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Dear David

**ASSESSMENT OF ENGLISH INDICES OF DEPRIVATION**

Thank you for the correspondence outlining the actions that have been taken to address the requirements for the outputs in Assessment Report number 303 on *The English Indices of Deprivation*.

On behalf of the Board of the Statistics Authority, I have reviewed these on the advice of the Assessment team and I am pleased to confirm the designation of *The English Indices of Deprivation* as National Statistics. The Authority appreciates the very positive engagement between the statistical team in DCLG and the Authority's Assessment team during the follow-up period. The range of activities undertaken to investigate the quality of the administrative data in the light of the Authority's guidance, *Quality Assurance of Administrative Data*, are commendable. We also welcome the clear focus on addressing the variety of users' needs in the presentation of the statistics and design of the guidance material.

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. I am copying this letter to John Pullinger, the National Statistician; Melanie Dawes, DCLG's Permanent Secretary, and to Baljit Gill (IoD lead statistician) and Dr Tom Smith (Director, Oxford Consultants for Social Inclusion).

Yours sincerely



Ed Humpherson

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

### **NATIONAL STATISTICS STATUS**

National Statistics status means that official statistics meet the highest standards of trustworthiness, quality and public value.

All official statistics should comply with all aspects of the *Code of Practice for Official Statistics*. They are awarded National Statistics status following an assessment by the Authority's regulatory arm.

The Authority considers whether the statistics meet the highest standards of Code compliance, including the value they add to public decisions and debate.

It is a producer's responsibility to maintain compliance with the standards expected of National Statistics, and to improve its statistics on a continuous basis. If a producer becomes concerned about whether its statistics are still meeting the appropriate standards, it should discuss its concerns with the Authority promptly. National Statistics status can be removed at any point when the highest standards are not maintained, and reinstated when standards are restored.

