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Dear Roger

ASSESSMENT OF STATISTICS ON QUARTERLY NATIONAL ACCOUNTS SCOTLAND

Thank you for the correspondence outlining the actions that have been taken to address the requirements in Assessment Report number 272 on Statistics on Quarterly National Accounts Scotland.

On behalf of the Board of the Statistics Authority, and on the advice of the Assessment team, I am pleased to confirm the designation of the output as National Statistics. The Authority appreciates the very positive engagement between the Scottish Government statisticians and the Assessment team throughout the assessment and follow-up period. The efforts of the team to introduce a range of improvements to the Quarterly National Accounts Scotland and the supporting documentation are commendable. I look forward to the Quarterly National Accounts Scotland datasets being published in non-proprietary format, as well as the current Excel format, to encourage even greater re-use and analysis of the QNAS data (Requirement 8 of the Assessment Report).

It is a requirement of the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007 that compliance with the Code of Practice must be maintained. We would invite you to incorporate the attached text in publications containing the statistics. This text may only be used where National Statistics designation has been awarded following an Assessment Report. It is intended to convey a strong and independent endorsement for the statistical publication. We look forward to the Quarterly National Accounts Scotland for 2014 Q1 in August being the first to carry the National Statistics status.

Please feel free to discuss any aspect of this with us at any time. I am copying this letter to Sir Andrew Dilnot, John Pullinger and to Peter Housden.

Yours sincerely



Ed Humpherson

Text that may only be used in publications that carry the National Statistics logo following assessment and designation:

The UK Statistics Authority has designated these statistics as National Statistics, in accordance with the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007 and signifying compliance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics.

Designation can be broadly interpreted to mean that the statistics:

- meet identified user needs;
- are well explained and readily accessible;
- are produced according to sound methods; and
- are managed impartially and objectively in the public interest.

Once statistics have been designated as National Statistics it is a statutory requirement that the Code of Practice shall continue to be observed.