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Dear Len

I am pleased to attach quality review reports for three National Statistics outputs from the Department for Work and Pensions, namely:

- Income Support Statistics
- Jobseeker's Allowance Statistics
- Child Support Agency Statistics

These outputs form the first tranche of reviews from the Social and Welfare theme. The reviews were conducted by DWP staff with independent assurance provided by Mike Noble at Oxford University.

As the reports make clear, the quality of the statistics merits the National Statistics label. There are a number of suggested improvements and these are already being taken forward; in particular, a need was identified to form a user group through which communication can be easily channelled for exercises such as this.

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I would be grateful for your approval to release the reports onto the internet. In the meantime, I am happy to discuss any issues regarding them, as is the chair of the reviews' project board, Fred Johnson (0191 225 5438).

Kindest regards

**NICK**