

UK STATISTICS AUTHORITY

Note Regarding the Meeting of Friday 23 April 2010

1. Cancellation of meeting

- 1.1 This meeting of the Authority was cancelled because the Chair, Sir Michael Scholar was unable to return from the United States of America in time for the meeting due to the disruption to air transport caused by volcanic ash. It was agreed that comments on the papers which would have been considered at that meeting would be handled by correspondence.

2. Minutes from the Previous Meeting

- 2.1 The minutes of the previous meeting held on 25 March 2010 were accepted as a true and fair account.

3. Draft Assessment Reports 35,36,37,38,39,40 and 41 [SA(10)24,25,26,27,28]

- 3.1 The following Assessment Reports, which had been considered at the meeting of the Assessment Committee on 13 April 2010, were approved subject to minor amendments for publication:

- Assessment Report 35: Freedom of Information;
- Assessment Report 36: Court Activity;
- Assessment Report 37: Cancer in Scotland;
- Assessment Report 38: Cancer Screening in Scotland;
- Assessment Report 39: NHS Scotland Workforce;
- Assessment Report 40: Road Conditions in England, and;
- Assessment Report 41: School and Pupil Characteristics, and Absence and Exclusions in England.

4. UK Statistics Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2009/10

- 4.1 Detailed comments were received on the draft of the Authority's Annual Report and Accounts 2009/10, including comments about chapters on Monitoring and Assessment, the Government Statistical Service (GSS) and the Office for National Statistics (ONS). These comments would be collated and fed back to the chapter authors by the Secretariat.

5. Next meeting

- 5.1 The next meeting was confirmed for Friday 21 May 2010.

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Agenda

Friday, 23 April, 2010

Board Room, Statistics House, Newport, 11:15 - 12:15

Chair: Sir Michael Scholar
Apologies: Ms Moira Gibb

1	Minutes and matters arising from previous meeting Declarations of interest	Meeting of 250310
2	Reports from Authority Committee Chairs: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● ONS Board● Assessment Committee	Oral Report Lord Rowe-Beddoe Professor Sir Roger Jowell
	Draft Assessment Reports (AR)	Mr Richard Alldritt Mr Richard Laux
3	AR35: Freedom of Information	SA(10)24
4	AR36: Court Activity	SA(10)25
5	AR37: Cancer in Scotland AR38: Cancer Screening in Scotland AR39: NHS Scotland Workforce	SA(10)26
6	AR40: Road Conditions in England	SA(10)27
7	AR41: School and Pupil Characteristics, and Absence and Exclusions in England	SA(10)28
8	UK Statistics Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2009/10 - Draft	SA(10)29
9	Any other business	

Next Meeting: Friday, 21 May, 2010
Statistics House, London, 11:15 - 15:00

Assessment Report: Freedom of Information

This document has been published on the UK Statistics Authority website.

To see the document go to:

<http://www.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/assessment/assessment-reports/assessment-report-35---statistics-on-freedom-of-information.pdf>

Assessment Report: Court Activity

This document has been published on the UK Statistics Authority website.

To see the document go to:

<http://www.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/assessment/assessment-reports/assessment-report-36---statistics-on-court-activity.pdf>

SA(10)26 - Assessment Report 37: Cancer in Scotland
Assessment Report 38: Cancer Screening in Scotland
Assessment Report 39: NHS Scotland Workforce

Assessment Reports

These documents have been published on the UK Statistics Authority website.

To see these documents go to:

Assessment Report: Cancer in Scotland

<http://www.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/assessment/assessment-reports/assessment-report-37---statistics-on-cancer-in-scotland.pdf>

Assessment Report: Cancer Screening in Scotland

<http://www.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/assessment/assessment-reports/assessment-report-38---statistics-on-cancer-screening-in-scotland.pdf>

Assessment Report: NHS Scotland Workforce

<http://www.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/assessment/assessment-reports/assessment-report-39---statistics-on-nhs-scotland-workforce.pdf>

Assessment Report: Road Conditions in England

This document has been published on the UK Statistics Authority website.

