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Research Method
The list of material referred to in the report is not exhaustive, but reflects the relevant information accessible to this research unit at the present time. Where possible, the information sources, expertise, and where relevant, theoretical understandings of the various authors surveyed, are raised.

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