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Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee

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Dear Convener,

When I gave evidence to your Committee on 7 November, I mentioned the possibility that the UK Statistics Authority's Code of Practice could be adopted by a range of organisations that do not produce official statistics. I am writing to draw your attention to a high profile example of such adoption.

The Scottish Fiscal Commission recently published its fiscal forecast¹. It included a prominent statement of voluntary compliance with the Code in its introduction to the forecast. This is on pages 33-34 of the forecast report. We welcome this approach which provides transparency and supports public confidence. I would be very happy to explore this further with you or the Committee's staff.

I would also like to draw your attention to the Office for Statistics Regulation's first annual review, published earlier on 8 December².

Yours sincerely,



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¹ *Scotland's Economic and Fiscal Forecasts, December 2017, Scottish Fiscal Commission*
<http://www.fiscalcommission.scot/publications/scotlands-economic-and-fiscal-forecasts/scotlands-economic-and-fiscal-forecasts-december-2017/>

² *Office for Statistics Regulation: A Review Of Our First Year*
<https://www.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/osr/annual-review/>