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Dear Duncan

ASSESSMENT OF ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE STATISTICS

Thank you for the correspondence outlining the actions that have been taken to address the requirements in Assessment Report number 283 on Energy and Climate Change Statistics. As mentioned in the Assessment Report itself, I consider these statistics to offer a comprehensive source of information about the energy sector in the UK, and offer a rich source of potential analysis.

On behalf of the Board of the Statistics Authority, the Regulation Committee has reviewed these on the advice of the Assessment team and I am pleased to confirm the designation of the outputs as National Statistics. The Regulation Committee acknowledges the efforts of the teams involved in the assessment process to introduce a range of improvements to the statistical reports and supporting documentation. I particularly welcome the enhancements made to the explanatory information regarding the quality assurance of the administrative data for the Green Deal statistics and Greenhouse Gas Emission estimates. For those designations that are confirmed on the basis of your commitment to make the necessary changes to the statistics when they are next published, we will look to review additional material later in the year.

The Statement of Administrative Sources provides a helpful basis for linking more effectively to all relevant methods and quality documents. I recommend that such links be included when the Statement is next revised.

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.

Please feel free to discuss any aspect of this with us at any time and please extend the invitation to your successor. I wish you every success in your new post.

I am copying this letter to John Pullinger, the National Statistician.

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.