

**NATIONAL STATISTICIAN'S COMMITTEE FOR ADVICE ON STANDARDS FOR
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Response to Paul Allin's Approach to the Committee, December 2022

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Subject: Beyond GDP and the current SNA revision

Dear Paul,

Many thanks for your email and for the points raised. I agree with you that measures of social progress need to go beyond economic issues to incorporate broader measures of wellbeing and to reflect the state of the environment, and I appreciate your wish for the SNA revision process to involve interested parties outside of government. However, the terms of reference of the Committee make clear that its primary function is to provide advice to the National Statistician on the suitability of statistical standards. The Committee's view is that promoting the engagement you seek would lie outside its terms of reference.

At the same time, I should mention that, as I understand it, the new SNA is likely to put a much greater stress on net measures of income than previous versions have done. I believe it is at least up for discussion that the concept of depreciation may be extended to include depletion of natural resources as well as depreciation of produced capital.

With kind regards,



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