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Dear David

**ASSESSMENT OF NATIONAL STATISTICS**

Thank you for the various emails outlining the actions that have been taken to address the requirements in the following Assessment Reports (ARs):

AR 97: English Local Authority Capital Expenditure and Receipts, and Revenue Expenditure and Financing

The remaining two of the seven outputs assessed in AR 117: Statistics on Housing in England: Dwelling Stock Estimates, England and Net Supply of Housing, England.

The Board of the Statistics Authority has reviewed these on the advice of the Assessment team and I am pleased to confirm the designation of the outputs as National Statistics. Designation of the outputs in AR97 is on the understanding that the releases explain (i) why it is reasonable to assume that local authorities provide expenditure and financing information on a consistent basis and (ii) how the data collected for these statistics differ from similar data collected by DH and DfE, and the steps that are being taken to reconcile departmental requirements so that data collection can be shared in the future.

It is a requirement of the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007 that the Code of Practice must continue to be complied with in relation to the statistics. We would invite you to incorporate the attached text in publications containing the statistics. This text may only be used where National Statistics designation has been awarded following an Assessment Report. It is intended to convey a strong and independent endorsement for the statistical publication.

Please feel free to discuss any aspect of this with us at any time. I am copying this letter to Jil Matheson, the National Statistician, and to Steven Melbourne and Richard Field.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Alldritt'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'R' and a long, sweeping tail.

Richard Alldritt

**Text that may only be used in publications that carry the National Statistics logo following assessment and designation:**

The United Kingdom Statistics Authority has designated these statistics as National Statistics, in accordance with the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007 and signifying compliance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics.

Designation can be broadly interpreted to mean that the statistics:

- meet identified user needs;
- are well explained and readily accessible;
- are produced according to sound methods, and
- are managed impartially and objectively in the public interest.

Once statistics have been designated as National Statistics it is a statutory requirement that the Code of Practice shall continue to be observed.