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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Estates ministerial briefing  
**Attachments:** School Estate Statistics 2049 - Briefing - Ministerial.obr

Hi [REDACTED],

Draft ministerial briefing for estates is attached. I've updated all the stats and will get [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] to check them. Anything highlighted in yellow is policy stuff that I haven't changed at all.

I wasn't too sure about exactly who needed included on the copy list so some of the names I thought might need deleted are in red.

There's one stat I'm not sure about on the last page – it's the bit saying the number of building projects is 'over 30% of all schools' (last year, this year it's 37%). To me this reads as saying 'more than 30% of all schools have had a building project done since 2007' which I don't think is something we can say. It ignores all of the changes that might have happened to the establishments over the time the projects total refers to (e.g. schools closing or merging after building work is completed) and the fact that there are definitely schools with more than one project recorded for them in the period. Theoretically it should be possible to work out the number of schools currently open which have had at least one building project but I think it would get messy so my preference would be to just delete that bit if you're okay with that?

Thanks!

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 03 September 2019 12:47  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Estates news release  
**Attachments:** OFFICIAL SENSITIVE - PRE-RELEASE STATISTICS School Estates Statistics 2019 - Statistics News Release aa.docx

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks very much for getting all the publication documents together – all looks good!

I've attached some wording tweaks to the news release, largely because the guidance keeps changing! Hopefully [REDACTED] is now back in the office so can you coordinate with [REDACTED] to get his comments on both news releases.

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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Estates submission  
**Attachments:** School Estates Statistics 2019 - Statistics News Release UPDATED.obr; School Estate Statistics 2019 - Bulletin draft 2.obr; School Estate Statistics 2019 - Briefing - Ministerial - UPDATED.obr; School Estate Statistics 2019 - Supplementary Tables Web.obr

Up to date versions of all the documents for submission attached ☺

Thanks,

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 09 September 2019 10:37  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] J ([REDACTED]); [REDACTED]; [REDACTED](Communications); [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Final text of news release for FM / DFM clearance

Hi [REDACTED],

Final version of the news release, cleared by news desk and with Colin's additions. Stats are no longer pre-release so copy list can be expanded when sent up.

[REDACTED], [REDACTED] and Andy copied for the link to where the strategy will appear online.

Thank you!  
[REDACTED]

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**Subject:** FM Comms contacts to add

Hi [REDACTED],

Grateful if the copied people from FM comms team could be added to pre-release access on the stats as discussed.

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**Subject:** For clearance - News Release and Handling for school estates announcement

FMPO,  
DFMPO,

The First Minister and Deputy First Minister will announce the first new schools projects to be funded through the Scottish Government's billion pound investment when they visit Peterhead Academy this afternoon.

We have invited broadcast media including BBC, STV, Channel 4, NorthSound, Original and local community radio stations Buchan Radio and Waves Radio. A photographer and reporter from the Press and

Journal / Evening Express and Buchan Observer have been invited to attend and the council photographer will also be there.

A news release (draft below) will be issued to national and relevant local media.

The social content hub will also attend to provide photo and video content for twitter and facebook.

Education comms have issued statistical releases with a social media video (link: <https://twitter.com/ScotGovEdu/status/1170983696960237568>) to highlight the strong School Estate statistics 2019, to trail today's launch.

I'd be grateful if you could check whether the First Minister and Deputy First Minister are content.

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**Importance:** High

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As Colin has the pre-release access – can you please clear the whole release in full by colin.

I would suggest if those figures are good they are included in the intro as an example of our commitment and record over the last 12 years.

Liz

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*Colin copied for awareness.*

Education and finance policy, comms and statistical colleagues have agreed the below news release to issue at 1245 on Monday to coincide with the announcement of the new learning estate strategy and investment programme.

This includes lines from the Schools Estate 2019 statistics which will issue at 0930 that morning. Comms are working on a video for social media to pull out key statistics to issue coinciding with the statistics.

FM Comms are inviting media to the launch event at Peterhead Academy. There will be a social media video produced to issue shortly after on the main @ScotGov channel based on lines the below release with footage from the launch event.

COSLA and SFT have also seen and their amends have been amalgamated in this version. COSLA's comms are liaising with the individual local authorities' comms to prepare welcoming statements for the announcement in each area to help with pickup in local press.

Grateful for a view on the release copy, agreed between policy, comms and statistical colleagues. We will send up to FM and DFM for clearance **before close of play today**.

NB the asterisks in DFM's quote refer to pre-release statistics that will be included in the version that goes to FM and DFM for clearance. Due to restrictions with pre-release access lists we are unable to include these until after 0930 on Monday.

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Bringing together copy lists and turning this chain to focus **on response to criticism of comparisons in the stats** and the below Scottish Labour release, for which I think the below should suffice. Grateful for confirmation of agreement to put to SpAds:

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For the copy list to note the below has just been sent out by Scottish Labour.

## **NEWS FROM Scottish LABOUR**

### **EMBARGO: IMMEDIATE**

### **FIRST MINISTER CAUGHT OUT IN SPIN OPERATION ON SCHOOL STATS**

Hello,

For those asking for a line on the SNP government's misuse of the education report, see below.

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"The First Minister and her government have been caught out making dodgy comparisons against the advice of their own officials.

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**ENDS**

The first line of the below query should cover us for this – The Sun are asking.

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#### **Herald Query**

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This is not mentioned in the release below at all.

I've also had it pointed out to me that Netherthird Primary in East Ayrshire is currently, in 2019, listed as C. Pupils were moved out of the crumbling school in 2017 amid fears it might collapse. It was excluded from the listings in 2018.

On the spreadsheet it is listed as a 'shared campus' which may account for this – but since the school I think the pupils were decanted into, Greenmill Primary School, is listed as B, this doesn't seem to make sense. It also seems misleading to list Netherthird in the first place.

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Thanks [REDACTED]. For the benefit of the copy list [REDACTED] and I spoke and there is nothing to add to the lines from the perspective of the individual school's infrastructure.

**Colin**, grateful for a SpAd view on the proposed lines, agreed between comms, policy and statistical colleagues? These will issue to Alastair Grant at the Herald alongside the lines claiming 'misleading' comparisons in this morning's stats, which are already with you for consideration.

####

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In School Estates Statistics 2019, Netherthird Primary School has a condition rating of C and suitability rating of C. Greenmill Primary School has a condition rating of B and a suitability rating of C.

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Thanks [REDACTED]. I think that to counter the accusation that the statistics are misleading we want to emphasise that the Netherthird pupils have been decanted to the Greenmill **campus**, not merged into Greenmill school itself.

I've made some edits to reflect this.

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[REDACTED]

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A Scottish Government spokesperson said:

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[REDACTED]  
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Can we strengthen our lines please given what [REDACTED] has said and we should be able to be specific re Netherthird primary?

We should have a line on why we are comfortable with comparison of the stats.

Thanks

Clare

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Hi [REDACTED],

The journalist says he is looking for an additional Scottish Government statement on the points.

We need a line in response that outlines why the comparison we have made is statistically sound and accurate.

[This Tweet](#) has been flagged to me by a colleague, which may be the source of the query.

Have started draft below for response on Netherthird with a background note on changes to the guidance:

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A Scottish Government spokesperson said:

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## Background

Changes to the guidance on School Estate Statistics 2019 are due to a technical change on how the ratings are calculated compared with 2018, with minimal impact on the ratings for individual schools. It is technically possible there could have been a change in rating when there has been little or no change in the physical condition of the school.

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Kind regards,  
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**[REDACTED]**  
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**Sent:** 09 September 2019 12:21

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Hi [REDACTED],

Is there a specific question from the Herald or are they just looking for clarification on these points?

We haven't made a big play of the change in guidance because we don't believe it has made a large difference to the ratings schools have. [REDACTED] might be able to advise further but the change to the guidance is largely to do with the technicalities of how the ratings are calculated. The advice in the statistical bulletin is to use caution when comparing stats from this year with last year (because it is technically possible there could have been a change in rating when there has been little or no change in the physical condition itself), not that they shouldn't be compared.

I'll investigate the stats we have on Netherthird with [REDACTED] and come back to you. I can say just now that they reported a school roll of 228 in the September 2018 census.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

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Policy / Statistical colleagues,

We have received the below query from the Herald on today's School Estates statistics.

I would suggest a line but am unaware of specifics surrounding Netherthird Primary and the first query pertains to a line in the statistical bulletin which cautions against comparison – on which point Alistair has questioned our social media video – linked here: <https://twitter.com/ScotGovEdu/status/1170983696960237568>

Grateful for a view and suggested lines in response to the Netherthird PS and statistical queries.

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#### **Herald Query**

P5 of the report itself cautions against making comparisons with previous years due to the impact of new guidance – and states that the condition of some schools may not actually have changed at all.

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This is not mentioned in the release below at all.

I've also had it pointed out to me that Netherthird Primary in East Ayrshire is currently, in 2019, listed as C. Pupils were moved out of the crumbling school in 2017 amid fears it might collapse. It was excluded from the listings in 2018.

On the spreadsheet it is listed as a 'shared campus' which may account for this – but since the school I think the pupils were decanted into, Greenmill Primary School, is listed as B, this doesn't seem to make sense. It also seems misleading to list Netherthird in the first place.

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**To:** Halliday R (Roger)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: For SpAd view: Query - Stats criticisms / Scot Lab release (Herald, Scotsman, Sun)  
**Attachments:** School Estates Statistics 2019 - Statistics News Release UPDATED.docx

Hi Roger,

I'd be grateful for your urgent consideration of this. I will phone now to discuss but sending this for context.

It relates to the release today of statistics on school estates. A journalist from The Herald has queried the use of comparisons to previous years given the existence of new guidance. The note we put in the bulletin says:

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We have clarified this in the bullets in the response two emails below.

**I would specifically like to draw your attention to the use of this sentence “The Chief Statistician’s own press release, issued independently of Ministers, compares between years” in the response to the journalist, as suggested by SpAD Colin McAllister.**

The stats news release is attached for reference.

Thanks,

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School, Staff and Pupil Census Statistics  
Education Analytical Services  
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Ok.

Regards

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**ENDS**

The first line of the below query should cover us for this – The Sun are asking.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Suggest

A Scottish Government spokesperson said:

"Changes to the guidance on School Estate Statistics 2019 will have minimal impact on the trend of improvement in school estates and advice from independent statisticians is that comparisons over time are valid.

“Responsibility for accurate reporting for School Estates Statistics lies with Local Authorities. Netherthird Primary reported a school roll of 228 in the September 2018 census.”

[REDACTED]

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Can we strengthen our lines please given what [REDACTED] has said and we should be able to be specific re Netherthird primary?

We should have a line on why we are comfortable with comparison of the stats.

Thanks

Clare

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Hi [REDACTED],

The journalist says he is looking for an additional Scottish Government statement on the points.

We need a line in response that outlines why the comparison we have made is statistically sound and accurate.

[This Tweet](#) has been flagged to me by a colleague, which may be the source of the query.

Have started draft below for response on Netherthird with a background note on changes to the guidance:

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A Scottish Government spokesperson said:

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## Background

Changes to the guidance on School Estate Statistics 2019 are due to a technical change on how the ratings are calculated compared with 2018, with minimal impact on the ratings for individual schools. It is technically possible there could have been a change in rating when there has been little or no change in the physical condition of the school.

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Hi [REDACTED],

Is there a specific question from the Herald or are they just looking for clarification on these points?

We haven't made a big play of the change in guidance because we don't believe it has made a large difference to the ratings schools have. [REDACTED] might be able to advise further but the change to the guidance is largely to do with the technicalities of how the ratings are calculated. The advice in the statistical bulletin is to use caution when comparing stats from this year with last year (because it is technically possible there could have been a change in rating when there has been little or no change in the physical condition itself), not that they shouldn't be compared.

I'll investigate the stats we have on Netherthird with [REDACTED] and come back to you. I can say just now that they reported a school roll of 228 in the September 2018 census.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

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Policy / Statistical colleagues,

We have received the below query from the Herald on today's School Estates statistics.

I would suggest a line but am unaware of specifics surrounding Netherthird Primary and the first query pertains to a line in the statistical bulletin which cautions against comparison – on which point Alistair has questioned our social media video – linked here: <https://twitter.com/ScotGovEdu/status/1170983696960237568>

Grateful for a view and suggested lines in response to the Netherthird PS and statistical queries.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

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### **Herald Query**

P5 of the report itself cautions against making comparisons with previous years due to the impact of new guidance – and states that the condition of some schools may not actually have changed at all.

“In November 2017 new guidance was provided to local authorities on measuring school condition. Condition was recorded using this guidance for the first time in the 2019 School Estates Core Facts Survey. Differences between this and the previous guidance mean that a school’s condition rating may have changed when there has been little or no change to the physical condition itself. Therefore, caution is advised when comparing the 2019 figures with previous years.”

This is not mentioned in the release below at all.

I’ve also had it pointed out to me that Netherthird Primary in East Ayrshire is currently, in 2019, listed as C. Pupils were moved out of the crumbling school in 2017 amid fears it might collapse. It was excluded from the listings in 2018.

On the spreadsheet it is listed as a ‘shared campus’ which may account for this – but since the school I think the pupils were decanted into, Greenmill Primary School, is listed as B, this doesn’t seem to make sense. It also seems misleading to list Netherthird in the first place.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 30 August 2019 17:22  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: Healthy Living Survey and School Estates Ministerial submission review

Hi [REDACTED],

Just for reference for us both on Monday the stuff highlighted stills needs to be done.

I've not gone through [REDACTED]'s changes for the briefing but will do that before 9.30 on Monday.

Happy to pick this stuff if you're not in.

Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
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**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** RE: Healthy Living Survey and School Estates Ministerial submission review

[REDACTED]/[REDACTED],

Really like the same new branding across both reports and the new charts on the front of the Estates report. Ministerial submissions looking good. please see below for some specific feedback on the individual components.

Estates stats report (I made this in the APS version of the word doc you sent me, just in case it was different from v2 in eRDM)

- New charts on page 1 – some of the figures are not in Arial font
- I've made one wording change on page 13 in tracked changes

Ministerial submissions

- I've not checked the figures are correct, I assume this has already been done
- I've made some small tweaks in tracked changes
- Estates – feels a bit light in content. Can we add more to Annex A?

HLS supplementary tables

- Contents page – cell B10 – font size
- Background notes – I don't think the changes in the word document have been copied over

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Thanks,  
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Hi [REDACTED],

Please find attached a copy of the ministerial briefing for HLS and School Estates 2019, along with the bulletin and supplementary tables if you need them.

Apologies for the tight around on this, we are planning on sending a copy of the bulletin, supplementary tables, briefing (if ready) and news release out to the pre-release list at approximately 9.30 on Monday. If the briefings need more work or you've not had time to check them, I'm happy to send these out later in the day.

Please let me know if these timings don't suit you or if you have any questions.

Many Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**[REDACTED]**

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**Subject:** FW: Learning Estate and School Conditions Stats  
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Thanks [REDACTED]. I've added some suggested tracked changes.

Let me know if you have any questions.

[REDACTED]

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It would probably help to have a few lines from you on the policy context to these stats.

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Thanks,

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Hi [REDACTED],

For the SCANCE speaking note, I can offer the following bullets:

- The condition ratings for schools are reported by local authorities to the Scottish Government annually.
- On Monday, the First Minister and I launched the Learning Estate Strategy and announced the first phase of projects to benefit from the £1 billion Learning Estate Investment Programme.

Thanks,  
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED],

Thank you for this. The DFM has cleared the SCANCE to go into the Cabinet papers.

He would however find it helpful if he could have some bullet point speaking notes.

Thanks

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**Subject:** RE: Learning Estate and School Conditions Stats

Hi,

SCANCE note on today's release of school estate statistics attached as requested.

The statistics speak for themselves so I've left the speaking note blank but let me know if you need something added.

Thanks,

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
School, Staff and Pupil Census Statistics  
Education Analytical Services  
Scottish Government  
0131 244 0[redacted]

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**Subject:** Learning Estate and School Conditions Stats

Folks,

The DFM would like a SCANCE note on the Learning Estate and School Conditions Stats.

I would be grateful for this by 11AM on Monday please.

Many thanks

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DG Education, Communities & Justice  
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**Subject:** Fw: School Estate stats

**Importance:** High

Folks

Please see email below from the Deputy First Minister - I'd be grateful if you could confirm this has been picked up and forward on the relevant details as soon as possible this evening.

More than happy to discuss.

[REDACTED]

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**Sent:** Sunday, 8 September 2019 19:43  
**To:** Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills  
**Subject:** School Estate stats

Could you send me the details of the school estate stats to be published tomorrow.

What are Comms doing to promote them?

Thanks

J

John Swinney  
MSP for Perthshire North

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**Subject:** FW: School Estates Publication for Review  
**Attachments:** School Estate Statistics 2019 - Bulletin draft for policy.docx

Hi [REDACTED],

Looks fine to me.

Thanks,  
[REDACTED]

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Hi Andy and [REDACTED],

With the change to publishing the estates stats on their own and the changes to the guidance I've had to rewrite quite a lot of the publication and background notes. Therefore, we're looking for you to review the text around the changes to the guidance or anything else policy-specific.

I've attached a copy of the current draft of the publication. It has all of the stats and any commentary specifically relating to these removed in line with pre-release restrictions.

Can you please take a look at it and let me know if you have any comments? Ideally I need these back by the end of the week so we can get it approved and send to APS etc.

Thank you!

[REDACTED]

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**Sent:** 03 September 2019 14:53  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: School Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics - Statistics News Releases

Hey,

As you'll no doubt have gathered from the below [REDACTED] has decided it's fine to combine the access lists for the media handling but we're not to combine them for the ministerial submission. He wants us to make formal pre-release access lists for both publications so I've taken the format of the one from the December publication and made one for estates with who's getting what when 😊

[REDACTED]

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That would be ideal thank you.

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Hi [REDACTED],

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[REDACTED]

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Couple of tweaks to the healthy living one – School Estate statistics look fine.

I think we should do some form of Ministerial comment or release and some social to pull out some of the key facts. I will take a look and get something in the system this week. Is there any way to update the pre-release access lists so that all are on the pre-release for both to make clearance procedure more straightforward?

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**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>; [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Subject:** RE: School Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics - Statistics News Releases

Hi [REDACTED],

I will take a look and get back to you. Apologies for not being at the meeting this morning.

When do the submissions go to DFM?

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**[REDACTED]**  
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**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>; [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Subject:** School Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics - Statistics News Releases

Hi [REDACTED],

Please find attached the draft stats news releases for the School Healthy Living Survey, and School Estate Statistics 2019 publications due to be published next Monday.

Can you please let us know if you have any comments ASAP this afternoon?

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

**[REDACTED]**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 03 September 2019 09:48  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: School Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics pre-release handling meeting

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\].\[REDACTED\]@gov.scot](#)>  
**Sent:** 03 September 2019 09:46  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Declined: School Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics pre-release handling meeting  
**When:** 03 September 2019 10:00-11:30 (UTC+00:00) Dublin, Edinburgh, Lisbon, London.  
**Where:** VQ 3rd Floor Meeting Room 3D-34 (Bridge) (12) VC

[REDACTED] now attending on my behalf

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 30 August 2019 14:35  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Healthy Living Survey and School Estates Ministerial submission review  
**Attachments:** 2019 - HLS - Ministerial Submission.obr; School Estate Statistics 2019 - Briefing - Ministerial.obr; 2019 - HLS - Bulletin - word version - APS copy.obr; 2019 - HLS - Supplementary tables - web version.obr; School Estate Statistics 2019 - Supplementary Tables Web.obr; School Estate Statistics 2019 - Bulletin draft 2.obr

Hi [REDACTED],

Please find attached a copy of the ministerial briefing for HLS and School Estates 2019, along with the bulletin and supplementary tables if you need them.

Apologies for the tight around on this, we are planning on sending a copy of the bulletin, supplementary tables, briefing (if ready) and news release out to the pre-release list at approximately 9.30 on Monday. If the briefings need more work or you've not had time to check them, I'm happy to send these out later in the day.

