


Opponent's Report on Dissertation Thesis

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Dissertation thesis submitted by Petr Janský is a collection of three thorough and comprehensive essays dealing with various microeconomic analyses of households' budgets. The thesis is strong on rich fact-based analysis and provides readers with very comprehensive overview of the various fiscal and microeconomic effects of tax reforms. Last essay adds an analysis of inflation differential across various social and geographic groups in the Czech Republic. The thesis is carefully written and the results are presented in a correct and exhaustive manner. All papers use relevant and up-to-date references. Author's contribution is in posing right questions and laying out comprehensive arguments. There is a uniform intellectual endeavor behind all three essays – the QUAIDS estimation of own and cross price and income elasticity coefficients.

The reference list is comprehensive and proves that the author is well oriented in the fields of his study. The author has addressed all of my comments raised at the pre-defense and the thesis has been substantially improved as a result, I believe. Given the author's essential contribution to the QUAIDS estimates and his careful application of his results, I recommend the thesis for defense. I believe as well, that at least first two essays should be publishable in a refereed journal focused on tax and distribution issues.

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