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Dear Ed

**RE: Assessment 228**

Further to our recent meeting, I am writing to confirm the discussions we had in relation to each of the three statistical series covered under Assessment 228.

We agreed that the statistics on Imaging and Radiology should be dropped from the scope of the assessment given the live consultation in which discontinuation of the collection is proposed.

In the case of the Quarterly Activity Return (QAR), I would like to request removal of National Statistics status. The resource needed to action the remaining requirements does not represent a sensible investment, given our expectation that users' requirements for activity data will be met wholly through other sources of information in the coming year or so.

I would also like to request removal of National Statistics status for the Quarterly Monitoring of Cancelled Operations (QMCO) whilst action is taken to identify and address areas where the statistics do not comply fully with the Code of Practice. With that in mind, I would be grateful if the relevant assessors could liaise with Clare Hiblin and Chris Gibbins in my team to confirm what additional action needs to be taken.

Thank you for your understanding on this matter. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely



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