Please let me know if these timings don't suit you or if you have any questions.

Many Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**[REDACTED]**

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**From:** [REDACTED](Communications)  
**Sent:** 09 September 2019 17:39  
**To:** Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills  
**Cc:** Wilson M (Mick); [REDACTED]; Hicks C (Clare); [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED];  
Communications DFM & Education; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Lines for clearance - school estate statistics

DFM PO

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This is because statisticians have advised that comparisons in School Estate Statistics over time are valid for Scotland overall.”

#### Background

- Statisticians have advised that comparisons in School Estate Statistics over time are valid for Scotland overall because changes to the guidance on how condition and suitability are assessed will have minimal impact on the rating calculated.
- Caution is advised when making comparisons at school level as it is technically possible that for a small number of schools there could have been a change in rating when there has been little or no change in the physical condition of the school.
- It is normal practice for statisticians to make users of their statistical bulletins aware of all factors acting on the statistics.
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#### Background

In School Estates Statistics 2019, Netherthird Primary School has a condition rating of C and suitability rating of C. Greenmill Primary School has a condition rating of B and a suitability rating of C.

Thanks  
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**Sent:** 09 September 2019 17:39  
**To:** Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills  
**Cc:** Wilson M (Mick); [REDACTED]; Hicks C (Clare); [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; Communications DFM & Education; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 09 September 2019 12:00  
**To:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; Wilson M (Mick); Hicks C (Clare); [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED](Communications); Communications DFM& Education  
**Subject:** Media Query - For policy / statistical colleague views - Herald - 'misleading' stats and Netherthird Primary

Policy / Statistical colleagues,

We have received the below query from the Herald on today's School Estates statistics.

I would suggest a line but am unaware of specifics surrounding Netherthird Primary and the first query pertains to a line in the statistical bulletin which cautions against comparison – on which point Alistair has questioned our social media video – linked here: <https://twitter.com/ScotGovEdu/status/1170983696960237568>

Grateful for a view and suggested lines in response to the Netherthird PS and statistical queries.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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#### **Herald Query**

P5 of the report itself cautions against making comparisons with previous years due to the impact of new guidance – and states that the condition of some schools may not actually have changed at all.

“In November 2017 new guidance was provided to local authorities on measuring school condition. Condition was recorded using this guidance for the first time in the 2019 School Estates Core Facts Survey. Differences between this and the previous guidance mean that a school's condition rating may have changed when there has

been little or no change to the physical condition itself. Therefore, caution is advised when comparing the 2019 figures with previous years.”

This is not mentioned in the release below at all.

I've also had it pointed out to me that Netherthird Primary in East Ayrshire is currently, in 2019, listed as C. Pupils were moved out of the crumbling school in 2017 amid fears it might collapse. It was excluded from the listings in 2018.

On the spreadsheet it is listed as a 'shared campus' which may account for this – but since the school I think the pupils were decanted into, Greenmill Primary School, is listed as B, this doesn't seem to make sense. It also seems misleading to list Netherthird in the first place.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 03 September 2019 16:15  
**To:** Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills  
**Cc:** First Minister; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; Wilson M (Mick); Director of Learning; Hicks C (Clare); [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; McAllister C (Colin); DG Education, Communities & Justice; Permanent Secretary  
**Subject:** OFFICIAL SENSITIVE - Pre-release statistics - School Estate Statistics 2019 - Ministerial briefing  
**Attachments:** School Estate Statistics 2019 - Bulletin draft 2.docx; School Estate Statistics 2019 - Briefing - Ministerial - UPDATED.docx; School Estate Statistics 2019 - Supplementary Tables Web.xlsx; School Estates Statistics 2019 - Statistics News Release UPDATED.docx

Please find attached an advance copy of, and the associated briefing for, School Estate Statistics 2019 (scheduled for publication on 9 September).

**Official sensitive – Pre-release statistics. Do not forward or share beyond this copy list until after 9.30 am Monday 9 September**

You are being given access to these materials in advance of publication to allow you to ensure that Scottish Ministers and office-holders are able to comment on the statistics properly at the time of release, as set out in the Pre-release Access to Official Statistics (Scotland) Order 2008. If you think you need to discuss or share these statistics with anyone not on this circulation list then please seek prior approval from me first.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 05 September 2019 12:49  
**To:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; Wilson M (Mick); [REDACTED];  
[REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED];  
[REDACTED](Communications); Hicks C (Clare)  
**Subject:** OFFICIAL SENSITIVE - PRE-RELEASE STATISTICS | For  
policy / statistician views: News release - Learning Estate  
Investment Programme Phase 1 / School Estate & Healthy  
Living Statistics

Policy / Statistical Colleagues,

To see below news release to issue on Monday 9 September to announce Phase one of the LEIP and welcome the publication of the School Estate & Healthy Living Statistics.

Grateful for views / amends to ensure factual accuracy.

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## **Learning Estate Investment**

### **First phase of £1 billion investment includes 20 schools.**

Schools in Aberdeenshire, the highlands and the Outer Hebrides are among those announced as part of the next phase of developing low carbon, fit for purpose learning facilities.

Schools will receive funding for rebuilt or substantially refurbished campuses, with further phases to be announced as projects are put forward by local authorities.

The new strategy has been informed by projects from the £1.8 billion Scotland's Schools for the Future programme, with a focus on high quality, low-carbon and digitally enabled schools which benefit the whole community.

Several of the projects announced bring together nurseries, schools, colleges and universities in multi-purpose 3-18 campuses, tailored to the needs of the local area.

Education Secretary John Swinney said:

“Creating and maintaining high quality, fit for purpose educational facilities demonstrates to pupils, teachers, staff and the community how valuable learning is.

“The progress made through Scotland's Schools for the Future has had a significant impact on the condition of schools across the country, with 88.3% of schools now in good or satisfactory condition, and a drop of more than 25 percentage points in pupils educated in schools in poor or bad condition.

“There is still more to do, and I have seen myself the urgency with which some schools require updating. The first phase of the £1 billion Learning Estate Investment

Programme prioritises schools in need of updating, as identified by local authorities, to ensure rapid progress where most required.

**\*\*COSLA Quote\*\***

## **Background**

Scotland's Learning Estate Strategy can be read [here](#).

The Scottish Government will pay for ongoing maintenance of the new facility and fund other outcomes to be determined on a case-by-case basis.

School Estate Statistics 2019 are published annually.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 02 September 2019 14:39  
**To:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; Wilson M (Mick); Director of Learning; Hicks C (Clare); [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; McAllister C (Colin)  
**Subject:** OFFICIAL SENSITIVE - Pre-release statistics - School Estate Statistics 2019  
**Attachments:** OFFICIAL SENSITIVE - PRE-RELEASE STATISTICS - School Estate Statistics 2019 - Bulletin.docx; OFFICIAL SENSITIVE - PRE-RELEASE STATISTICS - School Estate Statistics 2019 - DRAFT Briefing - Ministerial.docx; OFFICIAL SENSITIVE - PRE-RELEASE STATISTICS - School Estate Statistics 2019 - Supplementary Tables Web.xlsx; OFFICIAL SENSITIVE - PRE-RELEASE STATISTICS School Estates Statistics 2019 - Statistics News Release.docx

**Official sensitive – Pre-release statistics. For preparation of briefing only. Do not forward or share beyond this copy list until after 9.30 am Monday 9 September.**

Hi,

In advance of the handling meeting tomorrow at approximately 10.30am (VQ 3rd Floor Meeting Room 3D-34 (Bridge)), please find attached the **School Estate Statistics 2019** bulletin and supplementary tables, the statistics news release for the publication and a **draft** Ministerial Submission.

**You are being given access to these materials in advance of publication to allow you to ensure that Scottish Ministers and office-holders are able to comment on the statistics properly at the time of release, as set out in the Pre-release Access to Official Statistics (Scotland) Order 2008. If you think you need to discuss or share these statistics with anyone not on this circulation list then please seek prior approval from me first.**

Please note that the handling meeting is shared with the School Healthy Living Survey Statistics 2019 publication. These publications are separate and therefore have separate pre-release access lists. **You should only attend the part of the meeting relevant to you.** The agenda of the meeting will be as follows:

10:00 – 10:30 (approx.) – School Healthy Living Survey Statistics overview  
10:30 (approx.) -11:00 – School Estate Statistics overview

We will try to keep to the above timeframe, however please accept our apologies in advance for any overrunning.

Following the handling meeting, these statistics together with a Ministerial submission will be circulated to the full pre-release access list, including Ministers, DG and Perm Sec.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 06 September 2019 14:36  
**To:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Official Sensitive - Restricted Statistics until 9.30 am on Monday 9th September 2019  
**Attachments:** OFFICIAL SENSITIVE - PRE-RELEASE STATISTICS School Estate Statistics 2019 - Bulletin.pdf; OFFICIAL SENSITIVE - PRE-RELEASE STATISTICS School Healthy Living Statistics 2019 - Bulletin.pdf; Code of Practice for Official Statistics - Pre-release (4).doc

Hi both,

Can you please read over the below and check you're both happy with it.

Happy to send it out but wasn't sure if this should be sent by [REDACTED] as it's going to the directors?

Also wasn't sure if I should mention anything about 2018 corrections to HLS?

I've attached the code of practice that was attached in the December email. I don't where this come from (neither does Anna) therefore not sure if it's the most up-to-date version. The only thing I can find on saltire is pre-release guidance for recipients for policy not for external bodies.

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Dear Director,

The following Statistics Publication Notices will be published on **Monday 9 September 2019 at 9.30 am**.

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- School Estates Statistics 2019

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Supplementary data on both publications will be available on Monday via the below:

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<https://www2.gov.scot/Topics/Statistics/Browse/School-Education/SchoolMealsDatasets>
- School Estates  
<https://www2.gov.scot/Topics/Statistics/Browse/School-Education/schoolestatestats>

As per the Code of Practice for Official Statistics and restricted status until **9.30 am on Monday 9th**, there are some guidelines around storage and sharing of this material:

### ***Guidelines on Pre-Release Access to Official Statistics***

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Regards

**[REDACTED]**

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**Sent:** 06 September 2019 15:50  
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**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
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**From:** [REDACTED]< [REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 02 September 2019 14:47  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** PDF PROOF 2 - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication  
**Attachments:** 386311\_SCT0819811676-001\_p2.pdf

Hi [REDACTED],

Please find attached the revised proof of the School Estate Statistics from our Digital Studio. Grateful if you could let me know if there are any further changes or if you are otherwise happy to proceed.

The URLs for both publications are:

School Estate Statistics – <http://www.gov.scot/ISBN/9781839601316>

Healthy Living Survey – <http://www.gov.scot/ISBN/9781839601323>

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 02 September 2019 14:03  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: SG WEB REGISTRATION - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks I will complete the Web Registration today.

Are you able to provide the URL links for both publications?

Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 02 September 2019 13:03  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** SG WEB REGISTRATION - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for letting me know. I will get a revised proof of the School Estates Statistics 2019 back to you as soon as possible.

Thanks for signing-off on the Healthy Living Survey . Please could you complete the SG Web Registration Link below as soon as possible in order to schedule publication with SG. If you could let me know once this has been completed and the time and date of publication that would be great.

## SG Web Registration

To publish on the SG corporate website you must now click on the following link and complete the new publication form displayed. Advice on completing the form can be seen by hovering your mouse over the appropriate section of the form:

### Healthy Living Survey:

<http://sh45inta/officialpublications/details.aspx?isbn=9781839601323>

In clicking the above link and completing the online form, this will enable the SG web publications team to upload the files supplied by APS to be associated with the data you provide. These files will be sent to the Web Team shortly after you receive this notification. Failure to complete the form may result in delays to the publication of your document.

Please be aware that this is the only notification you will receive.

In the form you will be asked to provide a brief description and set a date and time for publication.

If you have any queries regarding your publication contact the publishing team on ext. 45182.

If you have any technical issues posting your publication on the website contact the SG web team [Web\\_Publications@gov.scot](mailto:Web_Publications@gov.scot).

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** 02 September 2019 12:07

**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: PDF PROOF 1 - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Please find attached the PDF for the Estates publication with comments for revision. No changes for the Healthy Living Survey.

Can you please upload the 'School Estates Statistics 2019 – Bulletin Tables – Web' excel along with the School Estates publication instead of the 'School Estates Statistics 2019 – Supplementary tables web' that were send across on Friday. Apologies for the confusion on this.

Please feel free to give me a ring if you have any questions.

Thanks  
[REDACTED]

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Learning Analysis | Education Analytical Services  
Scottish Government  
Tel: 0131 244 4[redacted]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Sent:** 02 September 2019 10:30  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>; [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Subject:** PDF PROOF 1 - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

I have attached the proof of your documents. Please let me know if there are any further changes or if you are otherwise happy to proceed.

If the changes are minor (less than 15) please mark-up the pdf. If the changes are extensive (more than 15) we ask that you provide a revised word document.

Due to the tight timescales, please let me know as soon as possible how you would like to proceed.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 02 September 2019 09:20  
**To:** '[REDACTED]' <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Cc:** [\[REDACTED\]](#); [\[REDACTED\]](#)  
**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for getting these over to me.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 02 September 2019 09:10  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Apologies I misunderstood. Please find an excel with the tables used in the school estates publication attached.

Many Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 02 September 2019 09:00  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Our Digital Media team don't require the original source format of the graphs but they will need the source files of the tables (i.e. **Table 2.1: Schools built or substantially refurbished, 2011-2019**). Please could you get these over to me in either Word or Excel format? Hope this clarifies but let me know if you have any further questions.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 02 September 2019 08:55  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Morning [REDACTED],

I attached a word document with the separate graphs (they are grouped), do you need the actual figures these tables were produced from?

Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 02 September 2019 08:50  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Morning [REDACTED],

Thanks for getting these over to me. I will put these into our Digital Studio and get first proofs over to you as soon as possible. As the tables in the School Estate Statistics publication are still in the document as images, please could you get the source files for these over to me (in either Word or Excel format) as these are required for the HTML conversion.

Many thanks,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 30 August 2019 17:19  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Please find attached an amended version of the publication and supplementary tables, along with word documents of the graphs used.

Again apologies for the last minute amendments

Please let me know if you need anything else.

Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 30 August 2019 15:51  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Not a problem, I will wait until I get the latest versions from you before putting them into our Digital Studio. Thanks for letting me know.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 30 August 2019 15:49  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Yes I will send these over for both publications shortly. Apologies we have had a few last minute minor amendments to the word documents. Therefore I will send over a revised version of that asap.

Apologies for any inconvenience.

Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 30 August 2019 15:35  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for this. I have noticed that the tables in the School Estates Statistics have been inserted as images. We will require the original source files of the tables (in either Word or Excel) for the HTML conversion. Please could you get these over to me as soon as possible?

Our Digital Studio should have first proofs ready by close of play on Monday. Please note that your documents may publish initially in PDF format, with the HTML to follow when ready.

Many thanks,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 30 August 2019 15:03  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Please find a updated version of both publications.

I have left-aligned the School Healthy Living Survey and removed the grey section from School Estates Statistics.

Many Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 30 August 2019 14:49  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for getting these over to me. Before I put the documents into our Digital Studio for a first proof, could you please left-align the text in the *SCHOOL HEALTHY LIVING SURVEY STATISTICS*. It is currently centre justified but it needs to be left aligned in order to meet SG accessibility guidelines. Once you return this to me I will put it into our Studio. Also, could you please clarify if the information in the '*Correspondence and enquiries*' section on the last page of the *SCHOOL ESTATES STATISTICS* should be highlighted grey as it currently is?

Many thanks,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 30 August 2019 13:42  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Please find attached the word version and complementary web tables for the below publications all due on **Monday 9th September at 9.30 am**.

(Publication name / Quotations ref/ Purchase Order )

- SCHOOL ESTATES STATISTICS / SCT0819811676-G-01 / SG946092
- SCHOOL HEALTHY LIVING SURVEY STATISTICS / SCT0819811676-G-02/ SG946094

**Please note these documents are restricted until the date/time given above.**

Please send the converted HTML job, PDF version and under the Scottish Government web arrangements, in time for the documents to be placed on the Government website for that embargo date and time.

Please find the main file required for this conversion job attached. Please ensure that the footnotes on pages appear as footnotes (on the correct pages) on the HTML version. If there are any issues with the borders on the top and bottom of the page please let me know asap.

Please also find attached two excel files, to be upload alongside the PDF on the Scottish Government website.

We will also be publishing the below on the same time and date, the word and supplementary tables will be sent across on Monday for conversion.

- SUMMARY STATISTICS FOR ATTAINMENT, LEAVER DESTINATIONS AND HEALTHY LIVING / SCT0819811676-G-03 / SG946095

Many Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**[REDACTED]**  
School, Staff and Pupil Census Statistics  
Learning Analysis | Education Analytical Services  
Scottish Government  
Tel: 0131 244 4[redacted]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 13 August 2019 16:55  
**To:** '[REDACTED]' <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for letting me know. Yes can you please hold off raising the ISBN until I have sent over the documents.

Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Sent:** 09 August 2019 14:39  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Not a problem, but before I raise the ISBNs for these three jobs, please note that if you later decide not to proceed with these publications you will still be charged for these three ISBNs. Are you happy to proceed on this basis? Alternatively, if you would like to wait until you get the final documents over to me, I will raise the ISBNs then?

Just let me know how you would like to proceed.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** 09 August 2019 13:52  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thank you for putting these together.

Can you please also provide the ISBN for these publications and the URL links when you have these created.

Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 09 August 2019 12:54  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for getting these back to me. I have attached an estimate for the web conversion of your forthcoming 3 documents and to assist you to raise a **purchase order number**.

Our estimate is based on PDF and HTML conversion of your supplied word document inclusive of brand check, addition of ISBN, and product code to conform with SG website guidelines.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** 09 August 2019 11:32  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for getting back to me so quickly. Yes I will ensure we have amended the title on the revised version of the 'Summary Statistics for Attainment, Leaver Destinations and Healthy'.

Please find the web registration forms for the 3 publications.

Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 09 August 2019 10:33  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** RE: Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for letting me know. Please find attached a copy of our Web Publishing Form for you to complete and return to assist APS to register, estimate and schedule publications.

Please ensure that your document meets SG accessibility guidelines. I have attached a list of top tips that will help ensure your document meets these requirements.

In regards to republishing the 'Summary Statistics for Attainment, Leaver Destinations and Healthy Living' on a new web page? Please could you ensure that the title of the document indicates that this is the updated version, so that this is not mistaken for the previous publication (as this will be treated as a new publication, on a new web page).

Please let me know if you have any questions in the meantime!

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** 09 August 2019 09:58  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Our team is responsible for the 'School Healthy Living Survey Statistics' (previously part of the 'Summary Statistics for Attainment, Leaver Destinations and Healthy Living') and the 'School Estates Statistics' (previously part of the 'Summary Statistics for Schools in Scotland').

These will be published as two separate publications but released on the same day - **9<sup>th</sup> of September at 9.30am.**

In addition to the reports we will also be publishing (on the same day) a revised version of the 'Summary Statistics for Attainment, Leaver Destinations and Healthy Living' (link for info: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/summary-statistics-attainment-leaver-destinations-healthy-living-8-2018-edition/> ).

I would be grateful if an initials quote for both the on-line publication and supplementary tables could be provided for the below. Can you please provide this as 3 separate costs references:

1. School Healthy Living Survey Statistics 2019– approx. 20 page publication and 2 supplementary excel tables
2. School Estates Statistics 2019 – approx. 20 page publication and 1 supplementary excel table
3. Revised version of Summary Statistics for Attainment, Leaver Destinations and Healthy Living 2018 - 40 page publication and 2 supplementary tables

I plan on providing a draft of all reports by the 27<sup>th</sup> of August, I this meets requirements.

Please let me know if you need any further information or action for me at this time.

Many Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 09 August 2019 12:38  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Publication date announced for School Estates Statistics 2018/19

Good afternoon,

The School Estates Statistics 2018/19 publication and associated supplementary tables will be published on the [Scottish Government's website](#) on Monday 9 September 2019 at 9.30am.

