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Dear Martin

ASSESSMENT OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION STATISTICS: IMPLEMENTATION IN CENTRAL GOVERNMENT

Thank you for the correspondence outlining the actions that have been taken to address the requirements in Assessment Report number 328 on Freedom of Information Statistics.

On behalf of the Board of the Statistics Authority, the Office for Statistics Regulation has reviewed these actions and I am pleased to confirm the designation as National Statistics of *Freedom of Information Statistics: Implementation in Central Government*.

The statisticians who have been involved throughout the Assessment have been dedicated to implementing the requirements from our report in a timely manner and committed to enhancing the value of these statistics. The team has designed a thorough and thoughtful approach to sustainable user and supplier engagement and the improvements made to the statistical reports and supporting quality documents will be clearly visible to users. I commend the efforts made by all involved and I am confident in the commitment shown by you and your team to continue to enhance and improve the statistics.

National Statistics status means that official statistics meet the highest standards of trustworthiness, quality and value and is something to be celebrated. For future releases, 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 attached to this letter.

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, Liz McKeown, Cabinet Office Chief Economist, and Peter Fagence and Joshua Wallace of the Analysis and Insight team.

Yours sincerely



Ed Humpherson

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All official statistics should comply with all aspects of the *Code of Practice for Official Statistics*. They are awarded National Statistics status following an assessment by the Office for Statistics Regulation. The Office for Statistics Regulation considers whether the statistics meet the highest standards of Code compliance, including the value they add to public decisions and debate.

It is HM Treasury's and ONS's responsibility to maintain compliance with the standards expected of National Statistics. If we become concerned about whether these statistics are still meeting the appropriate standards, we will discuss any concerns with the Office for Statistics Regulation. National Statistics status can be removed at any point when the highest standards are not maintained, and reinstated when standards are restored.

