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*Dear Sir Michael,*

Thank you for letter of 22 September.

The Scottish Government is committed to delivering value for money and the changes made to our surveys are a good illustration of this approach within Analytical Services.

The UK Statistics Authority's Expenditure Report rightly recognises that a systematic approach was taken in planning changes to the surveys; that steps were taken to ensure a good understanding of users' needs and priorities for these statistics; and that publication of a range of documents provided a flow of information that kept users informed.

I welcome your suggestion to publish an accessible summary of the changes made to the surveys and the impact of those changes, and will ensure that this is delivered in due course.



**JOHN SWINNEY**