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Ed Humpherson
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[by email]

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Dear Ed,

Re: Intelligent transparency and a refreshed Code of Practice for Statistics

Congratulations on the launch of the third edition of the Code of Practice for Statistics and thank you for your letter about Intelligent Transparency.

My Chief Statistician, Jane Chandler, is working with our statistical community on the new *Standards for Official Statistics* and we welcome the incorporation of *Intelligent Transparency* as the *Standards for the Public Use of Statistics, Data and Wider Analysis*. I am fully supportive of their ongoing work to ensure Code compliance across the department and will work with ministers, analysts and the communications team to deliver the principles of Intelligent Transparency as set out in the new Code.

Our Secretary of State has recently replied to the letter from Penny Young on this topic, endorsing the Department's commitment to these principles.

Yours sincerely,

Clive Maxwell