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Dear Caron

ASSESSMENT OF STATISTICS ON SHORT TERM ECONOMIC OUTPUT INDICATORS

Thank you for the correspondence outlining the actions that have been taken to address the requirements in Assessment Report number 81 Statistics on Short Term Economic Output Indicators.

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.

With specific regard to:

- Requirement 3, the confirmation is given on the basis of the work that is now being taken forward to review the sources and methods used to produce the experimental statistics components of the Index of Services (IoS). We would want early sight of any findings that might bring the National Statistics designation into question.
- Requirements 5 and 6, the confirmation is given on the basis of the further work that is planned to improve the explanation and commentary that accompanies the statistics. It may be that the releases for these statistics would be good candidates for assistance from the good practice team.

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 Glen Watson, the Director General of ONS and Jacqui Jones.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Alldritt', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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.