

NSCASE: Decisions made by National Statistician

Paper	Recommendation to National Statistician	Date	National Statistician Decision
Further information on Amendments made by Eurostat to the Manual on Government Deficit and Debt (MGDD), 2022 Edition	<p>The Committee supported the recommendation to adopt the MGDD 2022.</p> <p>This is with the provision that any emerging evidence of a clear diversion from UK methodology and international best practice can be brought to NSCASE as separate agenda items.</p>	Jul 2023	Approved
Globalisation: an outline of subtopics to be presented to NSCASE, and an introduction to the first subtopic of 'Valuation of Imports and Exports of Goods in the International standards'	The Committee supported the implementation of Option 1 to follow the BPM7 guidance of retaining the current valuation of trade in goods methods and investigate feasibility of adopting valuation of imports and exports at the observed transaction value.	Jul 2023	Approved
Quality adjustment of public services	The Committee agreed that existing quality adjustments should in principle be introduced into the accounts. The Committee asked to be reassured that a high level of scrutiny would be applied to the work and that the appropriate stakeholders would be consulted.	April 2023	Approved
Conceptual Methods in Prices and Volume	The Committee strongly supported the paper's proposal to use the UVI method as a preferred method in the compilation of National Accounts where appropriate.	Jan 2023	Approved

New Public Private Partnerships	The Committee agreed that the Eurostat clarification note should be adopted alongside the existing EPEC PPP guidance.	Jan 2023	Approved
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Treatment of non-monetary gold and its impact on UK National Accounts	<p>The Committee could not reach a conclusion. A short update on the topic of non-monetary gold was presented to the Committee following previous discussions on the topic at earlier meetings and via correspondence outside of the meetings. It was noted that a key challenge was that valuables did not appear on the balance sheet. There was a threat of disclosure which was the reason stock data had not been released and it was not possible to add changes to a stock number that didn't exist. Following talks with the Bank there was now an improved prospect of getting stock data.</p> <p>Final paper being presented to Committee in Oct 2023 where a final recommendation to NS will be made.</p>	Jul 2023	Recommendation not made to NS
NSCASE Introduction to Natural Capital Depletion and Consultation on SNA Guidance Note WS.6	An overview on Natural Capital Depletion and Consultation on SNA Guidance Note WS.6 was provided to the Committee. The ONS sought to begin to inform the Committee that a number of potentially significant changes may arrive in SNA 2025, seek their thoughts and ensure they understand the potential ramifications at least to the degree that we do. The Committee welcomed the planned further papers.	April 2023	Recommendation not made to NS

Treatment of Package Holidays in Consumer Prices	The Committee agreed to advise the National Statistician to adopt option 3 'Do not implement the Eurostat methodology but continue to seek improvements to the existing methodology and data collection through the alternative data sources transformation programme.'	Jan 2023	Approved
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Pending recommendations

Industrial Classifications Consultation Update	The Committee noted that, while the document referred to the dominance of UK requirements over international comparability, the advice offered by the Committee was likely to take international comparability into account. This meant that the issue of comparability would need to be addressed in the proposal which will be put to the Committee in Oct 2023 and April 2024.	Oct 2022	Recommendation not made to NS
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