



ONS Regional Function and New Developments

Allsopp Review

- “*Review of Statistics for Economic Policymaking*” commissioned by the Chancellor, the Governor of Bank of England and the National Statistician – final report March 2004.
- Reinforced, at a regional level, the message from PAT18 of the need for “*Better Information*” to inform policy making at a local level.
- Total of 62 recommendations, including:
 - A significant ONS or Government Statistical Service presence in each English region.

ONS regional teams

- Regional Development Agencies (RDAs) funding £1m, annually, from 2007/08.
- Equates initially to 2 staff in each of the 9 English Regions
- ONS central support and development from 1 April 2007
- Service Level Agreement (SLA) in place between ONS and the RDAs covering delivery, staffing, governance, funding, etc.
- RDAs commissioned an evaluation during Year 1 – results were encouraging.

CSR 2007 confirmed continuation of Regional Statisticians

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SUSTAINABLE GROWTH AND PROSPERITY

I.14 The pace of change in the global economy is intensifying, with growing movement of people, investment and goods. Rapid technological change and the emergence of newly industrialised economies are driving shifts in the competitive environment, with knowledge and other intangible assets growing in importance, creating new opportunities for individuals and businesses. In order to equip the UK to respond to these changes and support *sustainable growth and prosperity* the Government's priorities set out in PSAs will be to:

- raise the productivity of the UK economy, sustaining high rates of economic growth and improving the standard of living;
- improve the skills of the population, on the way to ensuring a world class skills base by 2020, setting stretching national targets to support working age people to acquire the skills they need to succeed at all levels;
- ensure controlled, fair migration that protects the public and contributes to economic growth, including developing a strong identity management system, reducing the processing time for asylum applications, removing those that cause the most harm to society first and managing migration to reduce skills shortages;
- promote world class science and innovation in the UK, with world-class research in UK centres of excellence, increasing business investment in R&D, and using the education system to deliver a strong base of future scientists, engineers and technologists;
- deliver reliable and efficient transport networks that support economic growth, tackling congestion and increasing the capacity of the rail network;
- deliver the conditions for business success in the UK, providing a world-class competition and corporate governance regime, a flexible labour market and better regulation; and
- improve the economic performance of all English regions and reduce the gap in economic growth rates between regions.

Regional statistics

DI9.15 In response to Christopher Allsopp's review of the regional information and statistical framework needed to support the Government's regional economic performance PSA target, the Office of National Statistics (ONS) and the RDAs worked in partnership to establish a full regional statistical presence in March 2007. The 2007 CSR enables the RDAs to continue to provide funding to sustain the ONS's regional presence. The ONS has also committed to deliver real regional Gross Value Added per head estimates to enable more accurate comparison of regional growth rates by 2009.

Where they are:

- Some based in RDA offices
- Others in Regional Observatories
- Line management from ONS London
- Regular “get-togethers” and visits by line managers

