

Issues raised with the UK Statistics Authority in the year 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2010

Description

April 2009 2 April 2 April 3 April 14 April 15 April 24 April 27 April	Change in methodology in the statistics presented in the Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills statistical bulletin <i>Participation rates in Higher Education 1999/2000 to 2007/08</i> Availability of data underlying the Department for Communities and Local Government's 2007 Indices of Deprivation at Super Output Area level in England Breach of pre-release access to statistics rules in respect of Key Stage 2 attainment results published by the Department for Children, Schools and Families Suitability of the measure used by the ONS to estimate the number of deaths from malnutrition in hospitals in England given in an answer to a Written Parliamentary Question Presentation of statistics about experience of domestic violence by gender contained in a statement on the Home Office website Whether statements made on BBC Radio 4 and Radio 5 Live on 26 February about the under-18 conception rate constituted a breach of pre-release access rules Presentation of statistics about the gender pay gap in a press release published by the Government Equalities Office on 27 April to accompany the publication of the <i>Equalities Bill</i> Proposed withdrawal of National Statistics status by the producing department (DASA) in respect of Tri-Service statistics - UK Armed Forces: Reserve Forces and Cadets for 2009 and 2010
May 2009 13 May 14 May 14 May 18 May	Presentation of data about the relative economic position of the South West region published by the South West Regional Development Agency Implications of the Code of Practice for Official Statistics on departments sharing of data with the Prime Minister's Delivery Unit, and the Unit's relationship with other departments Recommendations on how best to maximise access to 2011 Census microdata files through the Sample of Anonymised Records (SARs) Organisational status of (Further Education) Data Service and whether or not it may be regarded as a producer of official statistics
June 2009 1 June 16 June 19 June 22 June 30 June	Reliability of statistics on Tuberculosis rates and outcomes produced by the Health Protection Agency Lack of availability of court caseload, disposal and outcome data for cases of defamation and libel Reliability of statistics about the DNA database published in a Home Office consultation document Rationale for the inclusion of Passenger Focus as a producer of official statistics in the Official Statistics Order 2009, and the impact on PF Consistency of data published by the ONS on deaths involving Clostridium difficile
July 2009 3 July 11 July 8 July 8 July 8 July 8 July 8 July 13 July 16 July 20 July	Ministry of Justice press release regarding the performance of Housing Arrears Pre-Action Scheme pilot programme in Norwich during the Norwich North by-election campaign Consultation by the Welsh Assembly Government in respect of arrangements governing pre-release access to wholly devolved Welsh statistics Recording of the cause of death where the underlying cause is coded as "assault" and its subsequent statistical treatment in mortality statistics published by the ONS once investigations into the death are complete Availability of ONS data on the age of mothers at subsequent live births outside marriage, and data on the socio-economic group of registered fathers in births ourside marriage Online availability of single-age population data for years before 1981 in ONS population estimates Lack of availability of published data on personal wealth and assets from the Wealth and Assets Survey Continuation of publication of the Department for Work and Pensions Annual Abstract of Statistics Presentation of statistics drawn from a survey of local authorities contained in the Badman review of Elective Home Education in England Methodology underpinning the income tax mechanism proposed by the Calman Commission on Scottish Devolution Statistics on the allocation of social housing to migrants presented in a report written by the Institute for Public Policy Research, commissioned by the Equalities and Human Rights Commission Presentation of statistics about the free swimming scheme published by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, and arrangements for interested parties to provide comment on the presentation and commentary before publication



Issues raised with the UK Statistics Authority in the year 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2010

Description

27 July Range and quality of statistical information of H1N1 "Swine Flu" published by the Health Protection Agency and others in England, compared with Scotland, and related issues

August 2009

3 August Whether the arrangements for statisticians to speak directly to the press at the time of the release of important official statistics are clear enough and well understood by Government

