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(by email)

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Dear Mike

**Confirmation of National Statistics Designation for UK Employment and Jobs
Statistics produced by the Office for National Statistics**

We have reviewed the actions that your team has taken to address the requirements in [Assessment Report number 349: UK Employment and Jobs Statistics](#). The employment and jobs statistics are key economic indicators that are essential for understanding the patterns and dynamics of the UK labour market. On behalf of the Board of the UK Statistics Authority, I am pleased to confirm the continued designation of National Statistics for the statistics covered in our assessment.

The Covid-19 pandemic has led to heightened interest in labour market statistics. The statistics team has responded very positively to this demand while also addressing the Requirements of our report. The team has made greater use of administrative data to understand employment and vacancies in a timely way. It is also good to see a range of developments aimed at improving the accessibility of labour market statistics, including the creation of a [Comparisons of Labour Market Data Sources](#) and the use of dashboards in the labour market overview to summarise the latest data for the key indicators.

We have included more detail about our judgement in an annex to this letter. I, or my team, would be happy to talk to you or your colleagues through any aspects of this letter or Code compliance more generally.

National Statistics status means that official statistics meet the highest standards of trustworthiness, quality and value and is something to be celebrated. We welcome that you already publish a statement alongside the statistics which reflects the National Statistics status, and we encourage you to update this on an ongoing basis as you continue to develop the statistics.

I am copying this letter to David Freeman, head of labour market statistics.

Yours sincerely



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