

Title: Data Sharing: A Critical Factor in Estate Surveying and Valuation Practice In Nigeria.

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Abstract: The study examines the barriers to data accessibility on the operation of the property market in the field of estate management and valuation. The study was conducted using questionnaires administered on estate surveyors and valuers within Lagos metropolis. The study revealed that lack of data sharing is a major barrier to valuation consistency particularly with transactions on residential properties where evidence of past transactions are very important. This study further reveals that members of the Nigerian Institution of Estate Surveyors and Valuers need just like Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS), UK, join hands together and create a strong databank just like the investment databank (IPD) that can be used by anyone that require such information, even at a token.