

# Code of Practice for Statistics – DfI Statements of Compliance



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## Introduction

Analysis, Statistics and Research Branch (ASRB) within the Department for Infrastructure (DfI) is responsible for producing and disseminating a range of official and National Statistics relating to the Department's travel, transport and planning functions. The full series of statistics and research published by ASRB is available on the [DfI website](#).

## Background

The [Code of Practice for Statistics](#) requires all producers of official statistics to ensure that the statistics serve the public. The framework for this Code is based on three pillars (each containing a number of principles and detailed practices):

- Trustworthiness;
- Quality; and
- Value.

ASRB, as producers of official statistics, must comply with this Code. We do this through our commitment to transparency, coherence, accountability and a public focus. These short statements of compliance with the three pillars demonstrate how ASRB is committed to following the Code's principles and practices.

## Trustworthiness

### *Confidence in the people and organisations that produce statistics and data*

ASRB aims to ensure our customers have confidence in our people and in our outputs. Our statistics will be published in a timely manner and in line with the [DfI statement of compliance with the Pre-release Access to Official Statistics Order](#). In accordance with the Code of Practice for Statistics, ASRB publish a [timetable of upcoming statistical releases](#) for twelve months ahead and the exact date at least four weeks prior to the release date. The date and time of publications is also announced on GOV.UK. Access to statistics before their public release is limited to those involved in the production of the statistics, Ministers/Permanent Secretaries and a minimum number of relevant briefing officials. A list of DfI statistical releases to

which 24 hour pre-release access has been granted and the job holders who have pre-release access is accurately maintained and published on the [Dfl website](#).

Through the publication of the [User Engagement Strategy](#), ASRB are committed to being transparent about our approach to public engagement with users, potential users and other stakeholders. Detailed User information is available on the [Dfl website](#). The ASRB work programme is distributed widely and is agreed by senior management within Dfl; ASRB develop the work programme following feedback from ongoing customer surveys and user engagement. ASRB are currently implementing the Generic Statistical Business Process Model (GSBPM) to ensure that effective business processes are in place.

All statutory obligations governing the collection of data, confidentiality, data sharing, data linking and release are followed by ASRB. ASRB's Data Governance and Confidentiality Statement is available on the [Dfl website](#).

## **Quality**

### *Data and methods that produce assured statistics*

ASRB is committed to working to ensure that statistics are produced to a level of quality that meets users' needs. All statistics published by ASRB have an associated 'Quality' section within the statistical bulletin or are published alongside a 'Background Quality Report' (or similar guidance document) and/or where relevant a 'Quality of Administrative Data' paper. Information around the methodology used to produce statistics is also available for all statistics published. Any scheduled revisions or unscheduled corrections are explained in line with the [ASRB Revisions and Errors policy](#).

## Value

### *Statistics that support society's needs for information*

ASRB is committed to complying with the 'Value' pillar. Through our [User Engagement Strategy](#), ASRB seeks to ensure that our statistics and data are useful, easy to access, remain relevant and support understanding of important issues. The statistics we publish are accompanied by statistical commentary and data visualisations to aid with interpretation of the statistics. All statistical publications are available free of charge from the [Dfl website](#). For additional information or customer support users can easily [contact ASRB](#).

These short statements of compliance with the three pillars (Trustworthiness, Quality and Value) aim to demonstrate how ASRB, as statistical producers, comply with the Code. These statements are supported by the following statements/policies:

- [Statement of Compliance with Pre-Release Order](#);
- [Pre-release access lists](#);
- [Revisions and Errors Policy](#);
- [User Engagement Strategy](#); and
- [Data Governance and Confidentiality Statement](#).