*Step 2 may have been completed previously if there was a proposal stage (see Jisc Read & Publish Proposal Assessment Process Map)

**Variables:**

Timescales for data gathering and proposal assessment can vary according to the scale and complexity of the proposal. Typical timescales for a straightforward proposal are shown in the process map. Variable factors affecting the time spent gathering data include:

- Number of subscription titles currently held with the publisher
- Current subscription title direct with publisher or handled by agent
- Number of APCs previously purchased with publisher
- Reliability and availability of publisher data on APCs