



Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007

2007 CHAPTER 18

PART 1 **U.K.**

THE STATISTICS BOARD

Official statistics: introductory

6 **Official statistics** **U.K.**

- (1) In this Part “official statistics” means—
 - (a) statistics produced by—
 - (i) the Board,
 - (ii) a government department,
 - (iii) the Scottish Administration,
 - (iv) a Welsh ministerial authority,
 - (v) a Northern Ireland department, or
 - (vi) any other person acting on behalf of the Crown, and
 - (b) such other statistics as may be specified by order by—
 - (i) a Minister of the Crown,
 - (ii) the Scottish Ministers,
 - (iii) the Welsh Ministers, or
 - (iv) a Northern Ireland department.
- (2) An order under subsection (1)(b) may in particular specify all, or a description of, the statistics produced or to be produced by a particular person or description of person.
- (3) Before making an order under subsection (1)(b) an authority referred to in that provision must consult the Board.

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- (4) The Board must, at least once every financial year, publish a list of statistics which are at the time of publication official statistics by virtue of subsection (1)(b).
- (5) In this Part “Welsh ministerial authority” means any of the following—
- (a) the Welsh Ministers;
 - (b) the First Minister for Wales;
 - (c) the Counsel General to the Welsh Assembly Government.

Commencement Information

I1 S. 6 in force at 1.12.2007 by S.I. 2007/3388, art. 2(a)

7 Objective **U.K.**

- (1) In the exercise of its functions under sections 8 to 21 the Board is to have the objective of promoting and safeguarding the production and publication of official statistics that serve the public good.
- (2) In subsection (1) the reference to serving the public good includes in particular—
- (a) informing the public about social and economic matters, and
 - (b) assisting in the development and evaluation of public policy.
- (3) The Board is accordingly, in the exercise of its functions under sections 8 to 21, to promote and safeguard—
- (a) the quality of official statistics,
 - (b) good practice in relation to official statistics, and
 - (c) the comprehensiveness of official statistics.
- (4) In this Part references to the quality of any official statistics includes—
- (a) their impartiality, accuracy and relevance, and
 - (b) their coherence with other official statistics.
- (5) In this Part references to good practice in relation to official statistics includes ensuring their accessibility.

Commencement Information

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