
Subject: Re: v362 future intent to use contraception
Posted by [Janet-DHS](#) on Thu, 15 Feb 2024 21:32:57 GMT
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Following is a response from DHS staff member, Tom Pullum:

There is a substantial literature on fertility-related intentions. Many researchers doubt the value of questions about what someone wants, needs, desires, intends, etc. Questions have been tried and then discarded if they did not seem to add much. The questionnaire evolves, or at least changes, with every round of DHS.

It's my guess that during phases 1-3 it was found that the question about 12 months, even though it is more specific and that would seem to a good thing, did not really justify a separate inclusion in the final report, and was dropped for that reason.

You could look into whether it adds something and propose bringing it back! It should not be long before the questionnaire will be revised again, for DHS-9, and DHS will open a portal for suggested revisions.
