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Dear Sir Michael -

Thank you for your letter of 6 January about assessment of the ODA/GNI Ratio against the National Statistics Code of Practice.

In accordance with subsection (3) of the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007 I am formally requesting that the UK Statistics Authority assess the ODA/GNI Ratio against the National Statistics Code of Practice by June 2009.

As you are aware, our annual publication Statistics on International Development (SID) has been identified for assessment against the Code, also by June 2009. I hope that the process for assessing both SID and the ODA/GNI Ratio can be joined up to reduce the impact of assessment on my department.

I believe the Statistics and Registration Services Act 2007 was an important step forward for official statistics in the UK and fully support the UK Statistics Authority in its work.

I am copying this letter to the Rt. Hon Malcolm Bruce MP, Chair of the International Development Select Committee. A copy will also be placed in the library of the House

Yours ever
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