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Dear Sir Andrew, 29th September 2014

School-level Examination Statistics for England Assessment Report

I refer to the publication of your recent assessment report of DfE's school-level examination statistics, which you published on 25 September.

In the foreword to your report, you note that the designation of this data as National Statistics would be beneficial as this would carry real weight in Parliament, amongst commentators, and within the UK statistical system. I fully agree that this data should be designated National Statistics, which reflects the quality and accuracy of the statistics and promotes the confidence our schools and users have that these meet their needs.

I confirm that my officials will work towards meeting the requirements you have identified in your report as soon as possible, so that the Statistics Authority might designate them as National Statistics.

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David Laws MP