

Code of Practice for Statistics

Introduction for Government Ministers

The Code of Practice for Statistics (Edition 3.0) sets standards for producing statistics and using them in a way that serves the public good. It is built on three core principles: Trustworthiness, Quality, and Value (TQV). These principles help ensure that statistics are reliable, relevant, and ethical.

Key Responsibilities for Ministers:

- **Uphold Trustworthiness:** Ensure statistics are used impartially. Avoid misrepresentation.
- **Promote Quality:** Expect robust, transparent data and methods. Highlight limitations and uncertainty.
- **Deliver Value:** Ensure statistics underpinning your public communication are relevant, clear, and accessible to all users.

Public Use Standards:

1. **Equality of Access:** Do not quote unpublished data in the public domain.
2. **Supporting Understanding:** Avoid cherry-picking or using statistics in a way that could mislead the public.
3. **Decision Making & Leadership:** Seek impartial advice from professional analysts when you are using figures publicly. Follow analytical advice.

Your Role:

Ministers play a vital role in maintaining public confidence in statistics. Champion intelligent transparency to ensure statistics support informed decision-making and democratic debate.

Explore Edition 3.0 and discover how the Code can support your work, your department, and your impact.



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