This publication will include information collected in the School Estates Core Facts Survey on the condition and suitability of schools in Scotland as recorded on 1st April and information on schools built or substantially refurbished in the last financial year.

These statistics were previously published in the Summary Statistics for Schools in Scotland publication but will now be published as School Estate Statistics. Previous publications may be found here:

<https://www2.gov.scot/Topics/Statistics/Browse/School-Education>.

A copy of the publication will be sent to your Director of Education on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

Thank you for all of your work on the collection this year.

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Assistant Statistician | School, Staff and Pupil Census Statistics  
Learning Analysis | Education Analytical Services | Scottish Government  
Tel: 0131 244 0[redacted] | email: [\[REDACTED\]](#)

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 09 August 2019 12:38  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
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A copy of the publication will be sent to your Director of Education on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

Thank you for all of your work on the collection this year.

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]

**[REDACTED]**

Assistant Statistician | School, Staff and Pupil Census Statistics  
Learning Analysis | Education Analytical Services | Scottish Government  
Tel: 0131 244 0[redacted] | email: [\[REDACTED\]](#)

**From:** [REDACTED]< [REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 05 September 2019 09:50  
**To:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: ACRONYMS - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for getting these back to me.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [\[REDACTED\]](#) <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Sent:** 04 September 2019 17:30  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>; [\[REDACTED\]](#)  
**Cc:** [\[REDACTED\]](#)  
**Subject:** RE: ACRONYMS - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Please find the updated list of acronyms attached.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

**[REDACTED]**

Assistant Statistician | School, Staff and Pupil Census Statistics  
Learning Analysis | Education Analytical Services | Scottish Government  
Tel: 0131 244 0[redacted] | email: [\[REDACTED\]](#)

**From:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Sent:** 04 September 2019 17:17  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>; [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Subject:** RE: ACRONYMS - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

I have attached the acronyms for the *SCHOOL ESTATES STATISTICS* publication. I have attached a list of acronyms that have been automatically generated from your document, can you please complete and amend where necessary. As these are required to complete the HTML conversion, it would be ideal if you could return this as soon as possible.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 04 September 2019 14:59  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: ACRONYMS - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Yeah they are all correct.

Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 04 September 2019 13:49  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** ACRONYMS - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

I have attached a list of acronyms that have been automatically generated from your *Healthy Living Survey* document, can you please complete and amend where necessary. As these are required to complete the HTML conversion, it would be ideal if you could return this as soon as possible.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 04 September 2019 13:01  
**To:** '[REDACTED]' <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: PDF PROOF 3 - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for getting these over to me.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 04 September 2019 12:37  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: PDF PROOF 3 - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Can you please upload the attached two supporting files for the Summary Statistics for Attainment, Leaver Destinations and Healthy Living 2018

Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 04 September 2019 11:49  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** RE: PDF PROOF 3 - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

As per your phone call with my colleague Fiona, I will proceed with publishing this document. I have put this into our Digital Studio and will get a first proof back to you as soon as possible. Could you please clarify is *School meals and PE Supplementary Data 2018.xlsx* the only supporting file for this publication?

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 04 September 2019 11:12  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: PDF PROOF 3 - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

We are issuing a revised version of the publication therefore it will be placed on the current webpage (link below) and replaces the publication that is currently uploaded.

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/summary-statistics-attainment-leaver-destinations-healthy-living-8-2018-edition/>

If you have any further questions please let me know.

Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 04 September 2019 10:06  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** RE: PDF PROOF 3 - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Before I put this into our Digital Studio, I just wanted to clarify that as this document is republishing, it will be published on a new web page (with a new ISBN). It won't replace the previous version. You had mentioned below that you wanted an errata placed on the previous web page so I just wanted to double check. Please could you clarify?

Many thanks,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** 03 September 2019 16:27

**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: PDF PROOF 3 - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

The SG Web Registrations have been filled in for the School Estates and the Healthy Living publication.

Please find attached Version 2.0 of the Summary Statistics for Attainment, Leaver Destinations and Healthy Living publication and supplementary tables for publishing.

Please note the Attainment and Leavers Destinations Supplementary 2016/17 tables currently attached to the publication on the website have not been changed.

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/summary-statistics-attainment-leaver-destinations-healthy-living-8-2018-edition/>

Can you please place an Errata on the website to explain that corrections were made to data for the 2018 Healthy Living Survey.

Any questions please let me know.

Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** 03 September 2019 12:39

**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** RE: PDF PROOF 3 - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for signing-off on this latest version.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 03 September 2019 12:08  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: PDF PROOF 3 - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Yes all looks good.

Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 03 September 2019 12:00  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** PDF PROOF 3 - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Please find attached the revised PDF from our Digital Studio. Please could you let me know if there are any further changes required or if you are otherwise happy to proceed.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 03 September 2019 11:11  
**To:** '[REDACTED]' <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: SG WEB REGISTRATION - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for letting me know. Our Digital Studio should have a revised proof ready by close of play today.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 03 September 2019 11:01  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: SG WEB REGISTRATION - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

I'm very sorry but we have had a last minute change in the wording for the Healthy Living Publication, please find a revised version attached.

Apologies for the inconvenience.

I will send across the Summary Statistics for Attainment, Leaver Destinations and Healthy Living shortly.

Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** 03 September 2019 09:59

**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** SG WEB REGISTRATION - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for signing-off on this document. Do you have any updates regarding the third publication (*Version 2.0 of the Summary Statistics for Attainment, Leaver Destinations and Healthy Living*)

Please could you complete the SG Web Registration Link below as soon as possible in order to schedule publication with SG. If you could let me know once this has been completed and the time and date of publication that would be great.

### **SG Web Registration**

To publish on the SG corporate website you must now click on the following link and complete the new publication form displayed. Advice on completing the form can be seen by hovering your mouse over the appropriate section of the form:

### **SCHOOL ESTATES STATISTICS:**

<http://sh45inta/officialpublications/details.aspx?isbn=9781839601316>

In clicking the above link and completing the online form, this will enable the SG web publications team to upload the files supplied by APS to be associated with the data you provide. These files will be sent to the Web Team shortly after you receive this notification. Failure to complete the form may result in delays to the publication of your document.

Please be aware that this is the only notification you will receive.

In the form you will be asked to provide a brief description and set a date and time for publication.

If you have any queries regarding your publication contact the publishing team on ext. 45182.

If you have any technical issues posting your publication on the website contact the SG web team  
[Web\\_Publications@gov.scot](mailto:Web_Publications@gov.scot).

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 03 September 2019 09:53  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: PDF PROOF 2 - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

No further changes for the School Estates Statistics.

Thanks for sending over the URLs

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 02 September 2019 14:47  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** PDF PROOF 2 - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Please find attached the revised proof of the School Estate Statistics from our Digital Studio. Grateful if you could let me know if there are any further changes or if you are otherwise happy to proceed.

The URLs for both publications are:

School Estate Statistics – <http://www.gov.scot/ISBN/9781839601316>

Healthy Living Survey – <http://www.gov.scot/ISBN/9781839601323>

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 02 September 2019 14:03  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: SG WEB REGISTRATION - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks I will complete the Web Registration today.

Are you able to provide the URL links for both publications?

Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 02 September 2019 13:03  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** SG WEB REGISTRATION - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for letting me know. I will get a revised proof of the School Estates Statistics 2019 back to you as soon as possible.

Thanks for signing-off on the Healthy Living Survey . Please could you complete the SG Web Registration Link below as soon as possible in order to schedule publication with SG. If you could let me know once this has been completed and the time and date of publication that would be great.

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Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [\[REDACTED\]](#) <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>

**Sent:** 02 September 2019 12:07

**To:** [\[REDACTED\]](#) <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>

**Cc:** [\[REDACTED\]](#); [\[REDACTED\]](#)

**Subject:** RE: PDF PROOF 1 - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [\[REDACTED\]](#),

Please find attached the PDF for the Estates publication with comments for revision. No changes for the Healthy Living Survey.

Can you please upload the 'School Estates Statistics 2019 – Bulletin Tables – Web' excel along with the School Estates publication instead of the 'School Estates Statistics 2019 – Supplementary tables web' that were send across on Friday. Apologies for the confusion on this.

Please feel free to give me a ring if you have any questions.

Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**[REDACTED]**

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**From:** [\[REDACTED\]](#) <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>

**Sent:** 02 September 2019 10:30

**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** PDF PROOF 1 - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

I have attached the proof of your documents. Please let me know if there are any further changes or if you are otherwise happy to proceed.

If the changes are minor (less than 15) please mark-up the pdf. If the changes are extensive (more than 15) we ask that you provide a revised word document.

Due to the tight timescales, please let me know as soon as possible how you would like to proceed.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 02 September 2019 09:20  
**To:** '[REDACTED]' <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 02 September 2019 09:10  
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**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
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**Sent:** 02 September 2019 09:00  
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**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

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**Sent:** 30 August 2019 17:19

**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

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**Sent:** 30 August 2019 15:51  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
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**Sent:** 30 August 2019 14:49

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** 30 August 2019 13:42

**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

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- SCHOOL HEALTHY LIVING SURVEY STATISTICS / SCT0819811676-G-02/ SG946094

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We will also be publishing the below on the same time and date, the word and supplementary tables will be sent across on Monday for conversion.

- SUMMARY STATISTICS FOR ATTAINMENT, LEAVER DESTINATIONS AND HEALTHY LIVING / SCT0819811676-G-03 / SG946095

Many Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**[REDACTED]**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 13 August 2019 16:55  
**To:** '[REDACTED]' <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for letting me know. Yes can you please hold off raising the ISBN until I have sent over the documents.

Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Sent:** 09 August 2019 14:39  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

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**From:** [\[REDACTED\]](#) [[mailto:\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])]  
**Sent:** 09 August 2019 13:52  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
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**From:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Sent:** 09 August 2019 12:54

**To:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>

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Thanks for getting these back to me. I have attached an estimate for the web conversion of your forthcoming 3 documents and to assist you to raise a **purchase order number**.

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Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [\[REDACTED\]](#) [[mailto:\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])]

**Sent:** 09 August 2019 11:32

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for getting back to me so quickly. Yes I will ensure we have amended the title on the revised version of the 'Summary Statistics for Attainment, Leaver Destinations and Healthy'.

Please find the web registration forms for the 3 publications.

Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>

**Sent:** 09 August 2019 10:33

**To:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>

**Subject:** RE: Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

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Please let me know if you have any questions in the meantime!

Kind regards,  
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**From:** [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]]

**Sent:** 09 August 2019 09:58

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

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I plan on providing a draft of all reports by the 27<sup>th</sup> of August, I this meets requirements.

Please let me know if you need any further information or action for me at this time.

Many Thanks  
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**From:** [REDACTED]< [REDACTED]>  
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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** 30 August 2019 13:42

**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

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Tel: 0131 244 4[redacted]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Estates news release  
**Attachments:** School Estates Statistics 2019 - Statistics News Release  
UPDATED.obr

Hi [REDACTED],

[redacted]

I've made your changes to the news release but have also changed the wording of the first line of the 'background' bit to make it more accurate. If you're content with that change I think [REDACTED]'s ready to send them to [REDACTED] now?

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Sent:** 03 September 2019 12:47  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Subject:** Estates news release

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks very much for getting all the publication documents together – all looks good!

I've attached some wording tweaks to the news release, largely because the guidance keeps changing! Hopefully [REDACTED] is now back in the office so can you coordinate with [REDACTED] to get his comments on both news releases.

[redacted]

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]< [REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 06 September 2019 16:50  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: FINAL PDF - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

I just wanted to send a quick email to let you know that the PDF and associated downloadable documents have been sent through to the SG Web Publications team for Mondays publication.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 06 September 2019 15:12  
**To:** '[REDACTED]' <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Cc:** [\[REDACTED\]](#)  
**Subject:** RE: FINAL PDF - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

The URL link for this (which will work once the publication goes live) is  
<http://www.gov.scot/ISBN/9781839601408>

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [\[REDACTED\]](#) <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Sent:** 06 September 2019 15:09  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Cc:** [\[REDACTED\]](#)  
**Subject:** RE: FINAL PDF - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Do you have the URL link for this publication?

Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Sent:** 06 September 2019 13:43  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Subject:** RE: FINAL PDF - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for letting me know. Our Digital Media team will send the PDF and two associated downloadable documents through to the SG Web Publications later this afternoon.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 06 September 2019 13:40  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: FINAL PDF - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Yeah happy with the changes.

The web registration is done for this publication as well.

Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 06 September 2019 13:36  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** RE: FINAL PDF - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

I have attached the revised PDF from our Digital Studio. As discussed, we will require sign-off on this version as soon as possible in order to ensure that this can publish on Monday.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 06 September 2019 12:41  
**To:** '[REDACTED]' <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: FINAL PDF - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for letting me know. Our Digital Studio will make these amends. In order to publish on Monday, we will require sign-off on the next PDF proof as soon as possible. Please note that your document will publish initially in PDF format as the HTML is not worked on until the PDF has been signed-off on.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 05 September 2019 10:54  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** SG WEB REGISTRATION - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for signing-off on this document. The text in paragraph 7.6 will be left aligned and the files will be sent to our Digital Media team.

Please could you complete the SG Web Registration Link below as soon as possible in order to schedule publication with SG. If you could let me know once this has been completed and the time and date of publication that would be great.

### **SG Web Registration**

To publish on the SG corporate website you must now click on the following link and complete the new publication form displayed. Advice on completing the form can be seen by hovering your mouse over the appropriate section of the form:

#### **VERSION 2.0 - SUMMARY STATISTICS FOR ATTAINMENT, LEAVER DESTINATIONS AND HEALTHY LIVING:**

<http://sh45inta/officialpublications/details.aspx?isbn=9781839601408>

In clicking the above link and completing the online form, this will enable the SG web publications team to upload the files supplied by APS to be associated with the data you provide. These files will be sent to the Web Team shortly after you receive this notification. Failure to complete the form may result in delays to the publication of your document.

Please be aware that this is the only notification you will receive.

In the form you will be asked to provide a brief description and set a date and time for publication.

If you have any queries regarding your publication contact the publishing team on ext. 45182.

If you have any technical issues posting your publication on the website contact the SG web team [Web\\_Publications@gov.scot](mailto:Web_Publications@gov.scot).

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** 05 September 2019 10:20

**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: PDF PROOF 1 - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

There's no changes.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** 04 September 2019 16:21

**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** RE: PDF PROOF 1 - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

I have attached the proof of your updated *Summary Statistics for Attainment, Leaver Destinations and Healthy Living* document. Please let me know if there are any further changes or if you are otherwise happy to proceed.

If the changes are minor (less than 15) please mark-up the pdf. If the changes are extensive (more than 15) we ask that you provide a revised word document.

Please note that the text in section 7.6 is currently centre justified, this will be left-aligned in the next proof.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 04 September 2019 11:49

**To:** '[REDACTED]' <[REDACTED]>

**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: PDF PROOF 3 - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

As per your phone call with my colleague Fiona, I will proceed with publishing this document. I have put this into our Digital Studio and will get a first proof back to you as soon as possible. Could you please clarify is *School meals and PE Supplementary Data 2018.xlsx* the only supporting file for this publication?

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** 04 September 2019 11:12

**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: PDF PROOF 3 - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

We are issuing a revised version of the publication therefore it will be placed on the current webpage (link below) and replaces the publication that is currently uploaded.

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/summary-statistics-attainment-leaver-destinations-healthy-living-8-2018-edition/>

If you have any further questions please let me know.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** 04 September 2019 10:06

**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** RE: PDF PROOF 3 - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Before I put this into our Digital Studio, I just wanted to clarify that as this document is republishing, it will be published on a new web page (with a new ISBN). It won't replace the previous version. You had mentioned below that you wanted an errata placed on the previous web page so I just wanted to double check. Please could you clarify?

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** 03 September 2019 16:27

**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: PDF PROOF 3 - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

The SG Web Registrations have been filled in for the School Estates and the Healthy Living publication.

Please find attached Version 2.0 of the Summary Statistics for Attainment, Leaver Destinations and Healthy Living publication and supplementary tables for publishing.

Please note the Attainment and Leavers Destinations Supplementary 2016/17 tables currently attached to the publication on the website have not been changed.

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/summary-statistics-attainment-leaver-destinations-healthy-living-8-2018-edition/>

Can you please place an Errata on the website to explain that corrections were made to data for the 2018 Healthy Living Survey.

Any questions please let me know.

Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Sent:** 03 September 2019 12:39  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>; [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Subject:** RE: PDF PROOF 3 - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for signing-off on this latest version.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [\[REDACTED\]](#) <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Sent:** 03 September 2019 12:08  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Cc:** [\[REDACTED\]](#); [\[REDACTED\]](#)  
**Subject:** RE: PDF PROOF 3 - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Yes all looks good.

Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Sent:** 03 September 2019 12:00  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>; [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>

**Subject:** PDF PROOF 3 - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Please find attached the revised PDF from our Digital Studio. Please could you let me know if there are any further changes required or if you are otherwise happy to proceed.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 03 September 2019 11:11

**To:** '[REDACTED]' <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>

**Cc:** [\[REDACTED\]](#); [\[REDACTED\]](#)

**Subject:** RE: SG WEB REGISTRATION - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for letting me know. Our Digital Studio should have a revised proof ready by close of play today.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>

**Sent:** 03 September 2019 09:59

**To:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>

**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>; [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>

**Subject:** SG WEB REGISTRATION - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for signing-off on this document. Do you have any updates regarding the third publication (*Version 2.0 of the Summary Statistics for Attainment, Leaver Destinations and Healthy Living*)

Please could you complete the SG Web Registration Link below as soon as possible in order to schedule publication with SG. If you could let me know once this has been completed and the time and date of publication that would be great.

### **SG Web Registration**

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### **SCHOOL ESTATES STATISTICS:**

<http://sh45inta/officialpublications/details.aspx?isbn=9781839601316>

In clicking the above link and completing the online form, this will enable the SG web publications team to upload the files supplied by APS to be associated with the data you provide. These files will be sent to the Web Team shortly after you receive this notification. Failure to complete the form may result in delays to the publication of your document.

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In the form you will be asked to provide a brief description and set a date and time for publication.

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If you have any technical issues posting your publication on the website contact the SG web team [Web\\_Publications@gov.scot](mailto:Web_Publications@gov.scot).

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 03 September 2019 09:53  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: PDF PROOF 2 - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

No further changes for the School Estates Statistics.

Thanks for sending over the URLs

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 02 September 2019 14:47  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** PDF PROOF 2 - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Please find attached the revised proof of the School Estate Statistics from our Digital Studio. Grateful if you could let me know if there are any further changes or if you are otherwise happy to proceed.

The URLs for both publications are:

School Estate Statistics – <http://www.gov.scot/ISBN/9781839601316>

Healthy Living Survey – <http://www.gov.scot/ISBN/9781839601323>

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** 02 September 2019 14:03

**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: SG WEB REGISTRATION - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks I will complete the Web Registration today.

Are you able to provide the URL links for both publications?

Thanks

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** 02 September 2019 13:03

**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** SG WEB REGISTRATION - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for letting me know. I will get a revised proof of the School Estates Statistics 2019 back to you as soon as possible.

Thanks for signing-off on the Healthy Living Survey . Please could you complete the SG Web Registration Link below as soon as possible in order to schedule publication with SG. If you could let me know once this has been completed and the time and date of publication that would be great.

## **SG Web Registration**

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### **Healthy Living Survey:**

<http://sh45inta/officialpublications/details.aspx?isbn=9781839601323>

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If you have any technical issues posting your publication on the website contact the SG web team [Web\\_Publications@gov.scot](mailto:Web_Publications@gov.scot).

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** 02 September 2019 12:07

**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: PDF PROOF 1 - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Please find attached the PDF for the Estates publication with comments for revision. No changes for the Healthy Living Survey.

Can you please upload the 'School Estates Statistics 2019 – Bulletin Tables – Web' excel along with the School Estates publication instead of the 'School Estates Statistics 2019 – Supplementary tables web' that were send across on Friday. Apologies for the confusion on this.

Please feel free to give me a ring if you have any questions.

