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Dear Ian

ASSESSMENT OF MIGRATION STATISTICS

Thank you for the correspondence outlining the actions that have been taken to address the requirements in Assessment Report number 267 on Migration Statistics produced by the Office for National Statistics relating to:

- *Migration Statistics Quarterly Report*
- *Internal Migration by Local Authorities in England and Wales*

On behalf of the Board of the Statistics Authority, the Assessment 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 Assessment Committee acknowledges the efforts of the teams involved in the assessment process to introduce a range of improvements to its statistical reports and supporting documentation.

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, and to Jonathan Tinsley and Sarah Crofts.

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.