**List of Academic Sources Information Sheet**

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| **Type of Source** | **Definition** |
| Survey | Data gathered normally with the intention of quantifying results or making generalisations. |
| White paper | Future legislative proposals set out in a document produced by the Government. They are often published as Command Papers and may include a draft version of a Bill that is being planned. The affected groups may be involved in the discussion prior to final changes. |
| Empirical research | Controlled observations often with controlled conditions with a focus on validity and reliability.  |
| Green paper | Consultation documents produced by the government, which allow people from inside and outside Parliament to offer feedback on its policy or legislative proposals. |
| Critical review | A summary containing evaluations of the main ideas of an article with an analysis of the text itself. |
| Case study | A qualitative method that includes a descriptive method of assessing and analysing. It consists of extensive observations.  |
| Field work | Research carried-out with a practical hands-on medium in a natural environment. |
| Public report | An official document prepared with the purpose of informing investors or potential investors and their advisors. Is also used to satisfy regulatory requirements. |
| Legal document | A document that two or more parties validated by sign to the effect it becomes legally binding and can be upheld in a court of law.  |