Thanks  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

School, Staff and Pupil Census Statistics  
Learning Analysis | Education Analytical Services  
Scottish Government  
Tel: 0131 244 4[redacted]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 02 September 2019 10:30  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** PDF PROOF 1 - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

I have attached the proof of your documents. Please let me know if there are any further changes or if you are otherwise happy to proceed.

If the changes are minor (less than 15) please mark-up the pdf. If the changes are extensive (more than 15) we ask that you provide a revised word document.

Due to the tight timescales, please let me know as soon as possible how you would like to proceed.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 02 September 2019 09:20  
**To:** '[REDACTED]' <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for getting these over to me.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 02 September 2019 09:10  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Apologies I misunderstood. Please find an excel with the tables used in the school estates publication attached.

Many Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 02 September 2019 09:00  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Our Digital Media team don't require the original source format of the graphs but they will need the source files of the tables (i.e. **Table 2.1: Schools built or substantially refurbished, 2011-2019**).

Please could you get these over to me in either Word or Excel format? Hope this clarifies but let me know if you have any further questions.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 02 September 2019 08:55  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Morning [REDACTED],

I attached a word document with the separate graphs (they are grouped), do you need the actual figures these tables were produced from?

Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 02 September 2019 08:50  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Morning [REDACTED],

Thanks for getting these over to me. I will put these into our Digital Studio and get first proofs over to you as soon as possible. As the tables in the School Estate Statistics publication are still in the document as images, please could you get the source files for these over to me (in either Word or Excel format) as these are required for the HTML conversion.

Many thanks,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 30 August 2019 17:19  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Please find attached an amended version of the publication and supplementary tables, along with word documents of the graphs used.

Again apologies for the last minute amendments

Please let me know if you need anything else.

Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 30 August 2019 15:51  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Not a problem, I will wait until I get the latest versions from you before putting them into our Digital Studio. Thanks for letting me know.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 30 August 2019 15:49  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Yes I will send these over for both publications shortly. Apologies we have had a few last minute minor amendments to the word documents. Therefore I will send over a revised version of that asap.

Apologies for any inconvenience.

Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 30 August 2019 15:35  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for this. I have noticed that the tables in the School Estates Statistics have been inserted as images. We will require the original source files of the tables (in either Word or Excel) for the HTML conversion. Please could you get these over to me as soon as possible?

Our Digital Studio should have first proofs ready by close of play on Monday. Please note that your documents may publish initially in PDF format, with the HTML to follow when ready.

Many thanks,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 30 August 2019 15:03  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Please find a updated version of both publications.

I have left-aligned the School Healthy Living Survey and removed the grey section from School Estates Statistics.

Many Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 30 August 2019 14:49  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for getting these over to me. Before I put the documents into our Digital Studio for a first proof, could you please left-align the text in the *SCHOOL HEALTHY LIVING SURVEY STATISTICS*. It is currently centre justified but it needs to be left aligned in order to meet SG accessibility guidelines. Once you return this to me I will put it into our Studio. Also, could you please clarify if the information in the 'Correspondence and enquiries' section on the last page of the *SCHOOL ESTATES STATISTICS* should be highlighted grey as it currently is?

Many thanks,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** 30 August 2019 13:42

**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Please find attached the word version and complementary web tables for the below publications all due on **Monday 9th September at 9.30 am**.

(Publication name / Quotations ref/ Purchase Order )

- SCHOOL ESTATES STATISTICS / SCT0819811676-G-01 / SG946092
- SCHOOL HEALTHY LIVING SURVEY STATISTICS / SCT0819811676-G-02/ SG946094

**Please note these documents are restricted until the date/time given above.**

Please send the converted HTML job, PDF version and under the Scottish Government web arrangements, in time for the documents to be placed on the Government website for that embargo date and time.

Please find the main file required for this conversion job attached. Please ensure that the footnotes on pages appear as footnotes (on the correct pages) on the HTML version. If there are any issues with the borders on the top and bottom of the page please let me know asap.

Please also find attached two excel files, to be upload alongside the PDF on the Scottish Government website.

We will also be publishing the below on the same time and date, the word and supplementary tables will be sent across on Monday for conversion.

- SUMMARY STATISTICS FOR ATTAINMENT, LEAVER DESTINATIONS AND HEALTHY LIVING / SCT0819811676-G-03 / SG946095

Many Thanks

[REDACTED]

**[REDACTED]**

School, Staff and Pupil Census Statistics  
Learning Analysis | Education Analytical Services  
Scottish Government  
Tel: 0131 244 4[redacted]

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 13 August 2019 16:55

**To:** '[REDACTED]' <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>

**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for letting me know. Yes can you please hold off raising the ISBN until I have sent over the documents.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>

**Sent:** 09 August 2019 14:39

**To:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>

**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Not a problem, but before I raise the ISBNs for these three jobs, please note that if you later decide not to proceed with these publications you will still be charged for these three ISBNs. Are you happy to proceed on this basis? Alternatively, if you would like to wait until you get the final documents over to me, I will raise the ISBNs then?

Just let me know how you would like to proceed.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [\[REDACTED\]](#) [[mailto:\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])]

**Sent:** 09 August 2019 13:52

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thank you for putting these together.

Can you please also provide the ISBN for these publications and the URL links when you have these created.

Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Sent:** 09 August 2019 12:54  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Subject:** COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for getting these back to me. I have attached an estimate for the web conversion of your forthcoming 3 documents and to assist you to raise a **purchase order number**.

Our estimate is based on PDF and HTML conversion of your supplied word document inclusive of brand check, addition of ISBN, and product code to conform with SG website guidelines.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [\[REDACTED\]](#) [[mailto:\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])]  
**Sent:** 09 August 2019 11:32  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for getting back to me so quickly. Yes I will ensure we have amended the title on the revised version of the 'Summary Statistics for Attainment, Leaver Destinations and Healthy'.

Please find the web registration forms for the 3 publications.

Thanks  
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**From:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Sent:** 09 August 2019 10:33  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Subject:** RE: Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

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Please ensure that your document meets SG accessibility guidelines. I have attached a list of top tips that will help ensure your document meets these requirements.

In regards to republishing the 'Summary Statistics for Attainment, Leaver Destinations and Healthy Living' on a new web page? Please could you ensure that the title of the document indicates that this is the updated version, so that this is not mistaken for the previous publication (as this will be treated as a new publication, on a new web page).

Please let me know if you have any questions in the meantime!

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** 09 August 2019 09:58  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Our team is responsible for the 'School Healthy Living Survey Statistics' (previously part of the 'Summary Statistics for Attainment, Leaver Destinations and Healthy Living') and the 'School Estates Statistics' (previously part of the 'Summary Statistics for Schools in Scotland').

These will be published as two separate publications but released on the same day - **9<sup>th</sup> of September at 9.30am.**

In addition to the reports we will also be publishing (on the same day) a revised version of the 'Summary Statistics for Attainment, Leaver Destinations and Healthy Living' (link for info: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/summary-statistics-attainment-leaver-destinations-healthy-living-8-2018-edition/> ).

I would be grateful if an initials quote for both the on-line publication and supplementary tables could be provided for the below. Can you please provide this as 3 separate costs references:

1. School Healthy Living Survey Statistics 2019– approx. 20 page publication and 2 supplementary excel tables
2. School Estates Statistics 2019 – approx. 20 page publication and 1 supplementary excel table
3. Revised version of Summary Statistics for Attainment, Leaver Destinations and Healthy Living 2018 - 40 page publication and 2 supplementary tables

I plan on providing a draft of all reports by the 27<sup>th</sup> of August, I this meets requirements.

Please let me know if you need any further information or action for me at this time.

Many Thanks  
[REDACTED]



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 05 September 2019 16:06  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED];[REDACTED]; [REDACTED] J ([REDACTED]);  
[REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: FM Comms contacts to add

Hi [REDACTED],

No problem – thanks.

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Sent:** 05 September 2019 15:59  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>;[REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>; [REDACTED] J  
([REDACTED]) <[\[REDACTED\].\[REDACTED\]@gov.scot](#)>  
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Hi [REDACTED],

Grateful if the copied people from FM comms team could be added to pre-release access on the stats as discussed.

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Thanks!  
[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: 10 September 2019 11:36  
To: [REDACTED]; Wilson M (Mick); [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
Cc: Hicks C (Clare)  
Subject: RE: FMQ brief Request - School estate - deadline 1.30pm

Hi,

I've attached a draft FMQ brief on school estates. It needs some general school building funding lines and a section to address the issues raised by David below.

New deadline is 1.30pm today.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

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From: Fleetwood D (David) <David.Fleetwood@gov.scot>  
Sent: 10 September 2019 11:20  
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; Wilson M (Mick) <Mick.Wilson@gov.scot>  
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Copying [REDACTED] and Andy who are best placed to handle this part of the briefing.

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DFM is also content.

Kind Regards  
[REDACTED]

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**Sent:** 09 September 2019 10:52

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Thanks

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announcement

FMPO,  
DFMPO,

The First Minister and Deputy First Minister will announce the first new schools projects to be funded through the Scottish Government's billion pound investment when they visit Peterhead Academy this afternoon.

We have invited broadcast media including BBC, STV, Channel 4, NorthSound, Original and local community radio stations Buchan Radio and Waves Radio. A photographer and reporter from the Press and Journal / Evening Express and Buchan Observer have been invited to attend and the council photographer will also be there.

A news release (draft below) will be issued to national and relevant local media.

The social content hub will also attend to provide photo and video content for twitter and facebook.

Education comms have issued statistical releases with a social media video (link:  
<https://twitter.com/ScotGovEdu/status/1170983696960237568>) to highlight the strong School Estate statistics 2019, to trail today's launch.

I'd be grateful if you could check whether the First Minister and Deputy First Minister are content.

Thanks  
[REDACTED]

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## **New schools and campuses for Scotland 928 schools rebuilt or substantially refurbished since 2007.**

New schools will be built from Aberdeenshire to Ayrshire in the first phase of a nationwide £1 billion investment programme.

The Scottish Government will contribute funding of between £220 million and £275 million in partnership with local authorities across the country to replace 26 schools, with a further phase of investment to be announced within 12 months.

The announcement comes on the day National Statistics showed the proportion of schools in good or satisfactory condition increased from 61.1% in April 2007 to 88.3% in April 2019. The School Estates Statistics 2019 also showed that the proportion of pupils educated in these good or satisfactory condition schools has hit a record of 89.6%, up from 60.8% in 2007.

Tackling the climate emergency is central to Scotland's new Learning Estates Strategy, with lessons learned from previous education infrastructure projects informing future construction to create low carbon digitally enabled schools and campuses. Scottish Futures Trust will manage the programme on behalf of the Scottish Government.

Several of the projects bring together nurseries, schools - including specialist centres for pupils with additional support needs - colleges and universities in multi-purpose campuses for pupils aged from three to 18, with additional facilities that benefit surrounding communities.

The first projects in this phase could open as soon as 2022-23.

First Minister Nicola Sturgeon, Education Secretary John Swinney and COSLA spokesperson for resources Councillor Gail Macgregor launched the strategy alongside projects at Peterhead Academy, one of four Aberdeenshire schools being replaced in this phase.

The First Minister said:

“This additional £1 billion investment will benefit around 50,000 pupils across Scotland, with the first phase set to upgrade and modernise schools across 11 of our local authority areas.

“This investment builds on the progress that we have made over the last 10 years. The National Statistics published today reveal that, even before today's announcement, Scotland's school estate has never been in better condition, with a record percentage in good or satisfactory condition. That is a result of sustained investment and we will now build on that.

“Modern, state of the art buildings can make a real difference to the lives of pupils, teachers and parents, as well as the wider communities they serve. This investment continues our efforts to improve the condition of our entire learning estate, from early years through to schools and colleges.”

Mr Swinney said:

“Creating and maintaining high quality, fit for purpose educational facilities demonstrates to pupils, teachers, staff and the community how valuable learning is.

“The progress made through Scotland’s Schools for the Future has had a significant impact on the condition of schools across the country - almost 90% of pupils are learning in schools in good or satisfactory condition.

“We are committed to making even more progress and I have seen myself the urgency with which some schools require updating. The first phase of the £1 billion Learning Estate Investment Programme prioritises schools in need of updating or where there are significant capacity issues, as identified by local authorities, to ensure rapid progress where most required.

Councillor Macgregor said:

“COSLA is delighted today to launch the new Learning Estates Strategy in partnership with the Scottish Government. Over the course of the Strategy, Councils will contribute at least £2 billion to the Programme and the Scottish Government’s contribution of £1 billion is welcomed. The joint investment that Councils will make with the Scottish Government in Scotland’s schools over the course of this Strategy will improve the learning environments of thousands of children and young people across the country.

“Councils welcome the focus on building links across communities and across learning environments including colleges. Supporting our children and young people to access the learning journey that will help them reach their full potential is vitally important to local authorities and I look forward to the exciting opportunities for innovation that lie ahead.”

Kerry Alexander, Director of infrastructure finance and programmes at the Scottish Futures Trust, said:

“As programme managers we are very much looking forward to working with our public sector partners on the Learning Estate Investment Programme to deliver world-class learning environments to support the future educational needs of learners, as well as providing vibrant community facilities for everyone to enjoy and benefit from.”

## **Background**

The £1 billion Learning Estate Investment Programme was announced in November 2018.

Scotland’s Learning Estate Strategy [[hyperlink](#)].

The Scottish Government will pay for ongoing maintenance of the new facility and fund other outcomes to be determined on a case-by-case basis.

[School Estate Statistics](#) are published annually.

## **New Learning Estate Investment Programme First Phase**

- Aberdeenshire – a new Peterhead Community Campus including replacements for Dales Park Primary School, Meethill Primary School, Peterhead Academy and Anna Richie School
- East Lothian – a new Wallyford High School and Whitecraigs Primary School
- East Renfrewshire – replacements for Neilston Primary School and St Thomas’ Primary School
- Edinburgh – a new Currie Community High School
- Eilean Siar – a new Castlebay Campus to replace Castlebay High School, Castlebay Primary School and Eoligarry Primary School
- Fife – a new replacement school for Woodmill and St Columba’s High Schools, part of the development of [a new community campus](#)
- Highland – a new Tain 3-18 campus including replacements for Tain Royal Academy, Knockbreck Primary School, Craighill Primary School and St Duthus Additional Support Needs unit
- Midlothian – a replacement for Beeslack Community High School
- North Ayrshire – a new Ardrossan Community Learning and Innovation Hub to replace Ardrossan Academy and Winton Primary School

- South Ayrshire – a new Maybole Community Campus, to replace Carrick Academy, Cairn Primary School, Gardenrose Primary School and St Cuthbert's Primary School
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The First Minister and Deputy First Minister will announce the first new schools projects to be funded through the Scottish Government's billion pound investment when they visit Peterhead Academy this afternoon.

We have invited broadcast media including BBC, STV, Channel 4, NorthSound, Original and local community radio stations Buchan Radio and Waves Radio. A photographer and reporter from the Press and Journal / Evening Express and Buchan Observer have been invited to attend and the council photographer will also be there.

A news release (draft below) will be issued to national and relevant local media.

The social content hub will also attend to provide photo and video content for twitter and facebook.

Education comms have issued statistical releases with a social media video (link: <https://twitter.com/ScotGovEdu/status/1170983696960237568>) to highlight the strong School Estate statistics 2019, to trail today's launch.

I'd be grateful if you could check whether the First Minister and Deputy First Minister are content.

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I have updated the release in line with [REDACTED] comments and shrunk the copy list to only those on pre-release access. Grateful for a SpAd view on the release below to go for clearance by FM and DFM.

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As Colin has the pre-release access – can you please clear the whole release in full by colin.

I would suggest if those figures are good they are included in the intro as an example of our commitment and record over the last 12 years.

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Education and finance policy, comms and statistical colleagues have agreed the below news release to issue at 1245 on Monday to coincide with the announcement of the new learning estate strategy and investment programme.

This includes lines from the Schools Estate 2019 statistics which will issue at 0930 that morning. Comms are working on a video for social media to pull out key statistics to issue coinciding with the statistics.

FM Comms are inviting media to the launch event at Peterhead Academy. There will be a social media video produced to issue shortly after on the main @ScotGov channel based on lines the below release with footage from the launch event.

COSLA and SFT have also seen and their amends have been amalgamated in this version. COSLA's comms are liaising with the individual local authorities' comms to prepare welcoming statements for the announcement in each area to help with pickup in local press.

Grateful for a view on the release copy, agreed between policy, comms and statistical colleagues. We will send up to FM and DFM for clearance **before close of play today**.

NB the asterisks in DFM's quote refer to pre-release statistics that will be included in the version that goes to FM and DFM for clearance. Due to restrictions with pre-release access lists we are unable to include these until after 0930 on Monday.

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Have you considered the release? Will open up copy list at 0930 when the stats have issued.

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This includes lines from the Schools Estate 2019 statistics which will issue at 0930 that morning. Comms are working on a video for social media to pull out key statistics to issue coinciding with the statistics.

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Education and finance policy, comms and statistical colleagues have agreed the below news release to issue at 1245 on Monday to coincide with the announcement of the new learning estate strategy and investment programme.

This includes lines from the Schools Estate 2019 statistics which will issue at 0930 that morning. Comms are working on a video for social media to pull out key statistics to issue coinciding with the statistics.

FM Comms are inviting media to the launch event at Peterhead Academy. There will be a social media video produced to issue shortly after on the main @ScotGov channel based on lines the below release with footage from the launch event.

COSLA and SFT have also seen and their amends have been amalgamated in this version. COSLA's comms are liaising with the individual local authorities' comms to prepare welcoming statements for the announcement in each area to help with pickup in local press.

Grateful for a view on the release copy, agreed between policy, comms and statistical colleagues. We will send up to FM and DFM for clearance **before close of play today**.

NB the asterisks in DFM's quote refer to pre-release statistics that will be included in the version that goes to FM and DFM for clearance. Due to restrictions with pre-release access lists we are unable to include these until after 0930 on Monday.

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## **New schools and campuses for Scotland £1 billion scheme invests in future learning with new strategy.**

Pupils from Aberdeenshire to South Ayrshire will benefit from new low carbon and fit for purpose schools and campuses in the first phase of a nationwide £1 billion investment programme.

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First Minister Nicola Sturgeon, Education Secretary John Swinney and COSLA spokesperson for resources Councillor Gail Macgregor launched the strategy alongside projects at Peterhead Academy, one of four Aberdeenshire schools being replaced in this phase.

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Mr Swinney said:

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“There is still more to do, and I have seen myself the urgency with which some schools require updating. The first phase of the £1 billion Learning Estate Investment Programme prioritises schools in need of updating or where there are significant capacity issues, as identified by local authorities, to ensure rapid progress where most required.

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The announcement comes on the day National Statistics were published revealing that the proportion of schools reported as being in good or satisfactory condition was 88.3%, up from just 61.1% in April 2007. The publication of 'School Estates Statistics 2019' by Scotland's Chief Statistician also showed that the proportion of pupils educated in schools of "good" or "satisfactory" condition has also hit a record of 89.6%, up from 60.8% in 2007.

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Colin,

Have you considered the release? Will open up copy list at 0930 when the stats have issued.

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**Importance:** High

[REDACTED], Stuart, Ross,

*Colin copied for awareness.*

Education and finance policy, comms and statistical colleagues have agreed the below news release to issue at 1245 on Monday to coincide with the announcement of the new learning estate strategy and investment programme.

This includes lines from the Schools Estate 2019 statistics which will issue at 0930 that morning. Comms are working on a video for social media to pull out key statistics to issue coinciding with the statistics.

FM Comms are inviting media to the launch event at Peterhead Academy. There will be a social media video produced to issue shortly after on the main @ScotGov channel based on lines the below release with footage from the launch event.

COSLA and SFT have also seen and their amends have been amalgamated in this version. COSLA's comms are liaising with the individual local authorities' comms to prepare welcoming statements for the announcement in each area to help with pickup in local press.

Grateful for a view on the release copy, agreed between policy, comms and statistical colleagues. We will send up to FM and DFM for clearance **before close of play today**.

