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Dear Jonathan

RE-ASSESSMENT OF SERVICES PRODUCER PRICE INDICES

Thank you for the correspondence outlining the actions that have been taken to address the requirements in Assessment Report number 290 on *Services Producer Price Indices*.

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 continued designation of Services Producer Price Indices as National Statistics.

I commend the statistical team's approach to engagement with users using social media to maintain an effective dialogue and the improvements to the release that this approach has informed. I am particularly pleased that the team was clearly committed to continuing to produce a high quality output, including work to strengthen the quality assurance arrangements, and that it viewed re-assessment as a vehicle to help it do this. I am delighted to note, in your *Economic Statistics and Analysis Strategy*¹, the plans to improve the measurement of the service sector and I encourage you to continue to prioritise this important work in order to reflect the modern economy.

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 continue to include a statement alongside the statistics which reflects the National Statistics status. You may wish to base your statement on the boilerplate text attached to this letter.

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 Mike Prestwood and Kat Pegler.

Yours sincerely



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¹<https://www.ons.gov.uk/aboutus/whatwedo/statistics/consultationsandsurveys/allconsultationsandsurveys/economicstatisticsandanalysisstrategy>

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NATIONAL STATISTICS STATUS

National Statistics status means that official statistics meet the highest standards of trustworthiness, quality and public value.

All official statistics should comply with all aspects of the Code of Practice for Official Statistics. They are awarded National Statistics status following an assessment by the Authority's regulatory arm.

The Authority considers whether the statistics meet the highest standards of Code compliance, including the value they add to public decisions and debate.

It is ONS's responsibility to maintain compliance with the standards expected of National Statistics. If we become concerned about whether these statistics are still meeting the appropriate standards, we will discuss any concerns with the Authority promptly. National Statistics status can be removed at any point when the highest standards are not maintained, and reinstated when standards are restored.

