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Code stock take workshop



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Our aim

- 1. Raise the profile of the Code**
- 2. Enhance the value of the Code**

Today...

- **Aims**
- **Approach**
- **Timescales**
- **Our initial thoughts**
- **Your views**

Work streams

Review standards/
guidance

Refine the scope /
reach / application of
the Code

Restructure the format of
the code (presentation,
accessibility)

Develop process for
business as usual or
annual review

Objective

Raise
the
profile
and
value of
the code

**Preliminary
outcomes**

More flexible
approaches to
Assessment

Voluntary
compliance –
non-OS
producers, &
'others'

Strategy to
review &
reduce the NS
list

Additional
guidance
material

**Strategic
outcomes**

More
coherent &
relevant
standards &
guidance


Increase
desirability
to the
GSS &
others

Enhanced
NS brand
recognition


Christmas 2015

 **Objective : Raise the profile & value of the Code**

 Survey

 Desk based research

 Workshops

 Bilateral discussions

Steering group meeting

Easter 2016

 Analysis

Steering group meeting

Recommendations

Steering group meeting

Christmas 2016

 Feedback/implementation

1. Raising the profile

- Inherent in all stock take activity
- New UK Statistics Authority website
 - Regular updates
- Communications through GPT, GSS website
- Relaunch?



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1. Raising the profile Code of Practice Questionnaire

Gathering user insight...

- Closed Friday 5 February 2016
- Over 600 responses

We asked...

What does the Code mean to you?



We asked...

Most important aspects of the Code?

1. Focus on sound methods and quality assurance
2. Focus on meeting user needs

Useful back-up when
defending the
choices made in the
production of official
and national stats.

Preservation
of statistics
'for the
public good'

Ensuring the
statistics are
independent of
political
pressures

If adhered to
the end results
are robust and
trustworthy

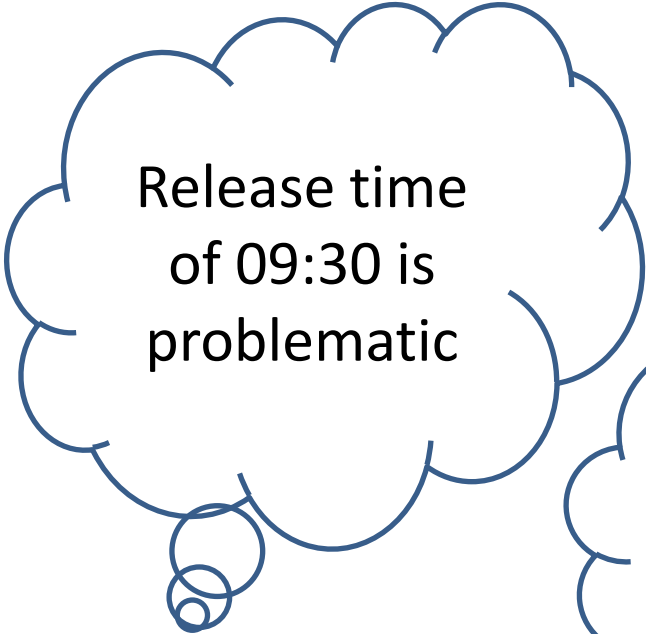
Ensuring the HoP
has sole
responsibility for
deciding on
methods, content
and timing...

We asked...

Do you feel constrained by the Code?

- **Yes 34%**

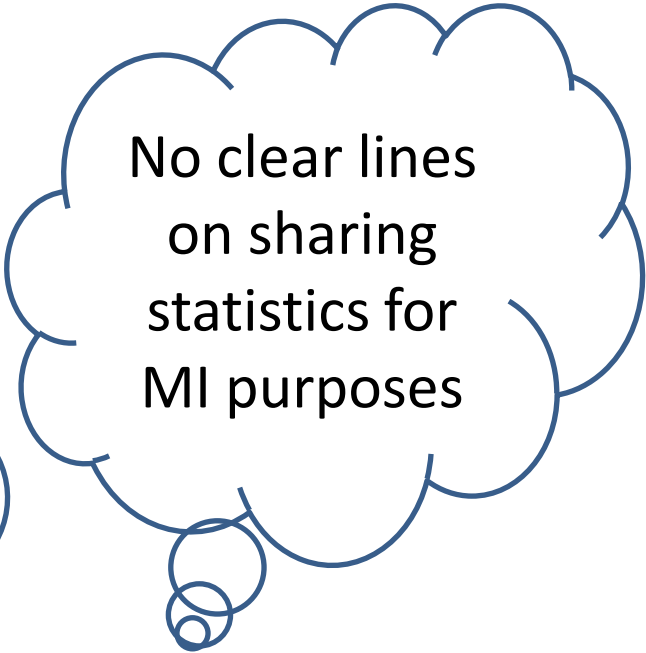
- **No 48 %**



Release time
of 09:30 is
problematic



Pre release
access
restrictions



No clear lines
on sharing
statistics for
MI purposes

We asked...

