



Passenger Focus statement of compliance
with the
Pre-Release Access to Official Statistics
Order 2008

Definitional notes

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(a) Pre-release access

In the context described, the phrase 'pre-release access' covers privileged access to statistical releases in their final form prior to being placed in the public domain. It does not cover pre-release access available to:

- Those staff intimately engaged in the process of producing and disseminating the statistics in question (including those responsible for overseeing this process).
- Those persons requested by producers of statistics to quality assure their statistics before their public release.

(b) Heads of Profession for Statistics

Organisations which employ a large number of official statisticians, or produce a large number of official statistics will normally appoint a Head of Profession for Statistics in consultation with the National Statistician. As well as being accountable to their own Chief Executive and departmental line-managers, Heads of Profession are responsible to the National Statistician for the professional integrity of the statisticians whom they manage, and for the quality of the statistics, which those statisticians produce. In particular they are responsible for observing the UK Statistics Authority's Code of Practice for Statistics as well as any professional standards set by the National Statistician.



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