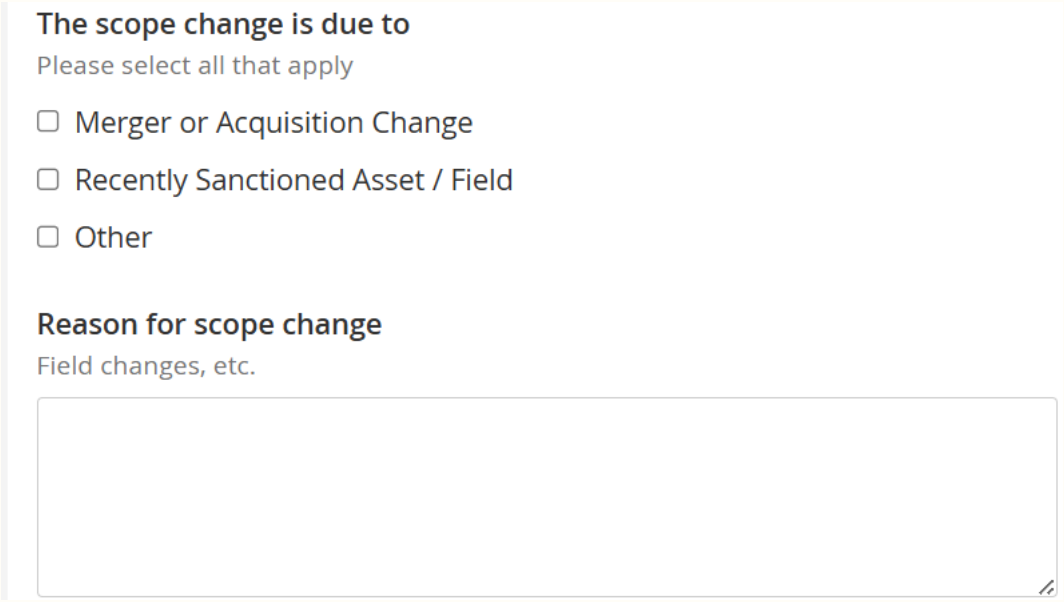


A difference of greater or less than 5% of the total decom liability is considered material,

State which factors contributed to the change in decommissioning cost ('Difference' value). Options are:

- Exchange rate change
- Inflation changes
- Basis of estimate change
  (i.e. Rig Market, Marine Vessel Market, Benchmark/Performance Forum changes)
- Scope change
  (New Assets, Mergers and Acquisitions, etc.)

If ‘Yes’ is selected for Scope change, then please select all the scope change options that apply and provide a reason for the scope change.



4. CHECKLIST

Below are the some of the detailed QC steps that this section will go through. If you think your data will not pass these checks, please add as much information in the general comments section as possible to help us understand why.

- Does the Company CoP date entered match that of the Activity section? If not, why not? Please use the ‘Costs review’ section.
- Are the total decommissioning costs and phasing the same as that entered into the Activity section? Please use the ‘Costs Review’ section.
    - It is expected that the decommissioning cost estimate and phasing (previous ‘survey year’, actual ‘survey year’, forecasted years) of total expenditure entered will match the decommissioning estimate provided in the ACTIVITY section of the survey. Please use the ‘Costs Review’ section.
- Have your Decommissioning costs changed materially from the previous year's survey? If so, please use the Organisational level section to select and explain reasoning for significant increase or decrease in costs.
- Are there quantities and weights data in the ‘Quantities and Weights’ section that match the relevant cost phasing?
- Please ensure that the data provided in any of the relevant three actuals sections (below) match the details provided for the ‘survey year’ in the ‘Cost Estimate’ and ‘Quantities and Weights’ section:
    - ‘survey year’ Well P&A Actuals’
    - ‘survey year’ Removals actuals – recent removal projects’
    - ‘survey year’ subsea infrastructure actuals’

  e.g. if you have recorded £10MM of Well Actuals across 2 wells, £10MM should be recorded in the Cost Estimate for 2025, with 2 wells recorded in the quantities section for 2025.

5. CONTACT DETAILS

If you have any issues when using the UKSS Stewardship Survey then please email stewardshipsurvey@nstauthority.co.uk and the stewardship team will respond as quick as possible.

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