Further guidance on the Code?

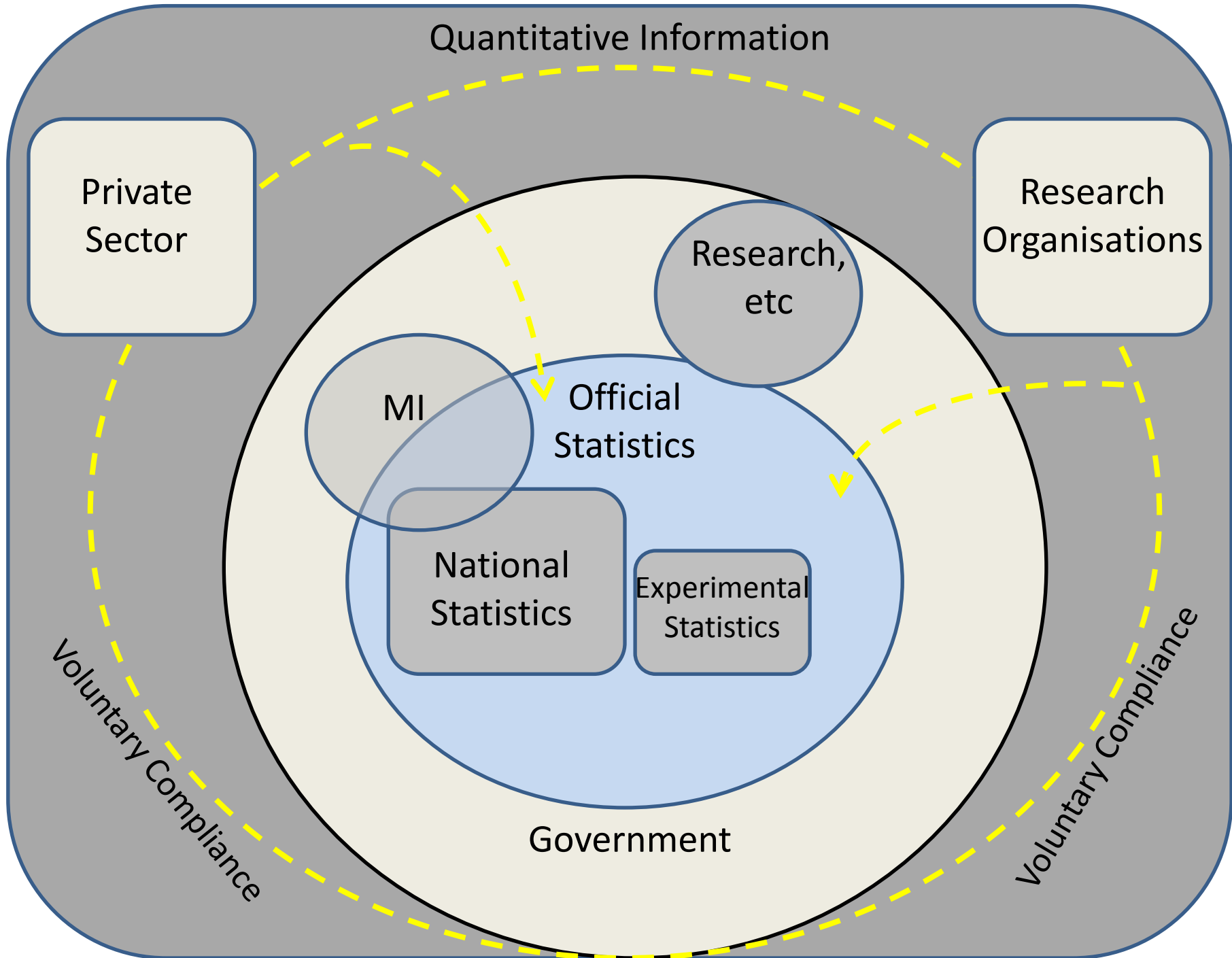
- **Yes 43%**
- **No 40 %**

We expect to:

- harmonise and build on existing guidance
- develop new standards where it would be helpful
 - charts and tables?
 - maps?
 - Open Data?

2. Enhancing the value

- Desk based research:
 - the Code and the brand
 - size of the NS estate
 - release practices
 - myths and successes
 - presentation of the Code
- Culture of Code use across OS producers
- Challenge from external regulatory community
- Challenge from international statistical community



Quantitative Information

Private Sector

Research Organisations

Research, etc

MI

Official Statistics

National Statistics

Experimental Statistics

Government

Voluntary Compliance

Voluntary Compliance



Common thoughts on enhancing the value of the Code (to date!)

- MI
- Pre-release
- Proportionate use of the Code
- Cultural differences



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Our challenge today – What would enhance the value of the Code for you?

- How does the Code work for you?
- What is helpful/unhelpful in the Code? What's on your wish list?