

## **Early Pre release access for Labour Market and Economic Statistics due for publication on 18th March**

Tuesday 17th of March is a bank holiday therefore we will be unable to provide 24hr pre release access during working hours for the monthly labour market, Quarterly Employment Survey and Index of Production results, scheduled for publication at 9.30am on 18th March.

For this reason, we will provide earlier pre release access briefing at 9.30am on Monday 16th March to those persons on the existing pre release access list. This extension to the period of pre release access is permitted under Paragraph 5(1) (a) of the Pre Release Access to Official Statistics Order (Northern Ireland) 2009 where "if in the opinion of the person responsible the public benefit [is] likely to result from such access significantly outweighs the detriment to public trust in official statistics likely to result from such access". The Statistics Board have been informed as required by Paragraph 5 (4) of the 2009 Order.

Please note that early pre release access referred to will only apply to Northern Ireland results and not to UK level labour market results that remain subject to ONS pre release access restrictions (applicable from 9.30am on Tuesday 17th March).