



Pre-release Access to Official Statistics (Scotland) Act 2021

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2 Amendment of the Pre-release Access to Official Statistics (Scotland) Order 2008

(1) The Pre-release Access to Official Statistics (Scotland) Order 2008 (S.S.I. 2008/399) is amended as follows.

(2) In article 2, at the appropriate place insert—

““economic statistics”—

- (a) includes official statistics concerning devolved and local taxes, local government finance, labour productivity, exports, capital and revenue outturn budget estimates, government expenditure and revenue, oil production and gas production; but
- (b) does not include statistics produced by the Scottish Ministers in the exercise of a function which is exercisable by them pursuant to an Order made under section 63(1)(a) of the Scotland Act 1998.”.

(3) In the Schedule—

- (a) in paragraph 4(1)(a), after “market-sensitive statistics” insert “ or economic statistics ”;
- (b) after paragraph 4 insert—

4A “Further restrictions on pre-release access

- (1) In this paragraph, official statistics on Scotland's gross domestic product and official statistics on Scottish retail sales (whether by volume or value) are referred to as “excepted statistics”.
- (2) During Year 1 the maximum period which may be allowed for pre-release access to excepted statistics is 1 working day before publication.
- (3) During Year 2 the maximum period is four hours before publication.

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Pre-release Access to Official Statistics (Scotland) Act 2021, Section 2. (See end of Document for details)*

(4) After the end of Year 2 pre-release access to excepted statistics may not be granted.

(5) In this paragraph—

“Year 1” is the period of one year beginning on the day after the Pre-release Access to Official Statistics (Scotland) Act 2021 receives Royal Assent;

“Year 2” is the period of one year beginning on the day following the end of Year 1.”.

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