

REPORT OF A BREACH OF THE CODE OF PRACTICE FOR STATISTICS



1. Core Information

Title and link to statistical output	Producer Price Inflation, UK: February 2018 https://www.ons.gov.uk/releases/producerpriceinflationukfebruary2018
Name of producer organisation	Office for National Statistics (ONS)
Name and contact details of person dealing with report	Debra Prestwood, Director General, Office for National Statistics, Government Buildings, Cardiff Road, Newport, NP10 8XG.
Link to published statement about the breach (if relevant)	
Date of breach report	20/03/2018

2. Circumstances of breach

Relevant principle(s) and practice(s)	Truthworthiness: T3.6 – Orderly release – Statistics should be released to all users at 9:30am on a weekday.
Date of occurrence of breach	20/03/2018
<p>The Producer price inflation, UK: February 2018 release failed to publish as scheduled at 9:30.</p> <p>No other scheduled collections, publications or releases were affected by this issue.</p> <p>The cause, while not fully understood, appears to be the same as a previous breach on 08/03/2018 which suggested a failure in the decryption process, making the file available to users of the website.</p> <p>The release was published at 09:39.</p>	

3. Impact of the breach

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4. Corrective actions (taken or planned) to prevent re-occurrence

<p>The failure was investigated but we do not have sufficient logging or data in the relevant components of the publishing system to identify and fully understand the particular issue which caused this breach.</p> <p>Additional and more detailed logging has now been implemented in the publishing system to allow us to improve our ability to capture and diagnose such errors should they reoccur.</p> <p>Longer term, changes to our publishing process design will remove the affected components.</p>
