



Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007

2007 CHAPTER 18

PART 1

THE STATISTICS BOARD

National Statistics

11 Pre-release access

- (1) The Code of Practice for Statistics under section 10 may not deal with any matter relating to the granting of pre-release access to official statistics.
- (2) The appropriate authority may for the purposes of the Code by order provide for rules and principles relating to the granting of pre-release access to official statistics.
- (3) The Code shall apply in relation to any official statistics as if it included any rules and principles provided for in relation to those statistics under subsection (2).
- (4) The rules and principles which may be provided for under subsection (2) include rules and principles as to—
 - (a) the circumstances in which, or descriptions of statistics in relation to which, pre-release access may or may not be granted;
 - (b) the persons or descriptions of person to whom pre-release access may be granted;
 - (c) the period, or maximum period, during which pre-release access may be so granted;
 - (d) the conditions subject to which pre-release access may be so granted.
- (5) Those rules and principles may—
 - (a) make different provision for different cases, and

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- (b) allow for the exercise of discretion by persons responsible for official statistics.

[^{F1}(5A) Subsections (2) to (5) are subject to section 11A.]

- (6) In this section “appropriate authority” means—
- (a) the Minister for the Cabinet Office, except in a case falling within paragraphs (b) to (d);
 - (b) the Scottish Ministers, in relation to official statistics that are wholly Scottish devolved statistics;
 - (c) the Welsh Ministers, in relation to official statistics that are wholly Welsh devolved statistics;
 - (d) the Department of Finance and Personnel for Northern Ireland, in relation to official statistics that are wholly Northern Ireland devolved statistics.
- (7) Before making an order under subsection (2) the appropriate authority must consult—
- (a) the other persons referred to in subsection (6)(a) to (d), and
 - (b) the Board.
- (8) In this section “pre-release access”, in relation to official statistics, means access to the statistics in their final form prior to publication.

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 11(5A) inserted (S.) (22.4.2021) by [Pre-release Access to Official Statistics \(Scotland\) Act 2021 \(asp 11\)](#), ss. **1(2)**, 4
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Commencement Information

- I1** S. 11 in force at 1.12.2007 by [S.I. 2007/3388](#), art. **2(b)**

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