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Dear Martin

**ASSESSMENT OF NORTHERN IRELAND ROAD SAFETY STRATEGY TO 2020:
ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT**

Thank you for the correspondence outlining the actions that have been taken to address the requirements in Assessment Report number 323 on Northern Ireland Road Safety Strategy to 2020: Annual Statistical Report.

On behalf of the Board of the Statistics Authority, I have reviewed these on the advice of the Assessment team and I am pleased to confirm the designation of Northern Ireland Road Safety Strategy to 2020: Annual Statistical Report as new National Statistics. The Assessment team was impressed with the close working between the Analytical, Statistics & Research team and its policy colleagues, and the high regard held for the contribution of analysis and statistics to the ongoing development of road safety policy in Northern Ireland. Your team has shown commendable endeavour in reaching out beyond the department to road safety stakeholders as part of this development process which has resulted in the awarding of National Statistics status. This should provide a solid basis to ensure maximum public value from these statistics.

I am aware of the considerable efforts of the statistics team in introducing a range of improvements to its statistical report and supporting documentation. We are looking forward to seeing the new documentation and the improved report later this month. I particularly commend the work that you have undertaken to develop the new Indicator Booklet, which should be a valuable source of information on methods and quality for users. Being able to replicate statistics from their sources and understanding their strengths and limitations are essential in the appropriate re-use of the statistics, as is the capability to feed data directly into analytical tools. Your work has supported all these capabilities.

National Statistics status means that official statistics meet the highest standards of trustworthiness, quality and value and is something to be celebrated. We invite you to include a statement alongside the statistics which reflects this status. You may wish to base your statement on the boilerplate text included in the assessment report.

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 Siobhan Carey, Northern Ireland Chief Statistician.

Yours sincerely



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