NB the asterisks in DFM's quote refer to pre-release statistics that will be included in the version that goes to FM and DFM for clearance. Due to restrictions with pre-release access lists we are unable to include these until after 0930 on Monday.

####

**New schools and campuses for Scotland**

**£1 billion scheme invests in future learning with new strategy.**

Pupils from Aberdeenshire to South Ayrshire will benefit from new low carbon and fit for purpose schools and campuses in the first phase of a nationwide £1 billion investment programme.

The Scottish Government will contribute funding of between £220 million and £275 million in partnership with local authorities across the country to replace 26 schools, with a further phase of investment to be announced within 12 months.

Tackling the climate emergency is central to Scotland’s new Learning Estates Strategy, with lessons learned from previous education infrastructure projects informing future construction to create low carbon digitally enabled schools and campuses. Scottish Futures Trust will manage the programme on behalf of the Scottish Government.

Several of the projects bring together nurseries, schools - including specialist centres for pupils with additional support needs - colleges and universities in multi-purpose campuses for pupils aged from three to 18, with additional facilities that benefit surrounding communities.

The first projects in this phase could open as soon as 2022-23.

First Minister Nicola Sturgeon, Education Secretary John Swinney and COSLA spokesperson for resources Councillor Gail Macgregor launched the strategy alongside projects at Peterhead Academy, one of four Aberdeenshire schools being replaced in this phase.

The First Minister said:

“This additional £1 billion investment will benefit around 50,000 pupils across Scotland with the first phase set to upgrade and modernise schools across 11 of our local authority areas.

“This investment builds on the progress that we have made over the last 10 years, giving 60,000 pupils access to renewed or refurbished schools. Modern, state of the art buildings can make a real difference to the lives of pupils, teachers and parents, as well as the wider communities they serve. This investment continues our efforts to improve the condition of our entire learning estate, from early years through to schools and colleges.”

Mr Swinney said:

“Creating and maintaining high quality, fit for purpose educational facilities demonstrates to pupils, teachers, staff and the community how valuable learning is.

“The progress made through Scotland’s Schools for the Future has had a significant impact on the condition of schools across the country \*\*\*\*\*

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“There is still more to do, and I have seen myself the urgency with which some schools require updating. The first phase of the £1 billion Learning Estate Investment Programme prioritises schools in need of updating or where there are significant capacity issues, as identified by local authorities, to ensure rapid progress where most required.

Councillor Macgregor said:

“COSLA is delighted today to launch the new Learning Estates Strategy in partnership with the Scottish Government. Over the course of the Strategy, Councils will contribute at least £2 billion to the Programme and the Scottish Government’s contribution of £1 billion is welcomed. The joint investment that Councils will make with the Scottish Government in Scotland’s schools over the course of this Strategy will improve the learning environments of thousands of children and young people across the country.

“Councils welcome the focus on building links across communities and across learning environments including colleges. Supporting our children and young people to access the learning journey that will help them reach their full potential is vitally important to local authorities and I look forward to the exciting opportunities for innovation that lie ahead.”

Kerry Alexander, Director of infrastructure finance and programmes at the Scottish Futures Trust, said:

“As programme managers we are very much looking forward to working with our public sector partners on the Learning Estate Investment Programme to deliver world-class learning environments to support the future educational needs of learners, as well as providing vibrant community facilities for everyone to enjoy and benefit from.”

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**Importance:** High

[REDACTED],  
Can you phone Roger and run this past him, now that “chief statistician” is in the proposed lines  
Thanks,  
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I would suggest the tweaks below

Regards

**Colin McAllister**  
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Thanks [REDACTED],

**Colin**, are you content for the line to go to DFM for clearance? Policy and Statisticians are content.

This is in response to various queries around the comparisons drawn in the stats, including in the Scottish Labour news release copied below our suggested line.

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A Scottish Government spokesperson said:

“This is nonsense. The Chief Statistician’s own press release, issued independently of Ministers, compares between years. This is because statisticians have advised that comparisons in School Estate Statistics over time are valid for Scotland overall.”

#### Background

- Statisticians have advised that comparisons in School Estate Statistics over time are valid for Scotland overall because changes to the guidance on how condition and suitability are assessed will have minimal impact on the rating calculated.
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The first line of the below query should cover us for this – The Sun are asking.

Kind regards,  
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Suggest

A Scottish Government spokesperson said:

“Changes to the guidance on School Estate Statistics 2019 will have minimal impact on the trend of improvement in school estates and advice from independent statisticians is that comparisons over time are valid.

“Responsibility for accurate reporting for School Estates Statistics lies with Local Authorities. Netherthird Primary reported a school roll of 228 in the September 2018 census.”

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Can we strengthen our lines please given what [REDACTED] has said and we should be able to be specific re Netherthird primary?

We should have a line on why we are comfortable with comparison of the stats.

Thanks

Clare

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Hi [REDACTED],

The journalist says he is looking for an additional Scottish Government statement on the points.

We need a line in response that outlines why the comparison we have made is statistically sound and accurate.

[This Tweet](#) has been flagged to me by a colleague, which may be the source of the query.

Have started draft below for response on Netherthird with a background note on changes to the guidance:

####

A Scottish Government spokesperson said:

“Responsibility for accurate reporting for School Estates Statistics lies with Local Authorities. Netherthird Primary reported a school roll of 228 in the September 2018 census.”

## Background

Changes to the guidance on School Estate Statistics 2019 are due to a technical change on how the ratings are calculated compared with 2018, with minimal impact on the ratings for individual schools. It is technically possible there could have been a change in rating when there has been little or no change in the physical condition of the school.

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Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

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Hi [REDACTED],

Is there a specific question from the Herald or are they just looking for clarification on these points?

We haven't made a big play of the change in guidance because we don't believe it has made a large difference to the ratings schools have. [REDACTED] might be able to advise further but the change to the guidance is largely to do with the technicalities of how the ratings are calculated. The advice in the statistical bulletin is to use caution when comparing stats from this year with last year (because it is technically possible there could have been a change in rating when there has been little or no change in the physical condition itself), not that they shouldn't be compared.

I'll investigate the stats we have on Netherthird with [REDACTED] and come back to you. I can say just now that they reported a school roll of 228 in the September 2018 census.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>

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**Importance:** High

[REDACTED],  
Can you phone Roger and run this past him, now that "chief statistician" is in the proposed lines  
Thanks,  
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I will respond separately on the Netherthird query.

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The first line of the below query should cover us for this – The Sun are asking.

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Can we strengthen our lines please given what [REDACTED] has said and we should be able to be specific re Netherthird primary?

We should have a line on why we are comfortable with comparison of the stats.

Thanks

Clare

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Hi [REDACTED],

The journalist says he is looking for an additional Scottish Government statement on the points.

We need a line in response that outlines why the comparison we have made is statistically sound and accurate.

[This Tweet](#) has been flagged to me by a colleague, which may be the source of the query.

Have started draft below for response on Netherthird with a background note on changes to the guidance:

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The first line of the below query should cover us for this – The Sun are asking.

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Suggest

A Scottish Government spokesperson said:

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Can we strengthen our lines please given what [REDACTED] has said and we should be able to be specific re Netherthird primary?

We should have a line on why we are comfortable with comparison of the stats.

Thanks

Clare

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Hi [REDACTED],

The journalist says he is looking for an additional Scottish Government statement on the points.

We need a line in response that outlines why the comparison we have made is statistically sound and accurate.

[This Tweet](#) has been flagged to me by a colleague, which may be the source of the query.

Have started draft below for response on Netherthird with a background note on changes to the guidance:

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## Background

Changes to the guidance on School Estate Statistics 2019 are due to a technical change on how the ratings are calculated compared with 2018, with minimal impact on the ratings for individual schools. It is technically possible there could have been a change in rating when there has been little or no change in the physical condition of the school.

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Kind regards,  
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Hi [REDACTED],

Is there a specific question from the Herald or are they just looking for clarification on these points?

We haven't made a big play of the change in guidance because we don't believe it has made a large difference to the ratings schools have. [REDACTED] might be able to advise further but the change to the guidance is largely to do with the technicalities of how the ratings are calculated. The advice in the statistical bulletin is to use caution when comparing stats from this year with last year (because it is technically possible there could have been a change in rating when there has been little or no change in the physical condition itself), not that they shouldn't be compared.

I'll investigate the stats we have on Netherthird with [REDACTED] and come back to you. I can say just now that they reported a school roll of 228 in the September 2018 census.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

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Policy / Statistical colleagues,

We have received the below query from the Herald on today's School Estates statistics.

I would suggest a line but am unaware of specifics surrounding Netherthird Primary and the first query pertains to a line in the statistical bulletin which cautions against comparison – on which point Alistair has questioned our social media video – linked here: <https://twitter.com/ScotGovEdu/status/1170983696960237568>

Grateful for a view and suggested lines in response to the Netherthird PS and statistical queries.

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#### **Herald Query**

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This is not mentioned in the release below at all.

I've also had it pointed out to me that Netherthird Primary in East Ayrshire is currently, in 2019, listed as C. Pupils were moved out of the crumbling school in 2017 amid fears it might collapse. It was excluded from the listings in 2018.

On the spreadsheet it is listed as a 'shared campus' which may account for this – but since the school I think the pupils were decanted into, Greenmill Primary School, is listed as B, this doesn't seem to make sense. It also seems misleading to list Netherthird in the first place.

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Can we strengthen our lines please given what [REDACTED] has said and we should be able to be specific re Netherthird primary?

We should have a line on why we are comfortable with comparison of the stats.

Thanks

Clare

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Hi [REDACTED],

The journalist says he is looking for an additional Scottish Government statement on the points.

We need a line in response that outlines why the comparison we have made is statistically sound and accurate.

[This Tweet](#) has been flagged to me by a colleague, which may be the source of the query.

Have started draft below for response on Netherthird with a background note on changes to the guidance:

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Is there a specific question from the Herald or are they just looking for clarification on these points?

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I'll investigate the stats we have on Netherthird with [REDACTED] and come back to you. I can say just now that they reported a school roll of 228 in the September 2018 census.

Thanks,

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On the spreadsheet it is listed as a ‘shared campus’ which may account for this – but since the school I think the pupils were decanted into, Greenmill Primary School, is listed as B, this doesn’t seem to make sense. It also seems misleading to list Netherthird in the first place.

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Is there a specific question from the Herald or are they just looking for clarification on these points?

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Policy / Statistical colleagues,

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Grateful for a view and suggested lines in response to the Netherthird PS and statistical queries.

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#### **Herald Query**

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This is not mentioned in the release below at all.

I've also had it pointed out to me that Netherthird Primary in East Ayrshire is currently, in 2019, listed as C. Pupils were moved out of the crumbling school in 2017 amid fears it might collapse. It was excluded from the listings in 2018.

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I would suggest the tweaks below

Regards

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Thanks

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I would suggest the tweaks below

Regards

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Thanks [REDACTED],

**Colin**, are you content for the line to go to DFM for clearance? Policy and Statisticians are content.

This is in response to various queries around the comparisons drawn in the stats, including in the Scottish Labour news release copied below our suggested line.

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A Scottish Government spokesperson said:

“This is nonsense. The Chief Statistician’s own press release, issued independently of Ministers, compares between years. This is because statisticians have advised that comparisons in School Estate Statistics over time are valid for Scotland overall.”

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The first line of the below query should cover us for this – The Sun are asking.

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Suggest

A Scottish Government spokesperson said:

“Changes to the guidance on School Estate Statistics 2019 will have minimal impact on the trend of improvement in school estates and advice from independent statisticians is that comparisons over time are valid.

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Can we strengthen our lines please given what [REDACTED] has said and we should be able to be specific re Netherthird primary?

We should have a line on why we are comfortable with comparison of the stats.

Thanks

Clare

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Hi [REDACTED],

The journalist says he is looking for an additional Scottish Government statement on the points.

We need a line in response that outlines why the comparison we have made is statistically sound and accurate.

[This Tweet](#) has been flagged to me by a colleague, which may be the source of the query.

Have started draft below for response on Netherthird with a background note on changes to the guidance:

####

A Scottish Government spokesperson said:

“Responsibility for accurate reporting for School Estates Statistics lies with Local Authorities. Netherthird Primary reported a school roll of 228 in the September 2018 census.”

## Background

Changes to the guidance on School Estate Statistics 2019 are due to a technical change on how the ratings are calculated compared with 2018, with minimal impact on the ratings for individual schools. It is technically possible there could have been a change in rating when there has been little or no change in the physical condition of the school.

####

Kind regards,  
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Hi [REDACTED],

Is there a specific question from the Herald or are they just looking for clarification on these points?

We haven't made a big play of the change in guidance because we don't believe it has made a large difference to the ratings schools have. [REDACTED] might be able to advise further but the change to the guidance is largely to do with the technicalities of how the ratings are calculated. The advice in the statistical bulletin is to use caution when comparing stats from this year with last year (because it is technically possible there could have been a change in rating when there has been

little or no change in the physical condition itself), not that they shouldn't be compared.

I'll investigate the stats we have on Netherthird with [REDACTED] and come back to you. I can say just now that they reported a school roll of 228 in the September 2018 census.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

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Policy / Statistical colleagues,

We have received the below query from the Herald on today's School Estates statistics.

I would suggest a line but am unaware of specifics surrounding Netherthird Primary and the first query pertains to a line in the statistical bulletin which cautions against comparison – on which point Alistair has questioned our social media video – linked here: <https://twitter.com/ScotGovEdu/status/1170983696960237568>

Grateful for a view and suggested lines in response to the Netherthird PS and statistical queries.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

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#### **Herald Query**

P5 of the report itself cautions against making comparisons with previous years due to the impact of new guidance – and states that the condition of some schools may not actually have changed at all.

“In November 2017 new guidance was provided to local authorities on measuring school condition. Condition was recorded using this guidance for the first time in the 2019 School Estates Core Facts Survey. Differences between this and the previous guidance mean that a school’s condition rating may have changed when there has been little or no change to the physical condition itself. Therefore, caution is advised when comparing the 2019 figures with previous years.”

This is not mentioned in the release below at all.

I’ve also had it pointed out to me that Netherthird Primary in East Ayrshire is currently, in 2019, listed as C. Pupils were moved out of the crumbling school in 2017 amid fears it might collapse. It was excluded from the listings in 2018.

On the spreadsheet it is listed as a ‘shared campus’ which may account for this – but since the school I think the pupils were decanted into, Greenmill Primary School, is listed as B, this doesn’t seem to make sense. It also seems misleading to list Netherthird in the first place.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 02 September 2019 10:26  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Healthy Living Survey and School Estates Ministerial submission review

Yeah [REDACTED] just needs to check over my news release and then we should be good to send out the bulletin, supplementary tables, ministerial briefing and news release to the pre-release list (excluding director general and perm sec) this morning.

Need to check with [REDACTED] if she wants to see the ministerial briefing again and the news release before we send these out.

Thanks  
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**Subject:** RE: HLS and Estates New Release

Thanks [REDACTED]. I've asked APS to provide the URL links to the new website, we'll amend these in the document once they have been provided.

Thanks  
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Thanks [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Some small tweaks required to both

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**To:** [REDACTED]  
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Looks good to me, [REDACTED].

Thanks,  
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Thanks [REDACTED]. I've added some suggested tracked changes.

Let me know if you have any questions.

[REDACTED]

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Thank you for this. The DFM has cleared the SCANCE to go into the Cabinet papers.

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Happy with the content. You might want to take advice from Private Office about  
DFMs preferences on speaking note content.  
As discussed, Mick to sign off before it goes up.  
Thanks,  
[REDACTED]

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Thanks [REDACTED]. I've added some suggested tracked changes.

Let me know if you have any questions.

[REDACTED]

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Hi [REDACTED],

Draft note attached. You may notice some similarities to the stats news release.

I've not filled in the speaking section as I think the top box speaks for itself.

It would probably help to have a few lines from you on the policy context to these stats.

If you can get back to me with any comments by early on Monday then I'll get it sent up to PO by 11am.

Thanks,

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**Importance:** High

[REDACTED],  
[REDACTED],

Please see the below request from DFM's office.

I have spoken to [REDACTED] to clarify what they are looking for. [REDACTED] advised that it's a SCANCE note about the School Conditions stats, rather than the Learning Estate Strategy/Learning Estate Investment Programme (which will be launched on Monday). Therefore, would your Unit be content to lead on preparing the note with input, if required, from School Infrastructure team?

Thanks,  
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Thanks [REDACTED]. I think that to counter the accusation that the statistics are misleading we want to emphasise that the Netherthird pupils have been decanted to the Greenmill **campus**, not merged into Greenmill school itself.

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Thank you Andy and [REDACTED],

Release updated below – incorporating [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]’s comments and including a proposed FM quote.

Would the below line to take be sufficient should we be approached?

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“Scottish Futures Trust will work with local authorities to determine the precise funding amount for each individual project.”

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“This investment builds on the progress that we have made over the last 10 years, giving 60,000 pupils access to renewed or refurbished schools. Modern, state of the art buildings can make a real difference to the lives of pupils, teachers and parents, as well as the wider communities they service, and this investment continues our efforts to improve the condition of our entire learning estate, from early years through to schools and colleges.”

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“The progress made through Scotland's Schools for the Future has had a significant impact on the condition of schools across the country – almost 90% of pupils are learning in schools in good or satisfactory condition, and 928 schools have been rebuilt or substantially refurbished since 2007.

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Sorry not trying to be difficult here but as you'll note from the submission and subsequent note back from Mr Mackay we were not in a position to provide Ministers with an accurate enough breakdown of figures and that this will be an immediate task in the coming weeks/months after the announcement.....in the past we have been held to ransom when we have released individual figures particularly from local opposition politicians etc....if the cost increases for whatever reason SG need to pay or if the cost goes down the money is still provided to the Council etc.



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[REDACTED]

Thanks for the chat earlier and this is now a lot better. Small amendment below on CoSLA spokesperson.

[REDACTED] will add the detail of individual projects but sorry we cannot give the funding amount for each project at this stage – there are too many unknowns in terms of the precise detail of each project for us to determine a specific funding amount. In the past we have put in a line that states the next stage is for Scottish Futures Trust to work with the Councils to determine the precise funding amount etc.....

Thanks,

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To see below revised version of the news release with changes to wording and updates around the detail of the strategy.

[REDACTED] / [REDACTED], is it possible to add three members of FM's comms team to the pre-release list for the stats? They are collaborating with us on the announcement. FM will also need to see the release in full to clear.

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The new strategy has been informed by projects from the £1.8 billion Scotland's Schools for the Future programme, with a focus on high quality, low-carbon and digitally enabled schools which benefit the whole community.

Several of the projects announced bring together nurseries, schools, colleges and universities in multi-purpose 3-18 campuses, tailored to the needs of the local area.

Education Secretary John Swinney said:

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**Cc:** First Minister <[firstminister@gov.scot](mailto:firstminister@gov.scot)>; [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>;

[REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>; [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>; [REDACTED]

<[\[REDACTED\]](#)>; Wilson M (Mick) <[Mick.Wilson@gov.scot](mailto:Mick.Wilson@gov.scot)>; Director of Learning

<[DirectorofLearning@gov.scot](mailto:DirectorofLearning@gov.scot)>; Hicks C (Clare) <[Clare.Hicks@gov.scot](mailto:Clare.Hicks@gov.scot)>;

[REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\].\[REDACTED\]@gov.scot](mailto:[REDACTED].[REDACTED]@gov.scot)>; [REDACTED]

<[\[REDACTED\]](#)>; [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>; McAllister C (Colin)

<[Colin.McAllister@gov.scot](mailto:Colin.McAllister@gov.scot)>; DG Education, Communities & Justice

<[DGECJ@gov.scot](mailto:DGECJ@gov.scot)>; Permanent Secretary <[PermanentSecretary@gov.scot](mailto:PermanentSecretary@gov.scot)>

**Subject:** OFFICIAL SENSITIVE - Pre-release statistics - School Estate Statistics 2019 - Ministerial briefing

Please find attached an advance copy of, and the associated briefing for, School Estate Statistics 2019 (scheduled for publication on 9 September).

