



Issues raised with the UK Statistics Authority

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August 2008

- 4 August Delay in publication of the Department for Work and Pensions statistical bulletin *Tax Benefit Model Tables*
- 7 August Collection and release of data on Standard Assessment Tests (SATs) by the Department for Children, Schools and Families
- 20 August Delay in publication of HMRC data on monthly property transactions and withdrawal of data published in July
- 20 August Report of New Local Government Network on the future of the decennial census
- 20 August Quality of ONS mid-year population estimates and progress of review to improve population and migration statistics
- 26 August Media reporting of data on the number of older workers in "*Older workers losing jobs in credit crunch*"
- 26 August Data published by the Department for Children, Families and Schools regarding inequality in schools
- 28 August Circulation of Home Office press notice containing policy comment and statistical content of ONS and Home Office press briefing material distributed at a press conference hosted by the UK Statistics Authority
- 29 August Confidentiality of census records in light of the award of 2011 Census contract
- 29 August Quality of ONS statistics on retail sales and implications on levels of public trust in official statistics

July 2008

- 2 July Analysis of data on overseas second home ownership in ONS statistical bulletin *Economic Trends*
- 4 July Inclusion of contact details of relevant statisticians in departmental statistical bulletins
- 7 July Analysis of Home Office data on Anti-Social Behaviour Orders
- 7 July Fawcett Society analysis of data on convictions for rape by police force area in England and Wales
- 8 July Responsibility for maintenance of online archive of *Criminal Statistics* statistical bulletin and supplementary tables in light of changes in the machinery of Government
- 22 July HM Treasury announcement of preparations for a change in the fiscal rules in advance of publication of statistics on public finances on 18 July

June 2008

- 3 June Methods of calculation of Gross Domestic Product
- 5 June Attention drawn to parliamentary exchanges on 4 June regarding the use and misuse of statistics
- 6 June Availability of input-output tables for economic modelling and importance to academic researchers
- 9 June Criticism of the Office for National Statistics by local authorities regarding migration statistics

16 June Delay in publication of the Department for Work and Pensions statistical bulletin *Households Below Average Income*
17 June Request for views of the Authority regarding one of the preferred suppliers of services for the 2011 Census
20 June ONS retail sales data and apparent differences between published data and analyst expectations
23 June ONS assessment of Private Finance Initiative schemes and symmetric adjustment to debts and assets for on-book schemes
30 June Quality of ONS data on retail sales

May 2008

7 May Low levels of public trust in official statistics, especially in measures of inflation
12 May Attention drawn to media comment on the quality of official measures of inflation
27 May Availability of official estimates of non-EU work-related migration

April 2008

2 April Accuracy of data on MRSA cases supplied in answer to a written parliamentary question (HC Deb 26.03.2008, c202w)
7 April Availability of official estimates of non-EU work-related migration
7 April Delay in publication of the Department for Work and Pensions statistical bulletin *Households Below Average Income*
10 April Analysis of data published by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport regarding the impact of the *Licensing Act 2003* on live music events
11 April Non-inclusion of Bank of England statistics on the UK Statistics Authority Publication Hub
11 April Implications for statistical quality in light of the recruitment policy of the Office for National Statistics
21 April Content of questions asked in the Integrated Household Survey
28 April Accuracy of the Consumer Prices Index as a measure of inflation

Issues may be raised with the UK Statistics Authority by contacting:

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