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Dear Mr Humpherson

Thank you for your letter of 19 November advising me about the recent review of Intelligent Transparency and the launch of the latest version of the Code of Practice for Statistics.

The Department of Education is committed to evidence informed policy making and to ensuring the public have confidence in the statistics and analysis used to underpin this. I fully appreciate the importance of supporting and engaging with statistical professionals in the Department, recognising the key role they play in upholding and advocating the standards of the Code.

I would like to thank you for the offer of support from the OSR. I welcome the refreshed Code of Practice for Statistics and will support my statistical colleagues in the Department in embedding the principles of intelligent transparency.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ronnie Armour". Below the signature is a horizontal line.

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