

NSCASE Review of Website and Content

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Introduction

1. This paper reflects the Secretariat’s work to review and update the NSCASE website. The Committee is presented with an outline of what has already been done to the layout of the website, as well as a proposal to reform the text found on the homepage of the NSCASE website to ensure it accurately reflects what the Committee is working on and achieving.
2. The current text has not been updated since the first meeting of the Committee and is therefore written in past tense. The Secretariat seeks to rectify this and make the website more engaging and user friendly.
3. The Committee is asked to review and approve the revised text.
4. For context, please see a screenshot of the homepage below. The text is quoted in the next section of the paper.

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The objectives of this committee are rooted in the Statistics and Registration Service Act (2007). This legislation placed responsibility for statistical standards, methodologies and classifications with the newly established UK Statistics Authority. Their main advisor on these matters is the National Statistician. Between 2007 and 2020, this domestic legislative framework operated alongside a range of European laws on statistics.

During this period, the UK had a legal obligation to compile its economic statistics using the frameworks and guidance set out by Eurostat: the statistical office of the European Union (EU). Following the UK's exit from the EU, we are strengthening the way we produce and quality assure our statistics with new governance arrangements that will support the adoption and implementation of high-quality standards for UK economic statistics.

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- the suitability of current standards across the ONS's suite of economic data;
- which standards the UK should adopt in the future, to meet the specific measurement needs of the UK economy, while ensuring international comparability; and
- how the UK should influence the development of future standards.

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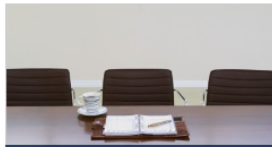
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News


- Professor Martin Weale appointed as Chair of new committee seeking to strengthen official economic statistics
- Response from Martin Weale to Ed Humpherson – Office for Statistics Regulation External Scrutiny Programme
- Statement on the first year of NSCASE – Sir Ian Diamond



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Terms of Reference

Review of Homepage Text

5. Currently, the main body of text reads as below:
6. *“The National Statistician’s Committee for Advice on Standards for Economic Statistics (NSCASE) will play a central role in the governance of economic statistics, by supporting decisions about the guidance used in the compilation of these statistics.*

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Proposed Revisions to Text: Homepage

7. This text provides a thorough overview of the value and background of NSCASE. However, it is lengthy and outdated. The Secretariat suggests synthesising the text and providing further information on a separate tab on the website, which users will be directed to for more information.
8. The Secretariat proposes the below revision to be presented on the homepage of the NSCASE website:

9. *“The National Statistician’s Committee for Advice on Standards for Economic Statistics (NSCASE) plays a role in the governance of economic statistics, by supporting decisions about the guidance used in the compilation of these statistics.*

It forms part of a governance framework that supports the adoption and implementation of high-quality standards for UK economic statistics following the UK’s departure from the European Union.

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Copies of the papers presented to the Committee and detailed minutes of each meeting are published four weeks after the date of the meeting. These can be viewed under the minutes and papers tab below.”

Proposed Revision to Text: Governance Framework

10. A separate link to further information on the Governance Framework can be included in the pre-existing tabs at the bottom of the homepage, included in a new tab at the bottom of the homepage, or added to the 'News' sidebar.
11. The information on the Governance Framework would be as such:
12. *"The objectives of this Committee are rooted in the Statistics and Registration Service Act (2007). This legislation placed responsibility for statistical standards, methodologies and classifications with the newly established UK Statistics Authority. Their main advisor on these matters is the National Statistician. Between 2007 and 2020, this domestic legislative framework operated alongside a range of European laws on statistics.*

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Conclusion

13. The Secretariat asks the Committee to review the text and discuss whether it is suitable and if any changes are desired. With the Committee's approval, the Secretariat will work to update the website, and can provide an update at the January meeting.