

Regional Workshop on the Changing Role of Official Statistics in the State of Qatar: Why Data Culture Matters

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"Governance and Strategy". This session will provide an overview of the statistical system in the UK and how this is underpinned by our strategy. It will discuss how the strategy has operated for the past two years and where we hope to go in the next three years. We will also talk about the wider statistical system in the UK, and the recent growth of the analytical profession in the UK Government.











A brief history of UK Statistics from 1086 to now !















2007 Act

- Created the UK Statistics Authority, headed by a non-executive board
- Independent from Government
- Directly accountable to Parliament and the devolved legislatures
- Covers the whole United Kingdom England, Northern Ireland, Wales, Scotland
- Created an independent statistics regulator



Statutory Objective: "Promote and safeguard the production and publication of official statistics that serve the public good."

- Production of statistics, via the executive office, the Office for National Statistics (ONS).
- Oversight of the wider Government Statistical Service (GSS).
- Production of a Code of Practice for Statistics, and assessment of official statistics against the Code.







UK Statistics Authority's strategic principles





- Production: ONS is the UK's National Statistics Institute. Largest producer of official statistics in the UK.
- The heart of the GSS. Provides guidance, support, standards, training and recruitment of professional statisticians.
- Has main sites in South Wales, Southampton with smaller sites in London, Darlington and Scotland





• Sir Robert Chote, non-executive chair

- Chair of the Statistics Board
- Speaks out publicly against the misuse of statistics and other breaches of the Code
- Professor Sir Ian Diamond, National Statistician
 - Chief executive of the Authority
 - Responsible for production of statistics via ONS
 - Head of the GSS
- The Board and Government's chief adviser on statistics
- Eight other non-executive Board Members
 - Selected to represent users, policy makers and producers of statistics
- 3 Deputy National Statisticians and a Deputy Chief Executive.
 - Economic Statistics
 - Data Capability
 - Health, Populations and Methods



Independent Reporting

Independent reporting means:

- Speak out publicly with our concerns
- Report regularly to Parliament

"The UK Statistics Authority should be Parliament's enforcer of impartial statistics"

Bernard Jenkin MP, Former chair of Public Administration Select Committee

Authority intervention on vaccination statistics







The Government Statistical Service

- 40 government departments, devolved administrations, and agencies.
- 7,000 staff economists, IT specialists etc.
- 1,500 professional statisticians
- Common recruitment, competencies, professional standards.
- Mobility between departments.
- A single professional cadre across government.

Analysis Function Career Framework

• The Analysis Function Career Framework sets out the range of careers available in government. It defines the skills and experience needed for typical roles across government, enabling people to deliver in complex and challenging roles. The framework has been developed in collaboration with all analytical professions and aligns with profession specific frameworks which showcase the technical knowledge and experience required. Where roles cross over into more than one framework, there should be alignment and consistency between role profiles.



Government Statistician Group framework

