

# Code of Practice for Statistics

## Introduction for Policy Makers

### Purpose of the Code of Practice:

- Sets standards for producing and using statistics to serve the public good.
- Applicable to all public bodies and users of statistics, not just official producers.

### Why the Code Matters for Policy Makers:

- Supports evidence-based policy and public accountability.
- Builds public trust in government decisions.
- Helps mitigate misinformation and misuse of data.

### Core Principles (TQV):

- **Trustworthiness:** Confidence in integrity and professionalism; free from political influence.
- **Quality:** Use of suitable data and sound methods; continuous improvement.
- **Value:** Relevance, accessibility, and usefulness for decision-making.

### Public Use Standards:

1. **Equality of access:** Ensure that figures referenced in published policy documents are already publicly available
2. **Supporting understanding:** Avoid selective use and include key information to support understanding of the figures such as context and limitations as needed
3. **Decision making and leadership:** Seek expert advice in the use and presentation of figures; promote transparency

### Your Role:

- Champion the use of trustworthy, high-quality, and valuable statistics.
- Ensure communications are backed by robust data.
- Support analytical teams in applying the Code.

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