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Dear Mr Dunne,

Thank you for your letter of 28 June¹, of which you noted the interest of the Committee in our evaluation of the pilot publication we released on 12 May, which brought together climate change-related statistics with the preliminary quarterly estimate of Gross Domestic Product (GDP). I also noted in my letter of 26 April² to the Committee that we would look to publish wellbeing-related statistics alongside preliminary GDP estimates from 12 August 2022.

I am very happy, therefore, to confirm to the Committee that we have today published our new quarterly package of statistics, bringing together climate change³ and wellbeing insights⁴ alongside estimates of GDP. This marks the first update to the Measures of National Well-being dashboard since the pandemic and captures how some of these indicators have changed. The combined package of statistics is an important step in our ongoing mission to provide a more holistic understanding of the UK economy, society and environment.

We value and welcome feedback on this new approach as we determine whether this becomes a permanent release. Initial feedback from stakeholders across government to the May publication has been positive.

I thank you and the Committee for both your interest and support, and we will of course continue to engage with you as we progress.

Yours sincerely,



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² <https://uksa.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/260422-Sir-Ian-Diamond-ONS-to-Philip-Dunne-MP-EAC.pdf>

³ <https://www.ons.gov.uk/economy/environmentalaccounts/articles/climatechangeinsightsuk/august2022>

⁴ <https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/wellbeing/bulletins/qualityoflifeintheuk/august2022>