**Template: Your views on the 2017/18 Regulatory Work Programme Priorities**

**Types of projects:**

Assessments: assessing sets of statistics against the *Code of Practice for Official Statistics*, and if they comply in full with the Code, designate them as National Statistics.

Compliance Checks: A flexible tool to check for compliance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics, often with a focus on specific Principles. Compliance checks that highlight concerns about trustworthiness, quality and value may lead to a full assessment or to the removal of the National Statistics designation

Systemic Reviews: Reviewing issues and opportunities at a system-wide level. These may be specific to a theme or cut across themes. Within themes these reviews often involve examining the landscape of statistics to look at the extent to which they collectively maximise public value. A systemic review may lead to direct engagement activity to try and help address issues identified

Engagement Activities: Including utilising the Office for Statistics Regulation’s powers to convene to bring together statistics producers and users to support improvement in about trustworthiness, quality and value – from small expert round tables to larger summits

Watching Briefs: Through engagement and horizon scanning, maintain a close and active watch on an important topic with a view to initiating action as issues and opportunities arise

**Section 1: For information: Key projects with an existing commitment that will continue into 2017/18**

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| [**Theme**](https://www.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/monitoring-and-assessment/what-we-do/contact-osr/) | **Project** | **Geographical Coverage** | **Type** |
| Business, Industry, Trade and Energy | UK Trade Statistics: De-designated as National Statistics. ONS is working towards re-designation at earliest opportunity | UK | Follow up of assessment |
| UK Construction Output and Construction Prices Statistics: De-designated as National Statistics. ONS is working towards re-designation at earliest opportunity. | UK | Follow up of assessment |
| Crime and Justice | Exploring the potential for developing next generation crime statistics in the UK through sharing data to increase value and achieving the most from scarce resources. Round Table meetings in London and Edinburgh | UK | Engagement activity linked to 2016/17 Systemic Review |
| Scottish Crime and Justice Survey: Assessment is underway | Scotland | Assessment |
| Police Recorded Crime statistics: de-designated as National Statistics and working towards re-designation at earliest opportunity | England and Wales | Follow up of assessment |
| Economy | Measurement of prices - CPIH: Consumer Price Inflation (including a measure of owner occupiers' housing costs): de-designated as National Statistics and ONS working towards re-designation at earliest opportunity | UK | Follow up of Assessment |
| Measurement of the National Accounts - Purchases Survey and Supply-Use/Input Output Tables: complete a quick review with ONS on readiness to meet Requirements from previous assessment of the Supply Use Tables and Input Output Tables | UK | Follow up of Assessment |
| Regional GVA statistics (ONS) and Measurement of the Modern economy-the digital revolution) | UK | Assessments |
| Health and Social Care | Health and Social Care Statistics Systemic Review: This is a continuation of the Review that started in 2015. There will be further events in 2017 to drive improvements in health and social care statistics, with statistics producers increasingly taking on leadership and the Office for Statistics Regulation stepping back as we see that happen. | England and UK | Systemic Review |
| Housing, Planning and Local Services | Housing statistics systemic review: this review of the public value of housing statistics in the UK is underway with strong engagement with users across the devolved governments. | UK | Systemic Review |
| UK Index Phase 2 Assessment (Land Registry and partners): This is phase 2 of the assessment of the new UK House Price Index (phase 1 reported on the development phase). The Northern Ireland statistics are being assessed at the same time, at the request of the producer body. | UK, Northern Ireland | Assessments |
| Homelessness and Rough Sleeping and Traveller Caravan statistics (DCLG): Follow up of the assessment of homelessness and rough sleeping statistics and also the Traveller Caravan statistics. At the heart of this work is the need for a coherent measure of ‘homelessness’. | England | Follow up of Assessment |
| Labour Market and Welfare | Statistics on National Insurance Number Allocations to Adult Overseas Nationals: NINos are a key data source for estimating migration (and so are also important to the Population theme). The National Statistics status has been temporarily suspended while DWP meets the Requirements of assessment. | UK | Follow up of assessment |
| Income and Earnings Review: Follow-up on recommendations from the Income and Earnings systemic review. In particular, ensuring that ONS provides sufficient responses in regard to obtaining better data on income from self employment, and more progress on the web-based hub for income and earnings data. | UK | Follow up of Systemic Review |
| Security, Defence and International Relations | Department for International Development statistics: follow up of assessment and support for widened voluntary compliance with the *Code of Practice for Official Statistics* | UK | Follow up of assessment |
| Travel, Transport and Tourism | Northern Ireland Tourism Assessment | Northern Ireland | Follow up of assessment |

