

Breach of the Code of Practice Statistics 12 February 2021:

- Practice T3.6 – Statistics should be released to all users at 9.30am on a weekday.
- Practice T3.1 – The release of official statistics should be pre-announced.

Breach of the Code of Practice Statistics 18 February 2021:

- Practice T3.3 – Access to statistics before their public release should be limited to those involved in the production of the statistics.
- Practice T3.4 – The circulation of statistics in their final form ahead of their publication should be restricted to eligible recipients.

At 10.28am on 12th February 2021 the NISRA Awareness and Customer Satisfaction Survey 2020 publication was published on the NISRA website. The release date had not been pre-announced in advance.

Key figures from this publication had previously been published in the NISRA Annual Report and Accounts 2019/20 which was laid before the NI Assembly on 18 September 2020 and published on the NISRA website on 22 September 2020.

This breach arose as a result of a lack of clarity regarding the status of the publication, as it was believed to be Management Information (which does not need to be compliant with the Code of Practice) rather than official statistics.

[Breach Report – NISRA – Awareness and Customer Satisfaction Survey 2020 – UK Statistics Authority](#)