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Dear Mr Doel

KEY STAGE 5 PERFORMANCE TABLES

Thank you for your letter dated 18 February 2013 regarding the release and presentation of School and College (Key Stage 5) Performance Tables, published by the Department for Education.

The questions you raise are important ones and require careful consideration. The Statistics Authority's Monitoring and Assessment team is currently working on an independent Monitoring Review of school-level examination result statistics, as was announced last year. An outline of this piece of work is available on our website.¹ I have passed your letter to our Head of Assessment, who is overseeing this work, and he would be pleased to extend this work to address the issues you have raised. If you are content, the team undertaking the review will contact you to explore your concerns further.

I would not wish to anticipate the findings of the Authority's ongoing work by commenting on your specific points at this time. The Monitoring Review will be complete later this spring and my office will send a copy of the report to you when it is published, and I would welcome any further comments or observations you might have.

I am copying this letter to Jil Matheson, the National Statistician and to Richard Alldritt, the Authority's Head of Assessment.

Yours sincerely



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¹ <http://www.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/assessment/monitoring/monitoring-reviews/review-outlines/mr-outline-04-12.doc>