



**NATIONAL STATISTICS
OTHER THEME WORKING GROUP
MINUTES OF MEETING 11th January 2002**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Stephen Penneck	ONS (Chair)	Janet Dougharty	DASA, MOD
Jil Matheson	ONS	Elizabeth Robin	DFID
Keith Folwell	CO	Richard Allen	HO

SECRETARIAT

Chris Chantler NSPD, ONS

CIRCULATION

All participants

Absent Members:

Ann Barber	HO
Wilma Schofield	SE

Others for information:

Ed Swires-Hennessey	NAW	Norman Caven	NISRA
Martin Tyrell	NISRA		

Action:

- 1. Item 1: Minutes from the meeting held on 5th July**

2. Item 4 was revised to reflect that the working group established would concentrate on ethnicity and identity issues.

3. Matters arising:

- Stephen introduced Jil Matheson to the group. Jil will Chair the group for the duration of Stephen's secondment

4. Item 2: The National Statistics Work Programme 2002- 2005

5. The Chair introduced the draft plan and invited comment from around the table. A number of amendments were suggested and further comment requested by correspondence.

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6. The secretary will action the amendments and produce a finalised version of the plan.

Secretary

7. The draft overall work programme will be sent to the EST on 17th January. She will then send it to ministers, and HOPs will be asked to provide a co-ordinated briefing.

8. Item 3: Quality Review Programme

9. The Chair reported that a meeting had been held to discuss the planned review on the Coherence of Public Sector Staffing.

10. A scoping note had been produced following the meeting to steer the review once the board had been appointed. This note was discussed and a few amendments suggested.

11. Cabinet Office said they hoped to take the review forward by the end of the financial year, and the TWG looked forward to hearing of its progress at the next meeting.

Keith/Rosemary

12. The Theme's quality review schedule was discussed:

- DASA - the review of 'UK Defence Statistics' report had been approved by the steering group. The review was expected to be published in May
- DASA - the review of Armed Forces Medical Statistics had been sent out for user consultation
- ONS - the Compendia review planned for next year will be combined with the Social Reporting review to be taken forward by the Social and Welfare theme

13. Item 4: Website News

14. There was some confusion expressed by departments about the process for updating NS Website pages. The secretary would mention this to the website

Secretary

team, and in the meantime was happy for TWG members to send their updates to him.

15. The secretary reported that latest developments concerning the website had been included in the Common Briefing Note that was recently sent to all TWG members. The Chair reported that he would approach the project board who were overseeing the redevelopment of the website and ask them for a report detailing how these developments will affect the way departments work.

Chair

16. Item 7: Any other business

17. Meetings for March, July and November would be arranged by the secretary over the coming weeks.