Central Statistics Office – Quality Statement

The independence of the CSO is enshrined in the Statistics Act, 1993 and reflects best international practice for the organisation of Official statistics. The CSO subscribes fully to the principles set out in the European Statistics Code of Practice and to the UN Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics. In subscribing to these principles, the CSO demonstrates its commitment to improving trust and confidence in the independence, integrity and accountability of the Statistical System and in the credibility and quality of the statistics we produce and disseminate.

Through our work, we abide by the following core values, based on international principles:

- Statistical Professionalism
- Independence and Integrity
- Respect for statistical confidentiality
- Excellent service to our customers
- Respect to our data providers
- Value for Money

The Quality Policy for the Office is set out in “Standards and Guidelines, Volume 1 (Quality in Statistics)” which is available on the CSO website. It provides information and recommendations on best practice and contains clear guidelines to ensure that the quality of our processes and outputs are of the highest standard. The Office also promotes a culture of continuous improvement through the use of regular Business Process Improvement reviews so that the quality of our core processes and outputs are further enhanced.

Our aim is to produce statistics that are accurate and reliable, coherent and comparable. We will be objective in our analysis and disseminate our statistics in a clear, accessible and timely manner. Quality is a central consideration to all aspects of our work and we strive to improve our Quality Management Systems on a continuous basis.