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Dear Andrew

ASSESSMENT OF STATISTICS ON SOCIAL HOUSING

Thank you for the correspondence outlining the actions that have been taken to address the requirements in Assessment Report number 270 on Statistics on Social Housing.

On behalf of the Board of the Statistics Authority, and on the advice of the Assessment team, I am pleased to confirm the designation of the output as National Statistics. The Authority appreciates the very positive engagement between the Homes and Communities Agency statistical production team and the Authority's Assessment team during the follow-up period. The efforts of the team to introduce a range of improvements to the output and supporting documentation prior to publication are commendable. The willingness of the team to seek advice from the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) and the National Statistician's Office laid the foundations for many of these improvements. The Authority encourages you to continue to improve these statistics, building on this platform.

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 David Fry at DCLG.

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.