To see the document go to:

<http://www.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/assessment/assessment-reports/assessment-report-40---statistics-on-road-conditions-in-england.pdf>

SA(10)28 - Assessment Report 41: School and Pupil Characteristics, and
Absence and Exclusions in England

**Assessment Report: School and Pupil Characteristics, and Absence and
Exclusions in England**

This document has been published on the UK Statistics Authority website.

To see the document go to:

<http://www.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/assessment/assessment-reports/assessment-report-41---statistics-on-school-and-pupil-characteristics--and-absence-and-exclusions-in-england.pdf>

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UK Statistics Authority Annual Report and Resource Accounts 2009/10

Purpose

1. This paper presents drafts of each chapter of the UK Statistics Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2009/10.

Timing

2. The Authority's Annual Report and Accounts must be laid before the UK Parliament and the devolved legislatures before the Summer recess in July 2010. Comments upon the draft chapters are invited at this stage, in order to meet future editing, design and production deadlines.

Recommendations

3. Members of the Authority Board are invited to:
 - i. comment upon the text of the draft chapters **Annex A** and, subject to any amendments, approve it;
 - ii. note the contents of the Resource Accounts, also at **Annex A**, and;
 - iii. note the timetable for the production of the Annual Report and Accounts at paragraph 8 below.

Discussion

4. Under the terms of the *Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007* the Authority is required to produce a report at the end of each financial year '*on what it has done during the year, what it has found during that year, and, what it intends to do during the next financial year*' (section 27(1)). The Report is to be laid before the UK Parliament and the devolved legislatures (section 27(2)). The Authority is also required to lay its Annual Accounts before the UK Parliament under the *Government Resource and Accounts Act 2000* (section 6(4)).
5. At the December 2009 meeting the Authority Board agreed that, as in 2008/09, it would produce a combined UK Statistics Authority Annual Report and Accounts in two volumes, which would cover the Authority, the Government Statistical Service (GSS) and the Office for National Statistics (ONS) as well as the combined Resource Accounts for the year. The Report will consist of the following six chapters:
 - Volume One:
 - Chapter 1 - Chair's Report and 'About the UK Statistics Authority';
 - Chapter 2 - Monitoring and Assessment Annual Report;
 - Chapter 3 - GSS Report Annual Report;
 - Chapter 4 - ONS Annual Report, and;
 - Chapter 5 - Corporate and Summary Financial Information.
 - Volume Two:
 - Chapter 6 - Resource Accounts 2009/10.
6. As the 2009/10 Resource Accounts are not yet available, only the outline contents of that chapter are given.
7. The Authority Secretariat have been coordinating work on the Annual Report and will

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continue to work closely with the authors/owners of each separate chapter. The text of the chapters are currently drafts and may be subject to further amendment in the coming weeks. Some sections are not yet completed or missing, and have been marked accordingly [text in square brackets]. Some other notes on suggested tables and charts etc. are also included. We will be further reviewing and quality assuring all text and checking across chapters for consistency.

8. Over the coming months the Secretariat will also liaise closely with ONS Finance and Communication Divisions, working towards the design, production, internal and external sign-off and publication of the Annual Report and Resource Accounts to timetable, as follows:
 - 23 April - paper to Authority Board seeking comments/approval of text of chapters
 - 4 May - accounts ready for audit and signed of by Chief Financial Officer
 - 15 June - preparation of Audit Completion Memorandum by National Audit Office (NAO)
 - 25 June - Audit Committee to consider Annual Report and Accounts and NAO Audit Completion Memorandum
 - 30 June - final review of Annual Report and Accounts by NAO
 - 5 July - Accounting Officer to sign Annual Report and Accounts
 - w/c 12 July - Comptroller and Auditor General to certify and sign Annual Report and Accounts
 - w/c 12 July - Annual Report and Accounts laid before Parliament and devolved legislatures
 - Mid/late July - Annual Report and Accounts printed and published by The Stationary Office

Alex Elton-Wall, Secretariat, UK Statistics Authority, April 2010

List of Annexes

Annex A UK Statistics Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2009/10 - Draft Chapters

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This document will be published on the UK Statistics Authority website in due course.

Annual Report and Resource Accounts are available at:

<http://www.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/about-the-authority/what-we-do/annual-report-and-accounts/index.html>

