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Notification of an error in the Q4 2016 Index of Production

An error has been identified in the Index of Production publication issued on the 15th March 2017 relating to Q4 2016, and this bulletin has now been withdrawn. The error only affects the Quarter 4 2016 publication. The correction affects all Quarter 4 data in this publication but does not impact on the overall trend of the NI Production sector. The error occurred because incorrect deflators were applied during the results process. A correction will be applied to all tables with results referring to Production output by broad industry sector (Manufacturing, Electricity, etc) released on 13th April. Corrected manufacturing sub sector tables will be published as soon as possible thereafter. The corrected Q4 2016 IOP results will be used in the Northern Ireland Composite Economic Index, which is also due to be published on 13th April. Further details on the nature and impact of the error will also be included in the amended Index of Production publication on that date.

NISRA will review its processes to minimise the risk of such errors occurring in the future and apologises for the inconvenience caused.

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