**Official sensitive – Pre-release statistics. Do not forward or share beyond this copy list until after 9.30 am Monday 9 September**

You are being given access to these materials in advance of publication to allow you to ensure that Scottish Ministers and office-holders are able to comment on the statistics properly at the time of release, as set out in the Pre-release Access to Official Statistics (Scotland) Order 2008. If you think you need to discuss or share these statistics with anyone not on this circulation list then please seek prior approval from me first.

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
School, Staff and Pupil Census Statistics  
Education Analytical Services  
Scottish Government  
0131 244 0[redacted]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 03 September 2019 12:25  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; Hicks C (Clare); [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; Wilson M (Mick); [REDACTED]; McAllister C (Colin)  
**Subject:** RE: OFFICIAL SENSITIVE - Pre-release statistics - School Estate Statistics 2019

Hi [REDACTED],

That's great – thank you!

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 03 September 2019 11:04  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED].[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Hicks C (Clare) <Clare.Hicks@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; Wilson M (Mick) <Mick.Wilson@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; McAllister C (Colin) <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** FW: OFFICIAL SENSITIVE - Pre-release statistics - School Estate Statistics 2019

Hi [REDACTED],

As promised, I've amended the line about the Learning Estate Strategy on page 5.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | School Funding, Infrastructure & Organisation Unit | Scottish Government | Area 2-B (North) | [REDACTED] Quay | Edinburgh | EH6 6QQ | email: [REDACTED] | tel: 0131 244 0035 | 07580 761324.  
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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 02 September 2019 14:39  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; Wilson M (Mick) <Mick.Wilson@gov.scot>; Director of Learning <DirectorofLearning@gov.scot>; Hicks C (Clare) <Clare.Hicks@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED].[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; McAllister C (Colin) <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** OFFICIAL SENSITIVE - Pre-release statistics - School Estate Statistics 2019

**Official sensitive – Pre-release statistics. For preparation of briefing only.  
Do not forward or share beyond this copy list until after 9.30 am Monday 9 September.**

Hi,

In advance of the handling meeting tomorrow at approximately 10.30am (VQ 3rd Floor Meeting Room 3D-34 (Bridge)), please find attached the **School Estate Statistics 2019** bulletin and supplementary tables, the statistics news release for the publication and a **draft Ministerial Submission**.

**You are being given access to these materials in advance of publication to allow you to ensure that Scottish Ministers and office-holders are able to comment on the statistics properly at the time of release, as set out in the Pre-release Access to Official Statistics (Scotland) Order 2008. If you think you need to discuss or share these statistics with anyone not on this circulation list then please seek prior approval from me first.**

Please note that the handling meeting is shared with the School Healthy Living Survey Statistics 2019 publication. These publications are separate and therefore have separate pre-release access lists. **You should only attend the part of the meeting relevant to you.** The agenda of the meeting will be as follows:

10:00 – 10:30 (approx.) – School Healthy Living Survey Statistics overview  
10:30 (approx.) -11:00 – School Estate Statistics overview

We will try to keep to the above timeframe, however please accept our apologies in advance for any overrunning.

Following the handling meeting, these statistics together with a Ministerial submission will be circulated to the full pre-release access list, including Ministers, DG and Perm Sec.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Assistant Statistician | School, Staff and Pupil Census Statistics  
Learning Analysis | Education Analytical Services | Scottish Government  
Tel: 0131 244 0[redacted]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 06 September 2019 15:03  
**To:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Official Sensitive - Restricted Statistics until 9.30 am on Monday 9th September 2019

Estates content is fine ☺

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 06 September 2019 14:36  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Official Sensitive - Restricted Statistics until 9.30 am on Monday 9th September 2019

Hi both,

Can you please read over the below and check you're both happy with it.

Happy to send it out but wasn't sure if this should be sent by [REDACTED] as it's going to the directors?

Also wasn't sure if I should mention anything about 2018 corrections to HLS?

I've attached the code of practice that was attached in the December email. I don't where this come from (neither does Anna) therefore not sure if it's the most up-to-date version. The only thing I can find on saltire is pre-release guidance for recipients for policy not for external bodies.

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Dear Director,

The following Statistics Publication Notices will be published on **Monday 9 September 2019 at 9.30 am**.

- School Healthy Living Survey Statistics 2019
- School Estates Statistics 2019

Please find attached a copy of both reports, which we share with you ahead of publication, for the purposes of responding to any immediate queries on your data.

Supplementary data on both publications will be available on Monday via the below:

- Healthy Living Survey  
<https://www2.gov.scot/Topics/Statistics/Browse/School-Education/MealsSD/mealsped>  
<https://www2.gov.scot/Topics/Statistics/Browse/School-Education/SchoolMealsDatasets>
- School Estates  
<https://www2.gov.scot/Topics/Statistics/Browse/School-Education/schoolestatestats>

As per the Code of Practice for Official Statistics and restricted status until **9.30 am on Monday 9th**, there are some guidelines around storage and sharing of this material:

*Guidelines on Pre-Release Access to Official Statistics*

Please treat as **restricted**, for the named individuals or identified post holders only. Not for sharing with anyone else, not to be used in other documents, not to be saved in a shared file before publication on **9.30 am, Monday 9th September 2019**.

If you think you need to discuss and share with anyone please contact [REDACTED] [REDACTED] ([\[REDACTED\]](#)). Any accidental or wrongful release should be reported to [REDACTED] immediately and may lead to an investigation. Wrongful release includes indications of the content or the trend of the figures, including descriptions such as 'favourable' or 'unfavourable'.

You are given access to these statistics under the Pre-release Access to Official Statistics (Scotland) Order 2008. The above is a summary of the statutory conditions which you as a recipient of pre-release access official statistics must follow. Your statutory obligations are set out in full in document attached.

Regards

[REDACTED]

School, Staff and Pupil Census Statistics  
Learning Analysis | Education Analytical Services  
Scottish Government  
Tel: 0131 244 4[redacted]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 06 September 2019 13:38  
**To:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; Wilson M (Mick); [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED](Communications)  
**Subject:** RE: OFFICIAL SENSITIVE: PRE-RELEASE STATISTICS For policy / statistician views: Slides to accompany publication of School Estate stats

[REDACTED]

It would be helpful to see the social media video (or stills) to see the stats in the context they are being presented.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Sent:** 06 September 2019 12:26  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\].\[REDACTED\]@gov.scot](#)>; [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>; Wilson M (Mick) <[Mick.Wilson@gov.scot](#)>; [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>; [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>; [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>; [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
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4: to create low carbon, digitally enabled schools to benefit even more pupils across the country

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Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

            
[REDACTED]

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**Media Manager: Deputy First Minister, Education and Justice Communications**  
Scottish Government | St Andrew's House, Regent Road, Edinburgh EH1 3DG  
t: **0131 24 [redacted]** | m: [redacted] | e: [\[REDACTED\]](#)

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 06 September 2019 13:25  
**To:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; Wilson M (Mick); [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED](Communications)  
**Subject:** RE: OFFICIAL SENSITIVE: PRE-RELEASE STATISTICS For policy / statistician views: Slides to accompany publication of School Estate stats

Hi [REDACTED],

Stats look good!

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

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Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

            
[REDACTED]

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**Media Manager: Deputy First Minister, Education and Justice Communications**  
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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 02 September 2019 12:07  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: PDF PROOF 1 - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication  
**Attachments:** 386311\_SCT0819811676-001\_p1 Mark Up.pdf; School Estate Statistics 2019 - Bulletin Tables - Web.xlsx

Hi [REDACTED],

Please find attached the PDF for the Estates publication with comments for revision. No changes for the Healthy Living Survey.

Can you please upload the 'School Estates Statistics 2019 – Bulletin Tables – Web' excel along with the School Estates publication instead of the 'School Estates Statistics 2019 – Supplementary tables web' that were send across on Friday. Apologies for the confusion on this.

Please feel free to give me a ring if you have any questions.

Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**[REDACTED]**  
School, Staff and Pupil Census Statistics  
Learning Analysis | Education Analytical Services  
Scottish Government  
Tel: 0131 244 4[redacted]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Sent:** 02 September 2019 10:30  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>; [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Subject:** PDF PROOF 1 - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

I have attached the proof of your documents. Please let me know if there are any further changes or if you are otherwise happy to proceed.

If the changes are minor (less than 15) please mark-up the pdf. If the changes are extensive (more than 15) we ask that you provide a revised word document.

Due to the tight timescales, please let me know as soon as possible how you would like to proceed.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 02 September 2019 09:20  
**To:** '[REDACTED]' <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Cc:** [\[REDACTED\]](#); [\[REDACTED\]](#)  
**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for getting these over to me.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [\[REDACTED\]](#) <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Sent:** 02 September 2019 09:10  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Cc:** [\[REDACTED\]](#); [\[REDACTED\]](#)  
**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Apologies I misunderstood. Please find an excel with the tables used in the school estates publication attached.

Many Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Sent:** 02 September 2019 09:00  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>; [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Our Digital Media team don't require the original source format of the graphs but they will need the source files of the tables (i.e. **Table 2.1: Schools built or substantially refurbished, 2011-2019**). Please could you get these over to me in either Word or Excel format? Hope this clarifies but let me know if you have any further questions.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [\[REDACTED\]](#) <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Sent:** 02 September 2019 08:55  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Cc:** [\[REDACTED\]](#); [\[REDACTED\]](#)

**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Morning [REDACTED],

I attached a word document with the separate graphs (they are grouped), do you need the actual figures these tables were produced from?

Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Sent:** 02 September 2019 08:50  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>; [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Morning [REDACTED],

Thanks for getting these over to me. I will put these into our Digital Studio and get first proofs over to you as soon as possible. As the tables in the School Estate Statistics publication are still in the document as images, please could you get the source files for these over to me (in either Word or Excel format) as these are required for the HTML conversion.

Many thanks,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [\[REDACTED\]](#) <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Sent:** 30 August 2019 17:19  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Cc:** [\[REDACTED\]](#); [\[REDACTED\]](#)  
**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Please find attached an amended version of the publication and supplementary tables, along with word documents of the graphs used.

Again apologies for the last minute amendments

Please let me know if you need anything else.

Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Sent:** 30 August 2019 15:51  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>; [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>

**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Not a problem, I will wait until I get the latest versions from you before putting them into our Digital Studio. Thanks for letting me know.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** 30 August 2019 15:49

**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Yes I will send these over for both publications shortly. Apologies we have had a few last minute minor amendments to the word documents. Therefore I will send over a revised version of that asap.

Apologies for any inconvenience.

Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** 30 August 2019 15:35

**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for this. I have noticed that the tables in the School Estates Statistics have been inserted as images. We will require the original source files of the tables (in either Word or Excel) for the HTML conversion. Please could you get these over to me as soon as possible?

Our Digital Studio should have first proofs ready by close of play on Monday. Please note that your documents may publish initially in PDF format, with the HTML to follow when ready.

Many thanks,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** 30 August 2019 15:03

**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

Cc: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Please find a updated version of both publications.

I have left-aligned the School Healthy Living Survey and removed the grey section from School Estates Statistics.

Many Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** 30 August 2019 14:49

**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for getting these over to me. Before I put the documents into our Digital Studio for a first proof, could you please left-align the text in the *SCHOOL HEALTHY LIVING SURVEY STATISTICS*. It is currently centre justified but it needs to be left aligned in order to meet SG accessibility guidelines. Once you return this to me I will put it into our Studio. Also, could you please clarify if the information in the 'Correspondence and enquiries' section on the last page of the *SCHOOL ESTATES STATISTICS* should be highlighted grey as it currently is?

Many thanks,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** 30 August 2019 13:42

**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Please find attached the word version and complementary web tables for the below publications all due on **Monday 9th September at 9.30 am.**

(Publication name / Quotations ref/ Purchase Order )

- SCHOOL ESTATES STATISTICS / SCT0819811676-G-01 / SG946092
- SCHOOL HEALTHY LIVING SURVEY STATISTICS / SCT0819811676-G-02/ SG946094

**Please note these documents are restricted until the date/time given above.**

Please send the converted HTML job, PDF version and under the Scottish Government web arrangements, in time for the documents to be placed on the Government website for that embargo date and time.

Please find the main file required for this conversion job attached. Please ensure that the footnotes on pages appear as footnotes (on the correct pages) on the HTML version. If there are any issues with the borders on the top and bottom of the page please let me know asap.

Please also find attached two excel files, to be upload alongside the PDF on the Scottish Government website.

We will also be publishing the below on the same time and date, the word and supplementary tables will be sent across on Monday for conversion.

- SUMMARY STATISTICS FOR ATTAINMENT, LEAVER DESTINATIONS AND HEALTHY LIVING / SCT0819811676-G-03 / SG946095

Many Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**[REDACTED]**  
School, Staff and Pupil Census Statistics  
Learning Analysis | Education Analytical Services  
Scottish Government  
Tel: 0131 244 4[redacted]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 13 August 2019 16:55  
**To:** '[REDACTED]' <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for letting me know. Yes can you please hold off raising the ISBN until I have sent over the documents.

Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Sent:** 09 August 2019 14:39  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>

**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Not a problem, but before I raise the ISBNs for these three jobs, please note that if you later decide not to proceed with these publications you will still be charged for these three ISBNs. Are you happy to proceed on this basis? Alternatively, if you would like to wait until you get the final documents over to me, I will raise the ISBNs then?

Just let me know how you would like to proceed.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]]

**Sent:** 09 August 2019 13:52

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thank you for putting these together.

Can you please also provide the ISBN for these publications and the URL links when you have these created.

Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** 09 August 2019 12:54

**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for getting these back to me. I have attached an estimate for the web conversion of your forthcoming 3 documents and to assist you to raise a **purchase order number**.

Our estimate is based on PDF and HTML conversion of your supplied word document inclusive of brand check, addition of ISBN, and product code to conform with SG website guidelines.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]]

**Sent:** 09 August 2019 11:32

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for getting back to me so quickly. Yes I will ensure we have amended the title on the revised version of the 'Summary Statistics for Attainment, Leaver Destinations and Healthy'.

Please find the web registration forms for the 3 publications.

Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Sent:** 09 August 2019 10:33  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Subject:** RE: Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for letting me know. Please find attached a copy of our Web Publishing Form for you to complete and return to assist APS to register, estimate and schedule publications.

Please ensure that your document meets SG accessibility guidelines. I have attached a list of top tips that will help ensure your document meets these requirements.

In regards to republishing the 'Summary Statistics for Attainment, Leaver Destinations and Healthy Living' on a new web page? Please could you ensure that the title of the document indicates that this is the updated version, so that this is not mistaken for the previous publication (as this will be treated as a new publication, on a new web page).

Please let me know if you have any questions in the meantime!

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [\[REDACTED\]](#) [[mailto:\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])]  
**Sent:** 09 August 2019 09:58  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Our team is responsible for the 'School Healthy Living Survey Statistics' (previously part of the 'Summary Statistics for Attainment, Leaver Destinations and Healthy Living') and the 'School Estates Statistics' (previously part of the 'Summary Statistics for Schools in Scotland').

These will be published as two separate publications but released on the same day - **9<sup>th</sup> of September at 9.30am.**

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I plan on providing a draft of all reports by the 27<sup>th</sup> of August, I this meets requirements.

Please let me know if you need any further information or action for me at this time.

Many Thanks  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 02 September 2019 12:04  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: PDF PROOF 1 - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication  
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Done and attached 😊

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 02 September 2019 11:53  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** RE: PDF PROOF 1 - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Thanks [REDACTED], can you mark up any changes on the PDF doc and I'll send them across.

Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 02 September 2019 10:50  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** RE: PDF PROOF 1 - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

To save confusion I'll let you reply, [REDACTED]! Only change I think is needed for estates is that the picture for the headline stats on the front page needs centred

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 02 September 2019 10:30  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
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Hi [REDACTED],

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Many Thanks  
[REDACTED]

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**To:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>; [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
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**Cc:** [\[REDACTED\]](#); [\[REDACTED\]](#)

**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

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I attached a word document with the separate graphs (they are grouped), do you need the actual figures these tables were produced from?

Thanks

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**Sent:** 02 September 2019 08:50

**To:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>

**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>; [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>

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**From:** [\[REDACTED\]](#) <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>

**Sent:** 30 August 2019 17:19

**To:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>

**Cc:** [\[REDACTED\]](#); [\[REDACTED\]](#)

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**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Please find a updated version of both publications.

I have left-aligned the School Healthy Living Survey and removed the grey section from School Estates Statistics.

Many Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** 30 August 2019 14:49

**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for getting these over to me. Before I put the documents into our Digital Studio for a first proof, could you please left-align the text in the *SCHOOL HEALTHY LIVING SURVEY STATISTICS*. It is currently centre justified but it needs to be left aligned in order to meet SG accessibility guidelines. Once you return this to me I will put it into our Studio. Also, could you please clarify if the information in the '*Correspondence and enquiries*' section on the last page of the *SCHOOL ESTATES STATISTICS* should be highlighted grey as it currently is?

Many thanks,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** 30 August 2019 13:42

**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Please find attached the word version and complementary web tables for the below publications all due on **Monday 9th September at 9.30 am.**

(Publication name / Quotations ref/ Purchase Order )

- SCHOOL ESTATES STATISTICS / SCT0819811676-G-01 / SG946092
- SCHOOL HEALTHY LIVING SURVEY STATISTICS / SCT0819811676-G-02/ SG946094

**Please note these documents are restricted until the date/time given above.**

Please send the converted HTML job, PDF version and under the Scottish Government web arrangements, in time for the documents to be placed on the Government website for that embargo date and time.

Please find the main file required for this conversion job attached. Please ensure that the footnotes on pages appear as footnotes (on the correct pages) on the HTML version. If there are any issues with the borders on the top and bottom of the page please let me know asap.

Please also find attached two excel files, to be upload alongside the PDF on the Scottish Government website.

We will also be publishing the below on the same time and date, the word and supplementary tables will be sent across on Monday for conversion.

- SUMMARY STATISTICS FOR ATTAINMENT, LEAVER DESTINATIONS AND HEALTHY LIVING / SCT0819811676-G-03 / SG946095

Many Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**[REDACTED]**

School, Staff and Pupil Census Statistics  
Learning Analysis | Education Analytical Services  
Scottish Government  
Tel: 0131 244 4[redacted]

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 13 August 2019 16:55

**To:** '[REDACTED]' <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>

**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for letting me know. Yes can you please hold off raising the ISBN until I have sent over the documents.

Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>

**Sent:** 09 August 2019 14:39

**To:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>

**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Not a problem, but before I raise the ISBNs for these three jobs, please note that if you later decide not to proceed with these publications you will still be charged for these three ISBNs. Are you happy to proceed on this basis? Alternatively, if you would like to wait until you get the final documents over to me, I will raise the ISBNs then?

Just let me know how you would like to proceed.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [\[REDACTED\]](#) [[mailto:\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])]

**Sent:** 09 August 2019 13:52

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thank you for putting these together.

Can you please also provide the ISBN for these publications and the URL links when you have these created.

Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>

**Sent:** 09 August 2019 12:54

**To:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>

**Subject:** COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for getting these back to me. I have attached an estimate for the web conversion of your forthcoming 3 documents and to assist you to raise a **purchase order number**.

Our estimate is based on PDF and HTML conversion of your supplied word document inclusive of brand check, addition of ISBN, and product code to conform with SG website guidelines.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** 09 August 2019 11:32  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for getting back to me so quickly. Yes I will ensure we have amended the title on the revised version of the 'Summary Statistics for Attainment, Leaver Destinations and Healthy'.

Please find the web registration forms for the 3 publications.

Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 09 August 2019 10:33  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** RE: Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for letting me know. Please find attached a copy of our Web Publishing Form for you to complete and return to assist APS to register, estimate and schedule publications.

Please ensure that your document meets SG accessibility guidelines. I have attached a list of top tips that will help ensure your document meets these requirements.

In regards to republishing the 'Summary Statistics for Attainment, Leaver Destinations and Healthy Living' on a new web page? Please could you ensure that the title of the document indicates that this is the updated version, so that this is not mistaken for the previous publication (as this will be treated as a new publication, on a new web page).