**Section 2: Potential priorities for 2017/18: we welcome your views**

In addition to the proposed priorities in the table below, we recognise that leaving the European Union represents an opportunity and a challenge across the statistics system and we will adopt a watching brief to see how the system responds.

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| [**Theme**](https://www.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/monitoring-and-assessment/what-we-do/contact-osr/) | **Project** | **Geographical Coverage** | **Type** | **Your views: Please offer comments here on whether you agree with these priorities for your areas of interest, and if not please explain why** |
| Agriculture and Environment | Monitor work within Defra to improve its portfolio of statistical outputs and open data | England | Watching Brief |  |
| Business, Industry, Trade and Energy | Compliance checks:   1. UK Trade in Goods statistics (HMRC) and International Trade in Services (ONS) statistics: key inputs to the UK Trade estimates 2. Business Investment statistics (ONS) 3. Energy and Climate Change statistics – follow up to AR283 (BEIS) | UK | Compliance Checks |  |
| Children, Education and Skills | Compliance checks: Scottish Funding Council – College Performance Indicators | Scotland | Compliance Check |  |
| Two assessments with DfENI:   1. Further Education Activity in NI– Department for the Economy 2. Essential Skills Enrolments and Outcomes | Northern Ireland | Assessments |  |
| Crime and Justice | Northern Ireland Crime Survey: Compliance check | Northern Ireland | Compliance Check |  |
| Extending our knowledge of statistics on the criminal justice system to increase our awareness of relevant data issues and statistical provision | UK | Watching brief |  |
| Culture and Identity | Compliance check of Race Disparity Unit statistics | UK | Compliance Check |  |
| Community Life Survey (DCMS) | England | Assessment |  |
| Economy | Measurement of prices: Follow up on systemic reviews on Deflators and City regions: revisit the findings from our systemic reviews and survey key users about progress and latest thinking | UK | Systemic Review follow up |  |
| Understanding the Productivity Puzzle: Review progress by ONS against 2015 roadmap to address measurement issues | UK | Systemic Review follow up |  |
| Economic estimates of the GVA from the creative industries (DCMS) | UK | Assessment |  |
| Exploitation, interrogation and understanding of administrative data and other large datasets HMRC statistics- a series of checks to ensure continued compliance with the Code would be appropriate, especially in light of increasing intensity of use of HMRC’s administrative data across the statistical system. | UK | Compliance checks |  |
| Measurement of devolved, regional and local statistics – Compliance Checks on Export Statistics Scotland, Scottish Quarterly Index of Manufactured Exports, Northern Ireland Manufacturing Sales and Exports Survey, HMRC Export statistics, Welsh exports statistics | UK | Compliance Checks |  |
| Health and Social Care | Health and Social Care statistics – it is likely the continuing Health and Social Care Systemic Review will identify priorities for sets of statistics that require Compliance Checks in 2017/18 | UK | Compliance checks |  |
| Housing, Planning and Local Services | Northern Ireland Housing Statistics –workshop with data suppliers on the quality of their administrative sources. | Northern Ireland | Engagement - Workshop |  |
| Private Rental Market statistics for England (Valuation Office Agency). | England | Assessment |  |
| Northern Ireland Planning Statistics (Department for industry NI): Put forward by the producer body | Northern Ireland | Assessment |  |
| Welsh House Condition Survey: | Wales | Assessment |  |
| Compliance checks:   1. Private sector rents statistics – Scotland: input into ONS Index of private housing rental prices. 2. Private sector rents statistics – Wales: input into ONS Index of private housing rental prices 3. Household Projections in England (ONS) following ONS taking over responsibility for their production from DCLG 4. DCLG Housing Statistics: priorities for compliance checks may emerge from the Housing Systemic Review | Scotland  Wales  England  England  England | Compliance Checks |  |
