Selecting data using customise selection in UKDS.Stat for the IMF Government Finance Statistics data

The IMF Government Finance Statistics has a large range of concepts, but these concepts are not available for all countries. Data availability is an issue. In fact using the interface in the standard way can result in displaying lots of null values.

With this in mind, we recommend that you select data using the following method:

- Go to: [stats.ukdataservice.ac.uk](https://stats.ukdataservice.ac.uk)
- Select IMF Government Finance Statistics
- Click Customise > Selection > All dimensions

- Select the country/countries that you are interested in
- Click Check data availability
- Click Expand all (this enable you to see all of the concepts)
- You can now see which subjects are available for the country you have ticked, the concepts which are unavailable will be greyed out (please note that if you select more than one country, variables will be selected that are available for any of those selected. Meaning that you may get data for one country but not for another)

- Now tick a Concept
- Click Check data availability
You can now see that a single unit is available, tick that and click **View data**.

You are now presented with the data, you can change the time period by clicking the **Time** dimension.

**Visualising the data**

- You can use some of the visualisation features under **Draw Chart**, but in order for these to work you must rearrange the data first.
  - **Customise > Layout**
  - Drag **Location** to the Row box
  - Click **View data**

- Please note that you cannot use the map functionality with this dataset.