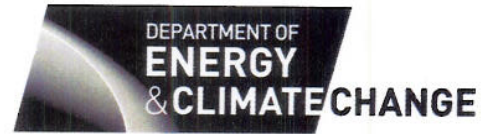


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Dear Sir Michael,

On 6<sup>th</sup> January 2009, you wrote to the Secretary of State at DECC concerning two of our statistical outputs: fuel poverty statistics and energy sector indicators. I am responding to you as Minister responsible for Fuel Poverty.

I recognise the benefits of National Statistics accreditation to Government outputs. DECC is currently undertaking a review of our fuel poverty policies. As a result, I believe it is sensible to revisit the issue of accreditation when the review has reached its conclusion and we will contact you again in spring 2010 to request an assessment of fuel poverty data at that time.

However, I do believe in work to enhance trust in fuel poverty statistics and as a result, I have agreed that the publication date of fuel poverty statistics can be pre-announced (as is required for National Statistics) and it will be published on 24 September this year and brought forward to the end of July from 2010 onwards.

Yours sincerely,  
David

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