

**From: The Minister**

Penny Young  
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Via email: [DG.Regulation@Statistics.gov.uk](mailto:DG.Regulation@Statistics.gov.uk)

Dear Penny,

## **INTELLIGENT TRANSPARENCY AND A REFRESHED CODE OF PRACTICE FOR STATISTICS**

Thank you for your letter dated 19 November 2025 advising of the OSR's intelligent transparency: 2025 review, and the launch of the third edition of the Code of Practice for Statistics.

I remain committed to embedding intelligent transparency as the default approach and recognise our responsibilities under the refreshed Code. My officials continue to engage with departmental statisticians as a matter of routine to ensure these standards are met, and we will work closely with our Director of Analytics and Senior Statistician to embed the strengthened expectations set out in the refreshed Code, including the new Standards for the Public Use of Statistics, Data and Wider Analysis.

Thank you for OSR's ongoing support in helping departments meet these important standards and ensuring that our statistics serve the public good.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gordon Lyons', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Gordon Lyons MLA**  
**Minister for Communities**