
Director General for Regulation

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Dear Jonathan,

The Chair of the UK Statistics Authority, Sir David Norgrove, has today written to the Secretary of State for Education about the communication and use of statistics by the Department. Sir David's letter sets out a series of concerns that have arisen and asks the Secretary of State to ensure that the Department adheres to appropriate standards of professionalism in its communication of statistics.

It is important that any Government department maintains a reputation as a trustworthy communicator of statistics. I know that you take these issues seriously, and are committed to the highest standards of trustworthiness, as well as quality and value, represented by the Code of Practice for Statistics. We are happy to work with you, the analytical professionals in the Department, and the Department's communication teams, to ensure that the principles of the Code are recognised and upheld throughout the Department.

I am copying this letter to Neil McIvor, Head of Profession for Statistics in the Department, and to Mike Jones, Deputy Head of Profession.

Yours sincerely,



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