

## Issues raised with the UK Statistics Authority from 1 July to 30 November 2014

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July 2014 9 July 14 July 15 July 29 July 29 July	The accuracy of claims by the shadow business secretary about the number of young people on Jobseeker's Allowance.  The statistical basis for conclusions made in a DWP publication 'Support for the very long term unemployed trailblazer - longer term analysis of benefit impacts'.  Statistics on flood defences and the presentation of figures on flood risk.  The use of crime statistics by the Shadow Home Secretary in a speech and subsequently published by the Labour Party.  Statement by the Prime Minister in the Daily Telegraph about the number of new jobs which were filled by foreign workers in the past year, compared with previous years.
August 2014 7 August 12 August 15 August 26 August	The statistical basis for claims that free schools are twice as likely to be outstanding as other schools inspected since a new Ofsted framework was introduced. The availability of statistics to reflect the impact self-employed people have on the economy.  Claims by the Chief Secretary to the Treasury that recent Treasury analysis showed 3.3 million jobs were at risk if the UK left the EU. Enquiry about the definition and measurement of unemployment, particularly in relation to those who are in full time education (FTE).
September 2014 9 September 19 September 30 September	Accuracy of a claim made within a Daily Telegraph article by the Immigration Minister about trends in net migration under the coalition government. Statistical presentation within a 12 month review by the Gloucestershire Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee.  The accuracy of statements about levels of immigration in a speech made by the Home Secretary at the Conservative Party conference.
October 2014  1 October  2 October  6 October  14 October  16 October  20 October  20 October  27 October  30 October	The accuracy of a statement made by the Prime Minister during his speech to the Conservative Party Conference in which he said the country was 'paying down its debts'. Statements made by education ministers suggesting that one in three young people were leaving school unable to read, write or add up. The accuracy and transparency of a HM Treasury press release about rail fares.  Statements made about the deficit attributed to the Deputy Prime Minister in a speech at the Liberal Democrat party conference.  The methodology used to produced the Construction Price Indices.  Use by Transport for London of statistics in a consultation document.  Enquiry about the use of ONS data on sick leave by an employer to issue backdated warnings to staff about the amount of sick leave taken.  The appropriateness and accuracy of HM Treasury analysis of trends in women's employment in a press release showing female employment growing in all sectors of the economy. The accuracy of the Prime Minister's references to Government policy on spending and taxation in a Times article.
November 2014 6 November 6 November 7 November 14 November 26 November	The definition of areas of spending in the HM Revenue and Customs annual tax statements.  The accuracy of statements made by the Prime Minister in Prime Minister's Questions on numbers of GPs.  Query on how areas of spending are defined in the HM Revenue and Customs annual tax statements.  Query on the accuracy of a Department for Work and Pensions statement that 12,000 households had ceased claiming incapacity benefit due to the benefit cap.  Complaint regarding statements made by the former First Minister for Scotland in the Scottish Parliament regarding changes made to the calculation of UK Gross Domestic Product.  Home Office figures on the number of 'sham' marriages, and whether these related to suspected or confirmed sham marriages.