Release 12.0 Data and Documentation Issues and Corrections

1. _icniz Number of children intend to have (including zero). The derived variables added at release 12 (for waves 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10 and 12) were not skipped if the respondent was male and their female partner was aged 45 or older, but this skip applies in the waves when the question is asked (5, 8 and 11). The effect of not implementing this skip was to assign too many cases to zero when they should have been not asked (-1).

   As a workaround, just for release 12, you can patch waves 5, 8 and 11 by applying: if _ftpage=2 _icniz=0. The derived variables will be corrected at release 13 so this patch will not be required.

2. Cross National Equivalence File (CNEF) D11105 "Relationship to Household Head" is incorrect for 2011 and 2012.

   D11105 Relationship to household head is not a variable in HILDA, but is a constructed variable for the CNEF file. The error occurred after the addition of the HILDA 2011 top-up sample. To allow for the new top-up households we changed the composition of the household IDs. The D11105 program failed in 2011 and 2012 as it reads the wrong portion of the altered IDs. This error will be corrected in the next HILDA release.