



Statistical collaboration between the Central Statistics Office and the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government

The Central Statistics Office (CSO) and the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (DHPLG) — hereby agree to collaborate on a statistical project in the area of new housing completions. This project, which is closely associated with and a vital input to the work of the Housing Data Analytics Group, will assess the appropriateness of currently published new housing indicators and develop a new experimental statistical product in the area of new housing completions.

The legal basis for this collaboration is Section 11(1) of the Statistics Act, 1993.

The project will be conducted in line with all CSO data protocols and guidelines and subject to the strict legal provisions on the protection of information contained in Part V of the Statistics Act, 1993.

The project will be conducted by CSO staff in the CSO. Additional project analysis will be provided by George Hussey, Senior Statistician DHPLG. This Officer will be an Officer of Statistics as per Section 20(b) of the Statistics Act for the purposes of this collaboration; and will be required to sign the declaration specified in Section 21 of the Statistics Act before this element of the work commences.

The project will focus on the ESB new connections dataset supplied to the CSO under Section 24 of the Statistics Act by ESB Networks (ESBN). A historical analysis of the reconnections will be performed utilising the CSO's Census 2011 and 2016 datasets. The project will also involve linking data from a range of administrative databases related to Housing including those of DHPLG, the Revenue Commissioners, Local Government Management Agency, Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland and Geodirectory.

Signatories

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