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Subject: Re: Philippines 2017 NDHS

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Following is a response from DHS Research & Data Analysis Director, Tom Pullum:

Q711B gives the date of marriage, but this survey does not distinguish between cohabitation and marriage. v507-v509 have "cohabitation" in their variable names and the questions refer to "marriage". I hope that during fieldwork there was some reconciliation of the terminology because, as I said, the interest is not in the date of a formal marriage but in the date when the couple "lived as married" (another term sometime used). The interest is in when the woman was at risk of getting pregnant and therefore may have needed family planning services.