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Dear Peter

ASSESSMENT OF STATISTICS ON HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN SMALL AREAS

Thank you for the correspondence outlining the actions that have been taken to address the requirements in Assessment Report number 324: *Statistics on Household Income in Small Areas*.

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 *Small Area Model-Based Income Estimates* as National Statistics. The Authority welcomes the commitment and responsiveness of the team to increasing the trust in and value of these statistics, by better engaging users and meeting their needs, particularly with the additional publication of estimates in December. We also welcome the improvements in quality and method, in testing further administrative sources and approaches, to produce both mean and median estimates of household income in small areas.

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 the National Statistics 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 John Pullinger, the National Statistician, and to Roma Chappell and Nigel Henretty in ONS.

Yours sincerely



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