

## TRUSTWORTHINESS

Building confidence in the people and organisations that produce statistics and data

## QUALITY

Data and methods that produce assured statistics

## VALUE

Statistics that support society's needs for information

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## CODE OF PRACTICE FOR STATISTICS 3.0

STANDARDS FOR THE PUBLIC USE OF  
STATISTICS, DATA AND WIDER ANALYSIS

The standards for taking open, clear and accessible approach to the use of data, statistics and wider analysis in the public domain

**EVERY NUMBER MATTERS**

## FOR PROFESSIONALS WITHIN GOVERNMENT

- Apply these standards as the default approach to communicating statistics, data and wider analysis in the public domain
- Support informed democratic debate by ensuring that the public can scrutinise, verify and understand claims and decisions made
- Recognise that everyone has an important role to play in adhering to these standards including statisticians, analysts, communication professionals, policy professionals, permanent secretaries, ministers and special advisers

### EXAMPLE

A policy advisor is preparing to publish a document launching a new initiative. They check that the figures they have included in the document are based on publicly available information. They work with analysts to ensure that the figures are used in an appropriate way and that key information is provided in the document, such as links to sources and important information about context and limitations.

## INTELLIGENT TRANSPARENCY STANDARD

For all those involved in the public communication of statistics, data and wider analysis



### EQUALITY OF ACCESS

Make statistics, data and wider analysis used in the public domain available to everyone in a timely way



### SUPPORT UNDERSTANDING

Use statistics, data and wider analysis with integrity and communicate them with clarity and accuracy



### DECISION MAKING AND LEADERSHIP

Seek and use impartial, expert advice when using statistics, data and wider analysis in the public domain