



APPENDIX B

Methodology for grossing survey results,
to account for non-participating sites



Grossing methodology

The methodology described here is provided to allow the reader to understand how the data for the survey has been developed and presented.

Three of the 24 operational PPC/WML composting sites did not take part in the survey. The input tonnages for non-participating sites was taken from the SEPA 'waste sites and capacity tool' and from this other parameters for these sites could be estimated by using average percentage data from participating sites. In this way a grossed value for all sites was estimated giving, permit capacity, compost output, oversize production and employment. This approach was employed on an all site basis or process type basis as appropriate. For example, the non-participating sites were known to be all ex situ processes and so estimates were based on information from reporting ex situ processes.

Specific details about the grossing approach and corroborating third party information are described in relevant results sections of the report. Where tonnage could not be allocated to a specific category this was left 'unassigned' but the suggested likely category highlighted. All other results (e.g. sector/business concerns and opportunities) were based on information from participating sites only.