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**Input-Output Tables and Multipliers for Scotland 1998-2012**

Dear Ed,

I am writing to you concerning the National Statistics status of the Input-Output Tables and Multipliers for Scotland. These statistics have been produced as National Statistics for many years. We plan to publish the 1998 to 2012 tables on 15<sup>th</sup> July.

You will recall that the Authority's assessment report 300 de-designated the UK Supply and Use Tables. The primary reason for this was the basis of purchasing patterns contained in these tables – i.e. the lack of an up to date purchasing inquiry.

The Supply and Use Tables for Scotland, and therefore the Input-Output tables and Multipliers, are also reliant on these historic purchasing patterns. Therefore, it would be helpful if you could consider whether the NS designation would really be appropriate for our product. My professional view is that they should be published as Official Statistics, and to keep this position in place until such time as the current designation of the UK Tables changes.

Statisticians from the Office of the Chief Economic Advisor (OCEA) have been and will continue to work closely with ONS on the reinstatement of the Purchasing Inquiry at the UK level, and are working with them to ensure this data meets the needs for the Scottish Tables. If the decision is made to remove the NS status from the Scottish Tables, we will inform users prior to publication and refer them to this correspondence.

I look forward to hearing your decision on the status of these statistics.

Your Sincerely

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