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Subject: Complaint re late release of statistics

Hi,

As part of my research I need to access live tables on housing market statistics. The website can be found here. Note that one of the first things one sees is the announcement that “Tables 544, 576 to 578 and 581 to 588 were updated on 24 April 2014. Further updates are planned.” I’m particularly interested in the ratio of LQ house prices to LQ earnings (Table 576), but the latest official data is for 2013. One would have expected the data to be have been refreshed in April 2015.

I have contacted DCLG several times (by phone) over several months and keep being told that although updates are planned no timetable of publication is available. I think this situation is unacceptable and unprofessional.

Can you apply pressure on them to get their act together and release the updates? If we get to April it will be two years since the last release!

Kind regards,

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