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**Director General for Regulation**

Sir Ian Diamond  
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(By email)

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Dear Sir Ian

Thank you for your letter of 23 March 2020. I am happy to confirm the exemption from the relevant practice in the Code of Practice for Statistics. This is sensible and proportionate in the circumstances.

Yours sincerely



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Director General for Regulation