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Dear Roger

ASSESSMENT OF STATISTICS ON SCHOOLS AND PUPILS IN SCOTLAND

Thank you for the correspondence outlining the actions that have been taken to address the requirements for the remaining outputs in Assessment Report number 266 Statistics on Schools and Pupils in Scotland produced by the Scottish Government relating to:

- *Summary Statistics for attainment, leaver destinations and healthy living*
- *Summary Statistics for Schools in Scotland*

On behalf of the Board of the Statistics Authority, and on the advice of the Assessment team, I am pleased to confirm the designation of the outputs as National Statistics. The Authority appreciates the substantial improvements made to the presentation of the statistics and the quality information. We particularly welcome your commitment to ensure complete impartiality in the presentation of the commentary and contextual information.

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 John Pullinger the National Statistician, and Mick Wilson.

Yours sincerely



Ed Humpherson

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.