Please let me know if you have any questions in the meantime!

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** 09 August 2019 09:58  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

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Many Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 03 September 2019 08:41  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: PDF PROOF 2 - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Looks good to me if you're happy to confirm 😊 I'll put the URL in the stats news release

**From:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Sent:** 02 September 2019 14:47  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>; [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Subject:** PDF PROOF 2 - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Please find attached the revised proof of the School Estate Statistics from our Digital Studio. Grateful if you could let me know if there are any further changes or if you are otherwise happy to proceed.

The URLs for both publications are:

School Estate Statistics – <http://www.gov.scot/ISBN/9781839601316>

Healthy Living Survey – <http://www.gov.scot/ISBN/9781839601323>

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** 02 September 2019 14:03

**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: SG WEB REGISTRATION - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks I will complete the Web Registration today.

Are you able to provide the URL links for both publications?

Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** 02 September 2019 13:03

**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** SG WEB REGISTRATION - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for letting me know. I will get a revised proof of the School Estates Statistics 2019 back to you as soon as possible.

Thanks for signing-off on the Healthy Living Survey . Please could you complete the SG Web Registration Link below as soon as possible in order to schedule publication with SG. If you could let me know once this has been completed and the time and date of publication that would be great.

### **SG Web Registration**

To publish on the SG corporate website you must now click on the following link and complete the new publication form displayed. Advice on completing the form can be seen by hovering your mouse over the appropriate section of the form:

## Healthy Living Survey:

<http://sh45inta/officialpublications/details.aspx?isbn=9781839601323>

In clicking the above link and completing the online form, this will enable the SG web publications team to upload the files supplied by APS to be associated with the data you provide. These files will be sent to the Web Team shortly after you receive this notification. Failure to complete the form may result in delays to the publication of your document.

Please be aware that this is the only notification you will receive.

In the form you will be asked to provide a brief description and set a date and time for publication.

If you have any queries regarding your publication contact the publishing team on ext. 45182.

If you have any technical issues posting your publication on the website contact the SG web team [Web\\_Publications@gov.scot](mailto:Web_Publications@gov.scot).

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** 02 September 2019 12:07

**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: PDF PROOF 1 - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Please find attached the PDF for the Estates publication with comments for revision. No changes for the Healthy Living Survey.

Can you please upload the 'School Estates Statistics 2019 – Bulletin Tables – Web' excel along with the School Estates publication instead of the 'School Estates Statistics 2019 – Supplementary tables web' that were send across on Friday. Apologies for the confusion on this.

Please feel free to give me a ring if you have any questions.

Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**[REDACTED]**  
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Scottish Government  
Tel: 0131 244 4[redacted]

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Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for getting these over to me. Before I put the documents into our Digital Studio for a first proof, could you please left-align the text in the *SCHOOL HEALTHY LIVING SURVEY STATISTICS*. It is currently centre justified but it needs to be left aligned in order to meet SG accessibility guidelines. Once you return this to me I will put it into our Studio. Also, could you please clarify if the information in the '*Correspondence and enquiries*' section on the last page of the *SCHOOL ESTATES STATISTICS* should be highlighted grey as it currently is?

Many thanks,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** 30 August 2019 13:42

**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Please find attached the word version and complementary web tables for the below publications all due on **Monday 9th September at 9.30 am**.

(Publication name / Quotations ref/ Purchase Order )

- SCHOOL ESTATES STATISTICS / SCT0819811676-G-01 / SG946092
- SCHOOL HEALTHY LIVING SURVEY STATISTICS / SCT0819811676-G-02/ SG946094

**Please note these documents are restricted until the date/time given above.**

Please send the converted HTML job, PDF version and under the Scottish Government web arrangements, in time for the documents to be placed on the Government website for that embargo date and time.

Please find the main file required for this conversion job attached. Please ensure that the footnotes on pages appear as footnotes (on the correct pages) on the HTML version. If there are any issues with the borders on the top and bottom of the page please let me know asap.

Please also find attached two excel files, to be upload alongside the PDF on the Scottish Government website.

We will also be publishing the below on the same time and date, the word and supplementary tables will be sent across on Monday for conversion.

- SUMMARY STATISTICS FOR ATTAINMENT, LEAVER DESTINATIONS AND HEALTHY LIVING / SCT0819811676-G-03 / SG946095

Many Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**[REDACTED]**

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Learning Analysis | Education Analytical Services  
Scottish Government  
Tel: 0131 244 4[redacted]

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 13 August 2019 16:55

**To:** '[REDACTED]' <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>

**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for letting me know. Yes can you please hold off raising the ISBN until I have sent over the documents.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>

**Sent:** 09 August 2019 14:39

**To:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>

**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Not a problem, but before I raise the ISBNs for these three jobs, please note that if you later decide not to proceed with these publications you will still be charged for these three ISBNs. Are you happy to proceed on this basis? Alternatively, if you would like to wait until you get the final documents over to me, I will raise the ISBNs then?

Just let me know how you would like to proceed.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [\[REDACTED\]](#) [[mailto:\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])]

**Sent:** 09 August 2019 13:52

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thank you for putting these together.

Can you please also provide the ISBN for these publications and the URL links when you have these created.

Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>

**Sent:** 09 August 2019 12:54

**To:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>

**Subject:** COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for getting these back to me. I have attached an estimate for the web conversion of your forthcoming 3 documents and to assist you to raise a **purchase order number**.

Our estimate is based on PDF and HTML conversion of your supplied word document inclusive of brand check, addition of ISBN, and product code to conform with SG website guidelines.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [\[REDACTED\]](#) [[mailto:\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])]

**Sent:** 09 August 2019 11:32

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for getting back to me so quickly. Yes I will ensure we have amended the title on the revised version of the 'Summary Statistics for Attainment, Leaver Destinations and Healthy'.

Please find the web registration forms for the 3 publications.

Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>

**Sent:** 09 August 2019 10:33

**To:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>

**Subject:** RE: Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

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In regards to republishing the 'Summary Statistics for Attainment, Leaver Destinations and Healthy Living' on a new web page? Please could you ensure that the title of the document indicates that this is the updated version, so that this is not mistaken for the previous publication (as this will be treated as a new publication, on a new web page).

Please let me know if you have any questions in the meantime!

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]]

**Sent:** 09 August 2019 09:58

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Our team is responsible for the 'School Healthy Living Survey Statistics' (previously part of the 'Summary Statistics for Attainment, Leaver Destinations and Healthy Living') and the 'School Estates Statistics' (previously part of the 'Summary Statistics for Schools in Scotland').

These will be published as two separate publications but released on the same day - **9<sup>th</sup> of September at 9.30am.**

In addition to the reports we will also be publishing (on the same day) a revised version of the 'Summary Statistics for Attainment, Leaver Destinations and Healthy Living' (link for info: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/summary-statistics-attainment-leaver-destinations-healthy-living-8-2018-edition/> ).

I would be grateful if an initials quote for both the on-line publication and supplementary tables could be provided for the below. Can you please provide this as 3 separate costs references:

1. School Healthy Living Survey Statistics 2019– approx. 20 page publication and 2 supplementary excel tables
2. School Estates Statistics 2019 – approx. 20 page publication and 1 supplementary excel table
3. Revised version of Summary Statistics for Attainment, Leaver Destinations and Healthy Living 2018 - 40 page publication and 2 supplementary tables

I plan on providing a draft of all reports by the 27<sup>th</sup> of August, I this meets requirements.

Please let me know if you need any further information or action for me at this time.

Many Thanks  
[REDACTED]

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a chlàradh neo air a sgrùdadh airson dearbhadh gu bheil an siostam ag  
obair gu h-èifeachdach neo airson adhbhar laghail eile. Dh'fhaodadh  
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I've sent it now – not quite sure what happened but it's a bit of a mess as it put the text about the HLS correction three times (????). Do you want me to try and send it again without that (I definitely didn't put it in three times so how I would stop it I don't know)?

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**Subject:** School Estate stats

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What are Comms doing to promote them?

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John Swinney

MSP for Perthshire North

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“Differences between this and the previous guidance mean that a school’s condition rating may have changed when there has been little or no change to the physical condition itself. Therefore, caution is advised when comparing the 2019 figures with previous years”.

- caution is advised when making comparisons at school level as it is technically possible that for a small number of schools there could have been a change in rating when there has been little or no change in the physical condition of the school.

- This commentary was included in the report to explain to users that, for individual schools, where would not expect to have seen a change in condition rating, this may have changed due to implementation of the new guidance, as opposed to a change in the school condition.

As this affects a small number of schools, the impact of the new guidance on the Scotland level figures are minimal and therefore comparisons over time are valid. This is implicit, rather than explicit, within the document.

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Hi Clare

DFM would like an explanation to why the document on the one hand says comparisons should be treated with caution and then proceeds to structure the whole document on a comparison.

DFM has also asked to we at any stage in the document say this will have minimal effect on a scotland wide comparison?

Apologies for the tight deadline but DFM is looking this for 9am.

Thanks very much

Rachel

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[REDACTED]

This stems from a tweet by James McEnaney which takes a sentence from the School Estates publication out of context - which refers to a change in the guidance on condition for this year's collection is about school level comparison - but it is used to suggest Scotland level comparisons should also be treated cautiously.

Scottish Labour picked up this tweet shown below  
<https://twitter.com/mrmcenaney/status/1171150926377361413?s=21>

The explanation provide in lines yesterday evening copied below provides the rebuttal to this.

The Chief Statistician's own press release, issued independently of Ministers, compares between years. This is because statisticians have advised that comparisons in School Estate Statistics over time are valid for Scotland overall."

#### Background

- Statisticians have advised that comparisons in School Estate Statistics over time are valid for Scotland overall because changes to the guidance on how condition and suitability are assessed will have minimal impact on the rating calculated.

- Caution is advised when making comparisons at school level as it is technically possible that for a small number of schools there could have been a change in rating when there has been little or no change in the physical condition of the school.
- It is normal practice for statisticians to make users of their statistical bulletins aware of all factors acting on the statistics.
- Local Authorities are responsible for implementing the guidance on condition and suitability to calculate and report ratings to the Scottish Government.

Mick or [REDACTED] May wish to add more from EAS perspective.

We will of course be preparing an FMQ on this issue.

Clare

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[REDACTED] and Andy,

The DFM has asked for an explanation of the point made by Iain Gray on the School Estate stats not being a fair comparison.

I would be grateful for this for before 9 AM which is when Cabinet starts.

Can you please confirm this has been picked up and taken forward.

Thanks

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[REDACTED]  
This date seems fine to me.

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**Subject:** RE: School estate stats publication date

Hi Andy,

I need to get a date fixed for the publication of these stats. Taking all the various constraints into account 10 September is the firm favourite.

Do you have any significant concerns about that date?

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

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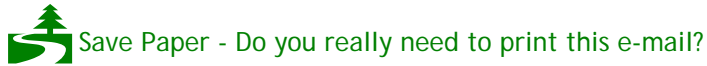
[REDACTED]

I'll come back to you on the before or after the announcement point once I've discussed with a few colleagues – but won't stop you sending off your submission today.

Yes that is what I was expecting a further reduction of pupils/schools in C/D condition so another good news story 😊

Thanks,

**Andy [REDACTED]**  
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Hi Andy,

We haven't fixed a date yet so we have a degree of flexibility within September. What makes more sense from your perspective, publishing the stats before or after the investment announcement?

Obviously I can't share the final stats as they are still embargoed at this stage (and aren't final yet anyway!). However, it would be useful to get your input for the purposes of quality assurance. It looks like the condition and suitability trends that we have seen in previous years have continued (i.e. fewer C and D). Is this what you would have expected, particularly in relation to the implementation of the new guidance?

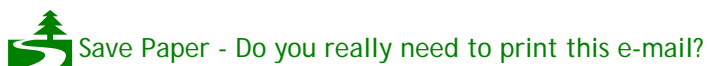
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Do we know if the numbers of pupils/schools in condition C & D has gone up or down yet?

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**Sent:** 24 July 2019 10:56  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Subject:** RE: School estate stats publication date

[REDACTED]

Was just really to check the date you intend to publish this year's schools estate stats? We are intending to announce the first phase of the new schools investment programme either as part of PfG first week in September or on 18<sup>th</sup> September so will just need to take care over handling etc.

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**Subject:** RE: School estate stats publication date

Hi Andy,

[REDACTED] said you'd wanted to speak to me about the publication date for the schools estates stats.

I'm planning to send up the submission to Ministers today so can you give me call to discuss?

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

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**Sent:** 11 July 2019 10:10  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
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[REDACTED]

Looks good to me, I've added a bit to the end of your suggested line.

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Hi Andy,

Sorry to press you on this but I'm conscious of the timescales for getting Ministerial consent etc.

Would it suffice to have something generic like "Earlier publication will enable the school infrastructure policy team to incorporate the most up to date evidence in their decision making, particularly when providing advice to Ministers of the new £1bn schools investment programme which is primarily to replace the worst condition schools throughout the country.."?"

For reference, here are the other advantages that I've identified:

- Publishing the statistics in a more timely fashion will ensure continued compliance with the Code of Practice for Statistics. The Code provides producers of official statistics with practices that they must commit to when producing and releasing official statistics. One such commitment, under the Code's Trustworthiness pillar, is that "Statistics and data should be released on a timely basis and at intervals that meet the needs of users as far as practicable. The statistics should be released as soon as they are considered ready".
- Feedback from local authorities suggests that a reduction in length of the period between data collection and publication of the statistics would be welcomed as this would allow them maintain a coherent flow through data collection, quality assurance and release.
- Separating the publication of school estates statistics from school staff and pupil census statistics means that analytical resource can be applied more consistently over the year, reducing the December pinch point

I'll send round an email describing the proposals and the benefits to key colleagues (incl. DDs, comms etc.) before sending the Ministerial submission.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 05 July 2019 15:54  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED].[REDACTED]@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** School estate stats publication date

Hi Andy,

As I mentioned a while back we're looking at trying to get the school estate stats published earlier in the year. [REDACTED] is now well underway with the QA of the data and it looks like we should be able to have the all stats ready for publication in September.

Before we can formally announce that I want to clear it with DDs, comms and SpAds and then Ministers. To help me make the case for this change can you send me a few lines on the benefits for your team of having the stats published in September rather than December?

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[REDACTED]

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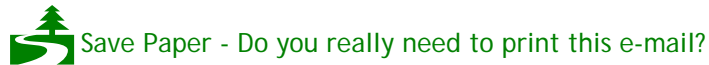
[REDACTED]

I'll come back to you on the before or after the announcement point once I've discussed with a few colleagues – but won't stop you sending off your submission today.

Yes that is what I was expecting a further reduction of pupils/schools in C/D condition so another good news story 😊

Thanks,

**Andy [REDACTED]**  
School Infrastructure Unit  
Scottish Government  
Tel: 0131 24 (47866) / 07500 122 111



**From:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Sent:** 24 July 2019 11:38  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\].\[REDACTED\]@gov.scot](#)>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Subject:** RE: School estate stats publication date

Hi Andy,

We haven't fixed a date yet so we have a degree of flexibility within September. What makes more sense from your perspective, publishing the stats before or after the investment announcement?

Obviously I can't share the final stats as they are still embargoed at this stage (and aren't final yet anyway!). However, it would be useful to get your input for the purposes of quality assurance. It looks like the condition and suitability trends that we have seen in previous years have continued (i.e. fewer C and D). Is this what you would have expected, particularly in relation to the implementation of the new guidance?

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\].\[REDACTED\]@gov.scot](mailto:[REDACTED].[REDACTED]@gov.scot)>  
**Sent:** 24 July 2019 10:58  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])>  
**Subject:** RE: School estate stats publication date

Do we know if the numbers of pupils/schools in condition C & D has gone up or down yet?

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**To:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])>  
**Subject:** RE: School estate stats publication date

[REDACTED]  
Was just really to check the date you intend to publish this year's schools estate stats? We are intending to announce the first phase of the new schools investment programme either as part of PfG first week in September or on 18<sup>th</sup> September so will just need to take care over handling etc.

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**To:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\].\[REDACTED\]@gov.scot](mailto:[REDACTED].[REDACTED]@gov.scot)>  
**Subject:** RE: School estate stats publication date

Hi Andy,

[REDACTED] said you'd wanted to speak to me about the publication date for the schools estates stats.

I'm planning to send up the submission to Ministers today so can you give me call to discuss?

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\].\[REDACTED\]@gov.scot](mailto:[REDACTED].[REDACTED]@gov.scot)>

**Sent:** 11 July 2019 10:10

**To:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])>

**Subject:** RE: School estate stats publication date

[REDACTED]

Looks good to me, I've added a bit to the end of your suggested line.

[REDACTED]

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**To:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\].\[REDACTED\]@gov.scot](mailto:[REDACTED].[REDACTED]@gov.scot)>

**Subject:** RE: School estate stats publication date

Hi Andy,

Sorry to press you on this but I'm conscious of the timescales for getting Ministerial consent etc.

Would it suffice to have something generic like "Earlier publication will enable the school infrastructure policy team to incorporate the most up to date evidence in their decision making, particularly when providing advice to Ministers of the new £1bn schools investment programme which is primarily to replace the worst condition schools throughout the country.."?"

For reference, here are the other advantages that I've identified:

- Publishing the statistics in a more timely fashion will ensure continued compliance with the Code of Practice for Statistics. The Code provides producers of official statistics with practices that they must commit to when producing and releasing official statistics. One such commitment, under the Code's Trustworthiness pillar, is that "Statistics and data should be released on a timely basis and at intervals that meet the needs of users as far as practicable. The statistics should be released as soon as they are considered ready".
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- Separating the publication of school estates statistics from school staff and pupil census statistics means that analytical resource can be applied more consistently over the year, reducing the December pinch point

I'll send round an email describing the proposals and the benefits to key colleagues (incl. DDs, comms etc.) before sending the Ministerial submission.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 05 July 2019 15:54

**To:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\].\[REDACTED\]@gov.scot](mailto:[REDACTED].[REDACTED]@gov.scot)>

**Subject:** School estate stats publication date

Hi Andy,

As I mentioned a while back we're looking at trying to get the school estate stats published earlier in the year. [REDACTED] is now well underway with the QA of the data and it looks like we should be able to have the all stats ready for publication in September.

Before we can formally announce that I want to clear it with DDs, comms and SpAds and then Ministers. To help me make the case for this change can you send me a few lines on the benefits for your team of having the stats published in September rather than December?

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

**From:** Hicks C (Clare)  
**Sent:** 10 September 2019 07:43  
**To:** Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills; [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; Director of Learning; DG Education, Communities & Justice; Wilson M (Mick)  
**Subject:** RE: School estate stats

[REDACTED]

This stems from a tweet by James McEnaney which takes a sentence from the School Estates publication out of context - which refers to a change in the guidance on condition for this year's collection is about school level comparison - but it is used to suggest Scotland level comparisons should also be treated cautiously.

Scottish Labour picked up this tweet shown below

<https://twitter.com/mrmcenaney/status/1171150926377361413?s=21>

The explanation provide in lines yesterday evening copied below provides the rebuttal to this.

The Chief Statistician's own press release, issued independently of Ministers, compares between years. This is because statisticians have advised that comparisons in School Estate Statistics over time are valid for Scotland overall.”

#### Background

- Statisticians have advised that comparisons in School Estate Statistics over time are valid for Scotland overall because changes to the guidance on how condition and suitability are assessed will have minimal impact on the rating calculated.
- Caution is advised when making comparisons at school level as it is technically possible that for a small number of schools there could have been a change in rating when there has been little or no change in the physical condition of the school.
- It is normal practice for statisticians to make users of their statistical bulletins aware of all factors acting on the statistics.
- Local Authorities are responsible for implementing the guidance on condition and suitability to calculate and report ratings to the Scottish Government.

Mick or [REDACTED] May wish to add more from EAS perspective.

We will of course be preparing an FMQ on this issue.

