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Dear Tim,

ASSESSMENT REPORT 311: POPULATION ESTIMATES AND PROJECTIONS FOR SCOTLAND

Thank you for providing evidence demonstrating the actions that you have taken to address the requirements in Assessment Report 311 on Population estimates and projections in Scotland.

On behalf of the Board of the Statistics Authority, I have reviewed these on the advice of the Assessment team and I am pleased to confirm the designation of Population estimates and projections in Scotland as National Statistics. The Authority appreciates the positive and constructive attitude that the statistical team in NRS took in its approach to this assessment. We particularly welcome the publication of *Information about quality assurance arrangements for administrative data*¹, which gathers together useful information on the quality assurance that is carried out on each of the administrative data sets used to produce the population estimates and projections in Scotland.

National Statistics status means that official statistics meet the highest standards of trustworthiness, quality and value and is something to be celebrated. We invite you to include a statement alongside the statistics which reflects this status. You may wish to base your statement on the boilerplate text included in the assessment report.

Please feel free to discuss any aspect of this with us at any time. I am copying this letter to Esta Clark and Kirsty MacLachlan at NRS, and to John Pullinger, the National Statistician.

Yours sincerely



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¹ <http://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/files//statistics/about/information-about-quality-assurance-arrangements-for-administrative-data-final.pdf>