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Dear Roger,

SCOTTISH INPUT-OUTPUT TABLES AND MULTIPLIERS

Thank you for your letter of 10 June setting out the situation regarding your input-output tables. I am grateful to you for consulting with us in this proactive and constructive way. I am also grateful that you have taken the time to consider what the outcome of Assessment Report 300 on the UK's input-output tables means for their Scottish equivalents.

Your letter suggested that the Authority consider the National Statistics status of the input-output tables for Scotland. Designation of official statistics as National Statistics shows that the statistics meet the highest standards of trustworthiness, quality and public value. I agree with you that your reliance on the same data that feed into the UK tables – which are not currently designated as National Statistics because of those data issues – means that the Scottish tables should also have their National Statistics status removed.

I appreciate your commitment to be clear with your users about the change in status. I look forward to updates from you in due course about developments in these statistics once improved data are available.

Yours sincerely,



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