| Statistics from the Northern Ireland House Condition Survey (Northern Ireland Housing Executive): | Northern Ireland | Follow up of Assessment |  |
| Labour Market and Welfare | Benefits Cap statistic (DWP) | GB | Assessment |  |
| Benefit sanctions statistics (DWP): In 2015 [we made 5 recommendations to DWP](https://www.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/correspondence/benefit-sanction-statistics/) on its reporting of Benefit Sanctions. NAO have published a report on benefit sanctions at the end of 2016, which recommended that DWP implement our guidance in full. | GB | Follow up of previous correspondence |  |
| Gender Pay Gap and Income Inequalities: There have been a number of reports recently about the gender pay gap and growing income inequality (particularly amongst men), with some confusion over whether it’s growing or declining. This would be a small study of the coherence of presentation and interpretation of the statistics. | UK | Watching Brief |  |
| Compliance checks:  i) Labour Market statistics (ONS): Identified by the Income and Earnings Systemic Review  ii) Fraud and error in the benefits system statistics (DWP) | UK  GB | Compliance checks |  |
| Population | Migration: Systemic review to support the drive for a more comprehensive production of international migration statistics, with orderly release, that in turn will increase the public value and trustworthiness of the statistics | UK | Systemic Review |  |
| 2021 Census: likely to be a bespoke arrangement for assessing the next Census | UK | Assessment/Watching Brief |  |
| Home Office Immigration Statistics: This is the last part of the migration suite of data sources to be revisited to confirm compliance with the *Code* | UK | Compliance Check |  |
| Aging: this is a topic whose potency is set to continue to increase. We would be looking into the suitability of the statistics to deliver the information needed to inform decisions with respect to an ageing population – not just by Government (national and local) but for individuals, businesses etc. This would be a forward looking innovation. | UK | Systemic Review |  |
| Security, Defence and International Relations | Defence statistics  (Ministry of Defence) | UK | Compliance Checks |  |
| Travel , Transport and Tourism | Compliance checks:   1. Rail statistics (ORR and DfT): statistics with potential to realise considerable public value in relation to rail performance, value for money and safety. 2. National Travel Survey: compliance check with a focus on whether optimizing public value 3. Port, Rail and Air freight statistics: Freight statistics are a key indicator of trade and overall economic performance. 4. Overseas Travel and Tourism (ONS): increasing potential public value | GB  GB  UK/GB  UK | Compliance checks |  |
| Cross-cutting | Exploring issues of data access and linkage to address policy questions and enable person centred statistics; to be approached through case studies highlighting potential, constraints and lessons | UK | Systemic Review |  |
| The use of facts in political discourse: small piece of comparative research on the prevalence of ‘facts’ in political discourse: is it a new phenomenon? | UK | Systemic Review |  |
| Data Portals: innovations and lessons | UK | Systemic Review |  |
| Comparative Statistics in a Devolved UK: addressing demand for comparable statistics as policy and data collection/ analysis are increasingly devolved | UK | Systemic Review |  |

**Section 3: Your proposals**

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| Proposal | Theme (or cross-cutting) | Geographical Coverage | Reason for proposal: Contribution to Trustworthiness, Quality and/or Public Value: Briefly explain |
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**Section 4: Your details**

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