Appendix 2

Methodological notes on literature review and documental analysis

Chapters 2 and 3 of this thesis involve a series of considerations on the characteristics of the Portuguese welfare state and system of social protection, as well as on the detailed aspects of social protection in old age as designed within the Portuguese formal system.

The elements and statements introduced in chapters 2 and 3 are the result of an extensive literature review and documental analysis, carried out on different materials from different sources. They are also the result of some descriptive data analysis carried out on official statistics released by several institutions, both at the national and at the international level.

Table A1.1 below summarises the materials used as a basis for chapters 2 and 3.

The materials referred to in the table were obtained either directly from the London School of Economics, namely from the data library and other web-based resources; from official institutions in Portugal, namely from the Ministry of Social Security offices; and from the national institution responsible for official statistics, with whom there was an agreement granting access to all resources available (this agreement is part of the PhD scholarship, granted by the Portuguese state to the author of this thesis).

The different sources of the material used are identified in the table that follows.

Table A1.1. Summary of data sources and data analysis procedures for the first stage of the research

Target	Data sources	Brief description of contents of data	General procedures for analysis of data
Identifying main traits of the Portuguese welfare state	Literature	Documents produced mainly by Portuguese scholars and experts, both with an academic/scientific content and with a more technical content	Review and summary.
	International Datasets: 1. OECD Social Expenditure Database 2. Eurostat, ESSPROS Database 3. OECD Historical Statistics	Datasets contain data for several countries, namely for the EU15 group, on topics such as: social expenditure; old age pension; social care provision	Descriptive analysis with a comparative focus.
Identifying main traits of the social policy framework in old age in Portugal	Literature	Technical documents produced by Portuguese experts on social protection in old age	Review and summary.
	Legislation	Documents obtained on-line at the Ministry of Social Security URL or directly from the Ministry services by request	Exploratory unstructured content analysis for the summary of policy contents and principles.
	Datasets: 1. MISSOC, European Commission 2. Statistics on Social Protection, INE 3. Data from DEPT, MTS	Datasets contain data on topics such as: number of pensioners; pension levels; service provision.	Descriptive analysis.
Identifying the main traits of the socio-demographic structures of the Portuguese society	International Datasets: 1. UN Population Database 2. OECD Labour Force Surveys 3. WHO Statistics	Datasets contain data for several countries, namely for the EU15 group, on topics such as: participation in the labour market; family formation; education; health.	Descriptive analysis with a comparative focus.
	National Datasets: 1. Census 2. Demographic Series	Datasets contain data for different socio-demographic indicators of the Portuguese population	Descriptive analysis on the Portuguese case per se.