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Dear Paul

Removal of National Statistics status for Entertainment Licensing Statistics

Thank you for your letter of 10th January requesting the removal of the National Statistics designation from the Entertainment Licensing Statistics. I am grateful to you for outlining your reasons for this request and for reflecting on the public value and quality of some aspects of these statistics. Additionally, your attempts to capture views on the uses of these statistics are welcomed. The reasons that you include for your request clearly reflect the current use of these statistics and also your own views of how well they are meeting the quality standards outlined in the Code of Practice for Statistics.

When you publish the next release, you should highlight that these are now Official Statistics and include an explanation of the rationale for this change with particular emphasis around the public value and data quality aspects.

Yours sincerely

Ed Humpherson