

SCHEDULE

Rules and principles for pre-release access – wholly Scottish devolved official statistics

Maximum period of access

- 4.—(1) Subject to sub-paragraphs (2) to (5)—
- (a) in the case of market-sensitive statistics the maximum period which may be allowed for pre-release access is 1 working day before publication; and
 - (b) for other official statistics, the maximum period is 5 working days before publication.
- (2) For statistics released under paragraph 2(1)(e) there is no maximum period.
- (3) The person responsible may increase the maximum periods in sub-paragraph (1)(a) and (b) where that is necessary—
- (a) to fulfil one or more of the purposes set out in paragraph 2(1)(a) to (g); or
 - (b) under paragraph 2(1)(h).
- (4) In deciding whether or not to increase the maximum period the person responsible must take into account the risk of detriment to public trust in the integrity of official statistics.
- (5) Where the person responsible increases the maximum period that person must, as soon as reasonably practicable, publish—
- (a) the fact of that increase;
 - (b) the statistics to which it relates;
 - (c) its duration;
 - (d) the ground in paragraph 2(1) under which the increase was granted; and
 - (e) an explanation of why it was necessary to increase the maximum period.