Departments

6 August Presentation of statistics about the gender pay gap in a report published by the Women and Work Commission

11 August Consistency of time series data on Key Stage 2 educational attainment and related Ministerial claims

12 August Announcement of an inquiry by the Department for Work and Pensions into the reasons for an apparent gap between the number of people out of work and the number of people claiming

Jobseekers' Allowance

14 August Reliability of statistics on the gender pay gap in the Civil Service presented in a press release published by the Liberal Democrats

27 August Presentation of statistics on long-term worklessness in a speech by the Shadow Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, and related Conservative Party press release

September 2009

3 September Availability to approved researchers of anonymised Census microdata from the 1961 to 1981 censuses

18 September Presentation of statistics about domestic violence in the Welsh Assembly Government's Strategic Action Plan to address violence to women

October 2009

19 October Reporting of UK emissions under the EU Trading Scheme in UK Climate Change Sustainable Development Indicator: 2007 Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Final Figures published by the

Department of Energy and Climate Change on 3 February 2009

20 October Status of the deprivation index for England and whether it should be included as National Statistics in line with the devolved administrations

20 October Consistency of time series data on the number of adults living in households without access to a bank account published by HM Treasury

26 October Reliability of data published by the Ministry of Justice about the number of offenders under multi-agency public protection arrangements (MAPPA)

27 October Comments attributed to Nick Hurd MP in the press regarding proposals for questions in the 2001 Census in England and Wales

November 2009

4 November Presentation of statistics about domestic violence in Cohesion and Equality: guidance for funders published by the Equality and Human Rights Commission in October 2009

6 November Whether the Government's claim that 500,000 jobs had been protected during the recession was derived from official statistics

23 November Presentation of statistics about inflation at aggregate level relative to individual personal experiences

24 November Rationale for the decision by the ONS to cease publication of the UK Official Yearbook

26 November When the ONS became aware of liquidity assistance to Halifax Bank of Scotland and the Royal Bank of Scotland

December 2009

3 December Reliability of HMRC data on exports from the UK to the European Union and the methodology used in aggregations

17 December Effect of changes in the eligibility criteria for Jobseekers Allowance on the consistency of JSA claimant count time series data

January 2010

8 January Accuracy of comparisons of pay and conditions in the public and private sectors in an article published by the Sunday Times (8 January 2010)

21 January Reliability of ONS statistics on the number of Hospital Medical and Dental staff in Scotland in 2006 used in a research report published by the Nuffield Trust

29 January Continuing concerns about the statistical evidence base relating to the live music sector



Issues raised with the UK Statistics Authority in the year 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2010

Description

February	2010

4 February	Misleading presentation of police recorded statistics on violent crime
8 February	Discrepancy in PAYE records arising out of the HMRC Modernising PAYE Processes for Customers Programme, and implications on statistics provided to, and produced by, ONS
9 February	Lack of availability of key National and official statistics at 2010 electoral geographical level taking account of revisions to the boundaries for Parliamentary Constituencies
16 February	Omission of a specific category in the 2011 Census questionnaire in which to record individual ethnicity as Sikh

March 2010

2 March	Impact of downward revisions to quarterly GDP in the compilation of estimates of GDP growth in successive quarters
10 March	Availability of data on the number of crimes detected through subject-profiles on the DNA database and related analysis
15 March	Early Day Motion seeking the annulment of the 2011 Census Regulations
16 March	Reliability of police force area-level detection rates, in particular for crimes of anti-social behaviour
16 March	Presentation of the conviction rate for offences of rape further to the Stern Review of Rape Reporting in England and Wales
17 March	Reasons for the delay in the publication of annual workload data by the Youth Justice Board
17 March	Reliability and status of statistical information about autism presented in the 2007 Adult Psychiatric Morbidity Survey published by the NHS Information Centre for Health and Social Care
19 March	Media coverage of remarks attributed to the Shadow Minister for the Cabinet Office supporting the recommendations of the Authority in a Monitoring Report reviewing the statutory
	arrangements for pre-release access to official statistics in the UK.