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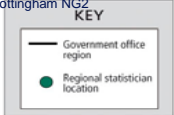
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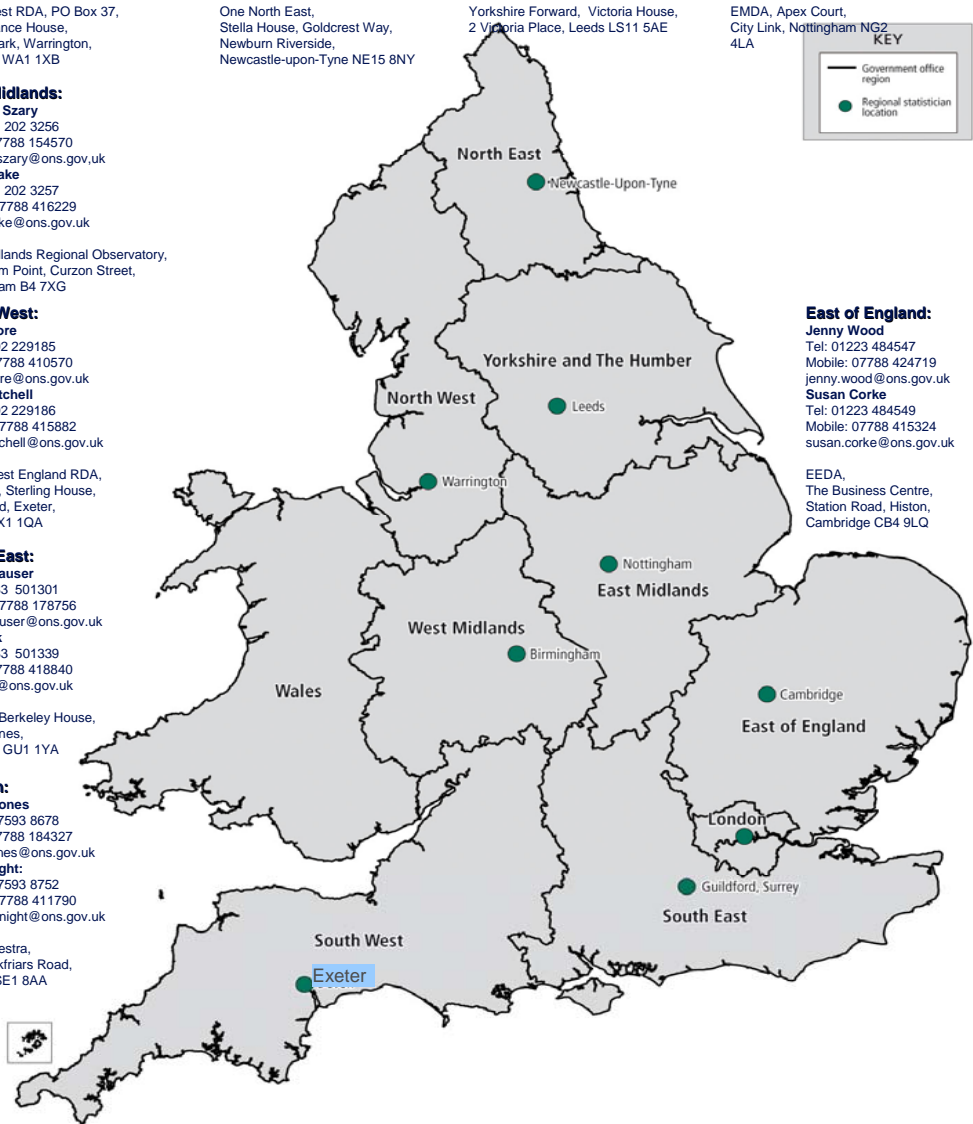
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ONS regional teams – core functions (1)

- to gather intelligence to help improve the quality of ONS data and processes, keeping ONS up to date with changes in the regions;
- to quality assure final estimates of regional GVA;
- to help improve the quality of IDBR (Business Register) and business survey data, which will feed through to regional GVA;
- to provide access to IDBR data for RDAs;
- to act as focus to feed views through from regional bodies, assisting ONS in its decision-making;

ONS regional teams – core functions (2)

- to provide a first point of ONS contact for key regional bodies;
- to provide independent advice to regional users on the use of ONS/GSS statistics, including technical issues such as use of statistics in monitoring performance against targets;
- to work with regional partners on collaborative projects;
- to facilitate provision of training to regional partners on, for instance, economic statistics; and
- to assess, or assist in the assessment of locally commissioned/locally held data.

ONS regional teams – initial priority

- Regional Economic Strategies:
 - Developed by Regional Development Agencies (RDA's) and partners
 - Need to be underpinned by evidence base
 - Subsequent need for monitoring and evaluation
- Regional Statisticians work alongside RDA's and Regional Observatories in supporting this work

Examples of collaborative projects

- Priority Sectors for Regional Economic Strategies
- Women in Enterprise
- Consideration of possible survey boosts
- Counterfactuals projects
- Analysis of foreign ownership of companies
- Rural productivity strategy
- Cultural and Creative industries
- Innovation
- Perceptions indicator development
- Olympic Games Global Impact Study
- Advice on diversity monitoring and issues

Recent and New Outputs/Developments from ONS (1)

- Regional & sub-regional GDHI data published May 2008 – WM RS team has produced a WM briefing
- Planned publication of regional productivity data in first half of 2008
- GVA per job and per hour worked initially at NUTS1, followed by NUTS2, and GVA per job only at NUTS3
- Aiming for first estimates of constant price regional GVA around end 2009

Recent and New Outputs/Developments from ONS (2)

- Business Demography – 2008 final year in which BERR will publish statistics on VAT registrations
- Under new Structural Business Stats Regulation ONS will be required to produce new set of indicators. These relate to births, deaths and survival of businesses.
- Methodology based on capturing new activity with any +ve turnover or employment

Recent and New Outputs/Developments from ONS (3)

- Small businesses below VAT threshold and new branches/local units will be included
- Also data to be produced on high growth companies – gazelles less than 5 years old
- BRES to replace ABI/1 and BRS from 2009 – better data at local unit level
<http://nswebcopy/about/surveys/bres/default.asp>

ONS Independence and Workplan going forward

- ONS is now independent – in theory there are greater opportunities for sharing data with regional and sub-regional partners
- Improvements to Population data and Migration Statistics a priority area – 2011 Census?
- Some additional funding available for sample boosts to improve regional /sub-regional data. ONS Methodology looking to identify where best value can be achieved