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**REQUEST FOR ASSESSMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND SUPPORT ALLOWANCE: WORK CAPABILITY ASSESSMENT STATISTICS UNDER SECTION 12(1) OF THE STATISTICS AND REGISTRATION SERVICE ACT 2007**

Further to my letter to you of 18 October 2011, I am writing to request an assessment under Section 12(1) of the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007, for the designation of Quarterly Statistics on Employment and Support Allowance Work Capability Assessment as National Statistics.

My officials have worked with yours to improve the presentation of these statistics and a release in a revised format was published on 24 January.

I am copying this letter to the National Statistician, and Dame Anne Begg.

**The Rt Hon Iain Duncan Smith MP**

**SECRETARY OF STATE FOR WORK AND PENSIONS**