

These notes refer to the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007 (c.18) which received Royal Assent on 26 July 2007

STATISTICS AND REGISTRATION SERVICE ACT 2007

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS AND SCHEDULES

Part 1: the Statistics Board

Section 17 Principles and procedures

84. This section requires the Board to prepare and publish a statement of the principles and procedures it will adopt to carry out its assessments and re-assessments of National Statistics. It allows the Board to revise this statement at any time, and requires the Board to consult the Scottish Ministers, the Welsh Ministers, the Department of Finance and Personnel for Northern Ireland, and other such persons as it sees fit. These principles will be for the Board to determine, but it is expected that they might indicate the way that risk-based approaches and transparency might underpin the assessment of National Statistics, including:
- the criteria that might be applied in drawing up and amending the work programme;
 - the way that assessments themselves will be conducted;
 - the way recommendations will be formulated;
 - the timing and manner of publication of recommendations; and
 - the professional standards expected of those conducting the assessment.