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Via email: DG.Regulation@Statistics.gov.uk

Dear Ed,

RE: 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 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.



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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,

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