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Dear Tracy

**ASSESSMENT REPORT 312: POPULATION ESTIMATES AND PROJECTIONS FOR
NORTHERN IRELAND**

Thank you for providing evidence demonstrating the actions that you have taken to address the requirements in Assessment Report 312 on Population estimates and projections in Northern Ireland.

On behalf of the Board of the Statistics Authority, I have reviewed these on the advice of the Assessment team and I am pleased to confirm the designation of Population estimates and projections in Northern Ireland as National Statistics. The Authority appreciates the very positive engagement between the statistical team in NISRA and the Authority's Assessment team during the follow-up period. In particular the Authority commends your response to its publication: *Administrative Data Quality Assurance Toolkit*¹ and we consider that your published *Administrative Data Quality Document*² might serve as a helpful model for others.

National Statistics status means that official statistics meet the highest standards of trustworthiness, quality and value and is something to be celebrated. We invite you to include a statement alongside the statistics which reflects this status. You may wish to base your statement on the boilerplate text included in the assessment report.

Please feel free to discuss any aspect of this with us at any time. I am copying this letter to David Marshall, Brian Green and Regina McGeown at NISRA, and to John Pullinger, the National Statistician.

Yours sincerely



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¹ <http://www.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/assessment/monitoring/administrative-data-and-official-statistics/index.html>

² Population Estimates and projections data quality document:
<http://www.nisra.gov.uk/demography/default.asp303.htm>