
Ed Humpherson, Director General for Regulation

Ian Lonsdale
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(by email)

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Dear Ian,

Request for assessment of Butterflies in England and Butterflies in the United Kingdom statistics

Thank you for your letter of 17 March requesting the assessment of Butterflies in England and Butterflies in the United Kingdom statistics, produced by DEFRA.

I welcome your endeavours to publicly demonstrate the compliance of these statistics with the Code of Practice for Statistics. I am pleased to confirm that my team will shortly be in touch with you and your team to agree the timing for this assessment.

I am copying this letter to Lindsey Clothier (Deputy Head of Profession for Statistics at the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs).

Yours sincerely,



Ed Humpherson
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