

*Draft Order laid before Parliament under section 65(2) of the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007, for approval by a resolution of each House of Parliament.*

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DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2008 No.**

**OFFICIAL STATISTICS**

**The Official Statistics Order 2008**

Made - - - - \*\*\*  
Coming into force - - *In accordance with*  
*Article 1(2)*

This Order is made by the Minister for the Cabinet Office in exercise of the powers conferred by section 6(1)(b) and (2) of the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007(1).

In accordance with section 6(3) of that Act he has consulted with the Statistics Board.

In accordance with section 65(2) of that Act a draft of this instrument was laid before Parliament and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.

**Citation and commencement**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Official Statistics Order 2008.

(2) This Order comes into force on 1st April 2008 or, if made after that date, the day after it is made.

**Official Statistics**

2.—(1) To the extent that they are not otherwise official statistics by virtue of section 6(1)(a) of the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007, the statistics produced, or to be produced, by the persons listed in the Schedule are specified as official statistics for the purposes of section 6(1)(b) of that Act.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to statistics which are wholly Scottish devolved statistics.

Date

*Name*  
Minister for the Cabinet Office

SCHEDULE

Article 2(1)

Audit Commission for Local Authorities and the National Health Service in England and Wales  
British Hallmarking Council  
Certification Officer  
Chief Constable of the Police Service of Northern Ireland  
Coal Authority  
Commission for Healthcare Audit and Inspection  
Commission for Social Care Inspection  
Commission for the New Towns  
Consumer Panel established under section 16 of the Communications Act 2003(2)  
Design Council  
Fleet Air Arm Museum  
Gas and Electricity Consumer Council  
Health and Social Care Information Centre  
Health Protection Agency  
Hearing Aid Council  
Her Majesty's Inspectors of Constabulary  
Higher Education Statistics Agency  
Housing Corporation  
Independent Police Complaints Commission  
Learning and Skills Council for England  
National Army Museum  
National Patient Safety Agency  
National Policing Improvement Agency  
National Treatment Agency  
Natural Environment Research Council  
Northern Ireland Policing Board  
Office of Communications  
Parole Board  
Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland  
Probation Board for Northern Ireland  
Royal Air Force Museum  
Royal Marines Museum  
Royal Naval Museum  
Royal Navy Submarine Museum  
Student Loans Company  
Urban Regeneration Agency  
Youth Justice Board for England and Wales

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(2) 2003 c. 21.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

Section 6(1)(a) of the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007 provides that statistics produced by the Statistics Board, a government department, the Scottish Administration, a Welsh ministerial authority, a Northern Ireland department, or any other person acting on behalf of the Crown are official statistics.

This Order specifies that the statistics produced, or to be produced, by the persons listed in the Schedule are also official statistics. Article 2(2) provides that this does not apply to wholly Scottish devolved statistics. Scottish devolved statistics are defined in section 66 of the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007.

A full regulatory impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no impact on the private or voluntary sectors is foreseen.