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Dear Mr Kidney

Thank you for your letter dated 30 June 2009 about Fuel Poverty Statistics. I note the pre-announcement of a publication date for future issues of these statistics, and await confirmation of your request to assess those statistics against the Code of Practice for Official Statistics.

The Monitoring and Assessment (M&A) Team has recently completed the assessment of your Energy Sector Indicators publication, and the assessment report, which recommends conditional designation as National Statistics, was published on 27 July, 2009. The M&A Team is working with your department's statisticians to assess your existing National Statistics.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely



**Sir Michael Scholar KCB**