

REPORT OF A BREACH OF THE CODE OF PRACTICE FOR STATISTICS

1. Core Information [\[guidance\]](#)

Title and link to statistical output	DCMS Sectors Economic Estimates: Trade (2017) (not yet published, 2018 publication linked here: https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/dcms-sectors-economic-estimates-2016-trade)
Name of producer organisation	Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS)
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Link to published statement about the breach (if relevant)	
Date of breach report	9 August 2019

2. Circumstances of breach [\[guidance\]](#)

Relevant principle(s) and practice(s)	Principle: orderly release Practice: T3.4
Date of occurrence of breach	8 August 2019
<i>Give an account of what happened including roles of persons involved, dates, times etc</i>	
<p>As part of the quality assurance of statistics due to be published in DCMS Sectors Economic Estimates: Trade on 15 August, an email was sent by a DCMS statistician to two statisticians in the Gambling Commission and an analyst in the Sport and Gambling directorate in DCMS giving an indication of the statistics. This email was then forwarded by a DCMS sport and gambling analyst to three policy colleagues in the Sport and Gambling directorate. None of the individuals who received the emails is on the production list for this publication.</p>	

3. Impact of the breach [\[guidance\]](#)

<i>Provide details of the impact of the breach both inside the producer body and externally</i>
<p>Information giving an indication of these statistics was made available to six people who are not on the production list for this statistics release. This is not likely to have any further impact either within the department or externally, as the individuals not on the production list have deleted the emails and are aware that the statistics were sent to them in error.</p>

4. Corrective actions (taken or planned) to prevent re-occurrence [\[guidance\]](#)

<i>Describe the short-term actions made to redress the situation and the longer term changes to procedures etc</i>
<p>The Head of Profession for Statistics at DCMS was alerted to this potential breach on 8 August. She sent an email that day to the six individuals on the email chain alerting them to the breach, asking them not to continue the email conversation and asking them to delete the emails containing the information disclosed in error. All six individuals have confirmed that they have deleted the emails.</p>

To prevent re-occurrence the Head of Profession is planning to reinforce requirements of the Code of Practice for Statistics through staff training sessions.