

Statement

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Process for discussing with Producers their implementation of Assessment requirements

The Assessment Reports published to date have included a number of requirements, which the producers of the sets of statistics being assessed must implement if the statistics are to be designated as National Statistics in future. At the time of specifying requirements, Assessment teams typically provide producers with examples of how requirements could be met. Nonetheless there may be occasions when the expectations of the Authority Board for a particular requirement are not met.

The stages below indicate how the Assessment team will discuss with producers their implementation of requirements.

1. Approximately one month prior to the deadline for the implementation of requirements (as set out in the Assessment report) the Assessment team leader will contact the producer body, reminding them of their responsibility to notify the Authority, in writing, of the implementation of the requirements and to submit suitable accompanying evidence (e.g. revised bulletins, weblinks to published plans and statements).
2. If a response is received by the deadline and the Assessment team is content that the accompanying evidence satisfactorily addresses the requirements in the Assessment report, then the Authority Board will be invited to confirm the designation.
3. If a response is not received by the deadline, the Assessment team will seek the approval of the Authority Board to cancel the National Statistics designation, notifying the producer body of the intention to do so.
4. If the accompanying evidence which is submitted does not constitute a satisfactory response to the requirements in the report and cannot be (or is not) rectified to fully meet the requirements set out in the Assessment report by the deadline, the Assessment team will seek the approval of the Authority Board to cancel the National Statistics designation, notifying the producer body of the intention to do so.