
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order provides for rules and principles relating to the granting of pre-release access to official statistics which are wholly Scottish devolved statistics.

The rules and principles set out in the Schedule are relevant for the assessment or re-assessment of the official statistics as to whether they can be given National Statistics status by the UK Statistics Authority (also known as the Statistics Board or Am Bòrd an Staitistig) established by the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007.

The rules and principles describe the persons who may receive pre-release access to official statistics, the circumstances in which access may be given, and the duties of the persons giving and receiving such access.

Pre-release access is defined in section 11(8) of the Act. A decision whether to grant pre-release access is taken by the person responsible. The person responsible is defined in section 67 of the Act.

A Regulatory Impact Assessment has not been produced for this instrument as it has no impact on the costs of business.