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Dear Roger

ASSESSMENT OF STATISTICS ON HOUSING AND PLANNING IN SCOTLAND

Thank you for the correspondence outlining the actions that have been taken to address the requirements for the remaining output in Assessment Report number 156 Statistics on Housing and Planning in Scotland produced by the Scottish Government relating to:

- *Housing Statistics for Scotland: Key Trends Summary*

On behalf of the Board of the Statistics Authority, the Assessment Committee has reviewed these on the advice of the Assessment team and I am pleased to confirm the designation of the output as National Statistics. We note the third output covered by this assessment, the *Affordable Housing Securing Planning Consent*, formally ceased in 2013.

It is a requirement of the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007 that compliance with the Code of Practice must be maintained. 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 Jill Matheson, the National Statistician, and to Adam Krawczyk.

Yours sincerely



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

The UK 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.