

RAE Pilot Data Collection System Launch Events

September 2006

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RAE forward timetable

August 2006	Pilot Data Collection system released
December 2006	Final Data Collection system released Formal Invitation to submit
30 March 2007 (prov)	Close of "Intention to submit" request
31 October 2007	Census date
30 November 2007	Closing date for submissions
31 December 2007	End of publication period (cut-off point for publication of research outputs)
Jan-Dec 2008	Assessment Phase
December 2008	Results published

Pilot Phase Timetable

31 August 2006	Pilot system launched
September 2006	Pilot launch events
29 September 2006	System rebuild
27 October 2006	System rebuild
24 November 2006	System rebuild
1 December 2006	Deadline for reporting bugs
15 December 2006	Pilot ends (system will be closed down)

**Planned Release
January 3 2007**

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Pilot System

- Release Guide contains important information about known problems and workarounds
- We will advise users, through the RAE 2008 data collection system news section of system updates which may require action on the part of users
 - Real time load testing during pilot period
- Contingency arrangements are in place

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Summary

- Please use the Pilot System – it will help us all!
- The earlier you provide feedback the more chance we have of acting on it!
- We fully expect that data entered through the pilot system will be retained when the system moves to the final version – so starting now gives you more time!

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