Clare

**From:** Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills <[DFMCSE@gov.scot](mailto:DFMCSE@gov.scot)>  
**Date:** Tuesday, 10 Sep 2019, 7:26 am  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])>, Hicks C (Clare) <[Clare.Hicks@gov.scot](mailto:Clare.Hicks@gov.scot)>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])>, [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\].\[REDACTED\]@gov.scot](mailto:[REDACTED].[REDACTED]@gov.scot)>, [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])>, Director of Learning <[DirectorofLearning@gov.scot](mailto:DirectorofLearning@gov.scot)>, DG Education, Communities & Justice <[DGECJ@gov.scot](mailto:DGECJ@gov.scot)>

**Subject:** School estate stats

[REDACTED] and Andy,

The DFM has asked for an explanation of the point made by Iain Gray on the School Estate stats not being a fair comparison.

I would be grateful for this for before 9 AM which is when Cabinet starts.

Can you please confirm this has been picked up and taken forward.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: School estates and Healthy Living Survey Statistics - Publication date

Great, thanks everyone, we'll go with Monday 9 September.

**From:** [redacted] P ([redacted]) <[\[redacted\].\[redacted\]@gov.scot](mailto:[redacted].[redacted]@gov.scot)>  
**Sent:** 02 August 2019 13:28  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\].\[REDACTED\]@gov.scot](mailto:[REDACTED].[REDACTED]@gov.scot)>; [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])>; [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])>; [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])>; [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])>  
**Subject:** RE: School estates and Healthy Living Survey Statistics - Publication date

Cheers [REDACTED]

9<sup>th</sup> is good for me.

Ta

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The 9<sup>th</sup> works best for me also.

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**Subject:** School estates and Healthy Living Survey Statistics - Publication date

Hi,

As you'll know, this year's school estates and Healthy Living Survey statistics will be published on the same day in September.

My preferred date was 10 September but this clashes with the release of the Scottish Household Survey results which DFM may lead on. Potential alternatives are 9 September and 17 September. The main drawback to both is that they follow a non-working day but that

is more of an operational issue that we can manage. Of the two, 9 September suits my team better.

If anyone has any concerns of either of these dates please let me know asap.

Sorry this is proving to be a bit of faff to sort out!

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills  
**Sent:** 26 July 2019 12:34  
**To:** [REDACTED]; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills  
**Cc:** DG Education, Communities & Justice; McAllister C (Colin); [REDACTED](Communications); [REDACTED] J ([REDACTED]); Director of Learning; Wilson M (Mick); Hicks C (Clare); [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [redacted] P ([redacted]); [redacted] L ([redacted]); [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: School Estates statistics - Publication Date

[REDACTED]

Thank you for your email – DFM has noted.

Kind Regards  
[REDACTED]

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**Subject:** School Estates statistics - Publication Date

Please find attached submission relating to the publication date of school estates statistics.

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0131 244 0[redacted]

**From:** [REDACTED](Communications)  
**Sent:** 12 July 2019 09:18  
**To:** [REDACTED]; Wilson M (Mick); [REDACTED]; [REDACTED];  
Hicks C (Clare); [REDACTED]; [REDACTED] J ([REDACTED]);  
McAllister C (Colin)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: School estates statistics - rescheduling of publication date

Fine for me thanks [REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 11 July 2019 18:19  
**To:** Wilson M (Mick) <[Mick.Wilson@gov.scot](mailto:Mick.Wilson@gov.scot)>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED].[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; Hicks C (Clare) <[Clare.Hicks@gov.scot](mailto:Clare.Hicks@gov.scot)>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED](Communications) <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] J ([REDACTED]) <[REDACTED].[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; McAllister C (Colin) <[Colin.McAllister@gov.scot](mailto:Colin.McAllister@gov.scot)>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** School estates statistics - rescheduling of publication date

All,

The school estate statistics have traditionally been published in December alongside the statistics from the September school staff and pupil census (see Summary Statistics for Schools in Scotland <https://www2.gov.scot/Topics/Statistics/Browse/School-Education/Summarystatsforschools> ). However, as the school estates source data is collected in May there is scope for the publication of the school estates statistics to be brought forward to earlier in the year.

The benefits of earlier publication are as follows:

- Earlier publication will enable the School Infrastructure policy team to incorporate the most up to date evidence in their decision making, particularly when providing advice to Ministers of the new £1bn schools investment programme which is primarily to replace the worst condition schools throughout the country.
- Publishing the statistics in a more timely fashion will ensure continued compliance with the Code of Practice for Statistics. The Code provides producers of official statistics with practices that they must commit to when producing and releasing official statistics. One such commitment, under the Code's Trustworthiness pillar, is that "Statistics and data should be released on a timely basis and at intervals that meet the needs of users as far as practicable. The statistics should be released as soon as they are considered ready".
- Under the present timelines the school estates statistics may be subject to release prior to the planned date in response to a request under FOI legislation. Such unplanned releases are difficult to manage and undermine the value of the statistics upon their formal release.

- Feedback from local authorities suggests that a reduction in length of the period between data collection and publication of the statistics would be welcomed as this would allow them maintain a coherent flow through data collection, quality assurance and release.
- Separating the publication of school estates statistics from school staff and pupil census statistics means that analytical resource can be applied more consistently over the year, reducing the December pinch point.

I am therefore proposing that publication of the school estates statistics is brought forward to September. Quality assurance work is already well underway and we have a plan in place which will mean the stats are ready for publication in September. Publication in September will allow the school estates statistics to be released simultaneously with the Healthy Living Survey statistics which have already been announced for September, if that would be beneficial. In this instance my recommendation is that the statistics are published in separate bulletins but this would not prohibit joint handling where appropriate. The precise date of publication can be agreed closer to the event. Publication of the statistics from the school staff and pupil census will continue as normal in December this year.

**I would be grateful for comments on this proposal and/or confirmation you are content by 19 July.** This is to allow time for consultation with Ministers before formal announcement of the publication date which should ideally take place by end of July.

Thanks,

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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: School Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics -  
Statistics News Releases

Hi [REDACTED],

That'd be great, thank you! The submissions are due to go up later this afternoon.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
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Learning Analysis | Education Analytical Services | Scottish Government  
Tel: 0131 244 0[redacted]

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**Subject:** RE: School Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics - Statistics News Releases

Hi [REDACTED],

I will take a look and get back to you. Apologies for not being at the meeting this morning.

When do the submissions go to DFM?

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

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Hi [REDACTED],

Please find attached the draft stats news releases for the School Healthy Living Survey, and School Estate Statistics 2019 publications due to be published next Monday.

Can you please let us know if you have any comments ASAP this afternoon?

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 02 September 2019 14:03  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: SG WEB REGISTRATION - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks I will complete the Web Registration today.

Are you able to provide the URL links for both publications?

Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
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**Subject:** SG WEB REGISTRATION - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for letting me know. I will get a revised proof of the School Estates Statistics 2019 back to you as soon as possible.

Thanks for signing-off on the Healthy Living Survey . Please could you complete the SG Web Registration Link below as soon as possible in order to schedule publication with SG. If you could let me know once this has been completed and the time and date of publication that would be great.

### **SG Web Registration**

To publish on the SG corporate website you must now click on the following link and complete the new publication form displayed. Advice on completing the form can be seen by hovering your mouse over the appropriate section of the form:

### **Healthy Living Survey:**

<http://sh45inta/officialpublications/details.aspx?isbn=9781839601323>

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Kind regards,  
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**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: PDF PROOF 1 - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Please find attached the PDF for the Estates publication with comments for revision. No changes for the Healthy Living Survey.

Can you please upload the 'School Estates Statistics 2019 – Bulletin Tables – Web' excel along with the School Estates publication instead of the 'School Estates Statistics 2019 – Supplementary tables web' that were send across on Friday. Apologies for the confusion on this.

Please feel free to give me a ring if you have any questions.

Thanks  
[REDACTED]

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Hi [REDACTED],

I have attached the proof of your documents. Please let me know if there are any further changes or if you are otherwise happy to proceed.

If the changes are minor (less than 15) please mark-up the pdf. If the changes are extensive (more than 15) we ask that you provide a revised word document.

Due to the tight timescales, please let me know as soon as possible how you would like to proceed.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

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**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for getting these over to me.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 02 September 2019 09:10  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Apologies I misunderstood. Please find an excel with the tables used in the school estates publication attached.

Many Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Sent:** 02 September 2019 09:00  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>; [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Our Digital Media team don't require the original source format of the graphs but they will need the source files of the tables (i.e. **Table 2.1: Schools built or substantially refurbished, 2011-2019**). Please could you get these over to me in either Word or Excel format? Hope this clarifies but let me know if you have any further questions.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [\[REDACTED\]](#) <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Sent:** 02 September 2019 08:55  
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Morning [REDACTED],

I attached a word document with the separate graphs (they are grouped), do you need the actual figures these tables were produced from?

Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Sent:** 02 September 2019 08:50  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
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**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Morning [REDACTED],

Thanks for getting these over to me. I will put these into our Digital Studio and get first proofs over to you as soon as possible. As the tables in the School Estate Statistics publication are still in the document as images, please could you get the source files for these over to me (in either Word or Excel format) as these are required for the HTML conversion.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** 30 August 2019 17:19

**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Please find attached an amended version of the publication and supplementary tables, along with word documents of the graphs used.

Again apologies for the last minute amendments

Please let me know if you need anything else.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** 30 August 2019 15:51

**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Not a problem, I will wait until I get the latest versions from you before putting them into our Digital Studio. Thanks for letting me know.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** 30 August 2019 15:49

**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Yes I will send these over for both publications shortly. Apologies we have had a few last minute minor amendments to the word documents. Therefore I will send over a revised version of that asap.

Apologies for any inconvenience.

Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
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Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for this. I have noticed that the tables in the School Estates Statistics have been inserted as images. We will require the original source files of the tables (in either Word or Excel) for the HTML conversion. Please could you get these over to me as soon as possible?

Our Digital Studio should have first proofs ready by close of play on Monday. Please note that your documents may publish initially in PDF format, with the HTML to follow when ready.

Many thanks,  
[REDACTED]

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**Sent:** 30 August 2019 15:03  
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**Cc:** [\[REDACTED\]](#); [\[REDACTED\]](#)  
**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Please find a updated version of both publications.

I have left-aligned the School Healthy Living Survey and removed the grey section from School Estates Statistics.

Many Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Sent:** 30 August 2019 14:49  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>; [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for getting these over to me. Before I put the documents into our Digital Studio for a first proof, could you please left-align the text in the *SCHOOL HEALTHY LIVING SURVEY STATISTICS*. It is currently centre justified but it needs to be left aligned in order to meet SG accessibility guidelines.

Once you return this to me I will put it into our Studio. Also, could you please clarify if the information in the '*Correspondence and enquiries*' section on the last page of the *SCHOOL ESTATES STATISTICS* should be highlighted grey as it currently is?

Many thanks,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** 30 August 2019 13:42

**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Please find attached the word version and complementary web tables for the below publications all due on **Monday 9th September at 9.30 am.**

(Publication name / Quotations ref/ Purchase Order )

- SCHOOL ESTATES STATISTICS / SCT0819811676-G-01 / SG946092
- SCHOOL HEALTHY LIVING SURVEY STATISTICS / SCT0819811676-G-02/ SG946094

**Please note these documents are restricted until the date/time given above.**

Please send the converted HTML job, PDF version and under the Scottish Government web arrangements, in time for the documents to be placed on the Government website for that embargo date and time.

Please find the main file required for this conversion job attached. Please ensure that the footnotes on pages appear as footnotes (on the correct pages) on the HTML version. If there are any issues with the borders on the top and bottom of the page please let me know asap.

Please also find attached two excel files, to be upload alongside the PDF on the Scottish Government website.

We will also be publishing the below on the same time and date, the word and supplementary tables will be sent across on Monday for conversion.

- SUMMARY STATISTICS FOR ATTAINMENT, LEAVER DESTINATIONS AND HEALTHY LIVING / SCT0819811676-G-03 / SG946095

Many Thanks  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

School, Staff and Pupil Census Statistics  
Learning Analysis | Education Analytical Services  
Scottish Government  
Tel: 0131 244 4[redacted]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 13 August 2019 16:55  
**To:** '[REDACTED]' <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for letting me know. Yes can you please hold off raising the ISBN until I have sent over the documents.

Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Sent:** 09 August 2019 14:39  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Not a problem, but before I raise the ISBNs for these three jobs, please note that if you later decide not to proceed with these publications you will still be charged for these three ISBNs. Are you happy to proceed on this basis? Alternatively, if you would like to wait until you get the final documents over to me, I will raise the ISBNs then?

Just let me know how you would like to proceed.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [\[REDACTED\]](#) [[mailto:\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])]  
**Sent:** 09 August 2019 13:52  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thank you for putting these together.

Can you please also provide the ISBN for these publications and the URL links when you have these created.

Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Sent:** 09 August 2019 12:54  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Subject:** COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for getting these back to me. I have attached an estimate for the web conversion of your forthcoming 3 documents and to assist you to raise a **purchase order number**.

Our estimate is based on PDF and HTML conversion of your supplied word document inclusive of brand check, addition of ISBN, and product code to conform with SG website guidelines.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [\[REDACTED\]](#) [[mailto:\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])]  
**Sent:** 09 August 2019 11:32  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for getting back to me so quickly. Yes I will ensure we have amended the title on the revised version of the 'Summary Statistics for Attainment, Leaver Destinations and Healthy'.

Please find the web registration forms for the 3 publications.

Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Sent:** 09 August 2019 10:33  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Subject:** RE: Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for letting me know. Please find attached a copy of our Web Publishing Form for you to complete and return to assist APS to register, estimate and schedule publications.

Please ensure that your document meets SG accessibility guidelines. I have attached a list of top tips that will help ensure your document meets these requirements.

In regards to republishing the 'Summary Statistics for Attainment, Leaver Destinations and Healthy Living' on a new web page? Please could you ensure that the title of the document indicates that this is the updated version, so that this is not mistaken for the previous publication (as this will be treated as a new publication, on a new web page).

Please let me know if you have any questions in the meantime!

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** 09 August 2019 09:58  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Our team is responsible for the 'School Healthy Living Survey Statistics' (previously part of the 'Summary Statistics for Attainment, Leaver Destinations and Healthy Living') and the 'School Estates Statistics' (previously part of the 'Summary Statistics for Schools in Scotland').

These will be published as two separate publications but released on the same day - **9<sup>th</sup> of September at 9.30am.**

In addition to the reports we will also be publishing (on the same day) a revised version of the 'Summary Statistics for Attainment, Leaver Destinations and Healthy Living' (link for info: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/summary-statistics-attainment-leaver-destinations-healthy-living-8-2018-edition/> ).

I would be grateful if an initials quote for both the on-line publication and supplementary tables could be provided for the below. Can you please provide this as 3 separate costs references:

1. School Healthy Living Survey Statistics 2019– approx. 20 page publication and 2 supplementary excel tables
2. School Estates Statistics 2019 – approx. 20 page publication and 1 supplementary excel table
3. Revised version of Summary Statistics for Attainment, Leaver Destinations and Healthy Living 2018 - 40 page publication and 2 supplementary tables

I plan on providing a draft of all reports by the 27<sup>th</sup> of August, I this meets requirements.

Please let me know if you need any further information or action for me at this time.

Many Thanks  
[REDACTED]

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Dh'fhaodadh gum bi teachdaireachd sam bith bho Riaghaltas na h-Alba air a chlàradh neo air a sgrùdadh airson dearbhadh gu bheil an siostam ag obair gu h-èifeachdach neo airson adhbhar laghail eile. Dh'fhaodadh nach eil beachdan anns a' phost-d seo co-ionann ri beachdan Riaghaltas na h-Alba.

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Have made some changes – sorry it's so late in the day!

**[REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED]** – do the below lines, based on the news release, look OK from your perspective? This is for a social media video to publish after today's event from the main @ScotGov social channels.

###

**We've announced the first 26 schools  
being replaced across Scotland**

**as part of a £1 billion  
investment programme**

**89.6% of pupils are learning in schools  
In good or satisfactory condition**

**And the new Learning Estate Strategy  
will give even more pupils**

access to digitally enabled, low carbon schools and campuses

furthering the work of the £1.8 billion Schools for the Future programme,

connecting campuses with communities and improving standards of learning

from early years through to schools, colleges and universities

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Thanks,  
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**To:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>

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Hi [REDACTED],

I've mocked up a rough draft of a script (see below) but am happy to talk through the steer you'd prefer for this script to have. The accompanying post text can make it clear this is a PfG commitment and make reference to the first batch of schools which are being replaced/developed.

###

We're investing £1 billion  
**To rebuild** schools across Scotland

We've already helped to give 60,000 students access to high quality, modern learning facilities \*\*this slide may change on Monday\*\*

through our Schools for the Future programme

and this new **strategy** will benefit around 50,000 pupils

by developing digitally-enabled, low carbon schools

connecting campuses with their local communities  
and improving standards of learning

from early years through to schools and colleges

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Many thanks,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (Pronouns: [She/her](#))

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Hi [REDACTED],

Latest NR below (no FM quote yet) with stats redacted as discussed. If you could pop in a placeholder slide for them just now as they will be worth including to reference the good work we've done so far.

Happy to take a look at any suggested script! Will pop the footage I mentioned over shortly as well.

Thanks,  
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Hi all,

Release below with stats redacted (have put asterisks so you can see where they have been taken from).

Submission is also attached which includes details of the projects cleared by DFM for this phase.

####

## Learning Estate Investment

First phase of £1 billion investment **replaces 26** schools.

Schools in the highlands, the Outer Hebrides and **North Ayrshire** are among those announced as part of the next phase of developing low carbon, fit for purpose learning facilities.

The Scottish Government will provide funding of between £220 million and £275 million to local authorities across the country for the projects, with a further phase of investment to be announced within 12 months.

Scotland's Learning Estate Strategy, also published today, outlines how lessons learned from previous education infrastructure projects will inform future projects including today's announcement, with a focus on creating high quality, low-carbon and digitally enabled schools and learning campuses.

Several of the projects announced bring together nurseries, schools **including specialist centres for pupils with additional support needs**, colleges and universities in multi-purpose 3-18 campuses **with additional facilities to benefit the surrounding community**.

The first projects in this phase could open as soon as 2023-24

First Minister Nicola Sturgeon, Education Secretary John Swinney and COSLA Chief Executive XYY announced the projects at Peterhead High School, one of three local schools being replaced in this phase.

Ms Sturgeon said:

**\*\*FM QUOTE\*\***

Mr Swinney said:

“Creating and maintaining high quality, fit for purpose educational facilities demonstrates to pupils, teachers, staff and the community how valuable learning is.

“The progress made through Scotland's Schools for the Future has had a significant impact on the condition of schools across the country – **\*\*\*\*\* condition, and \*\*\*\*\* have been rebuilt or substantially refurbished since \*\*\*\*\*.**

“There is still more to do, and I have seen myself the urgency with which some schools require updating. The first phase of the £1 billion Learning Estate Investment Programme prioritises schools in need of updating, as identified by local authorities, to ensure rapid progress where most required.

**\*\*COSLA Quote\*\***

## **Background**

Scotland's Learning Estate Strategy can be read here.

The Scottish Government will pay for ongoing maintenance of the new facility and fund other outcomes to be determined on a case-by-case basis.

School Estate Statistics are published annually.

**\*\*Breakdown of schools to be included in first phase\*\* - Andy / [REDACTED] can you simplify the table from the briefing with the first three columns the same and the fourth column detailing how much funding the projects will receive?**

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**Subject:** RE: OFFICIAL SENSITIVE: PRE-RELEASE STATISTICS For policy / statistician views: Slides to accompany publication of School Estate stats

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It would be helpful to see the social media video (or stills) to see the stats in the context they are being presented.

Thanks,

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**Cc:** [REDACTED](Communications) <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** OFFICIAL SENSITIVE: PRE-RELEASE STATISTICS For policy / statistician views: Slides to accompany publication of School Estate stats

Policy / Statistical colleagues,

We have incorporated some of the school estate statistics into our announcement on Scotland's Learning Estate Strategy – as such we will not be preparing a ministerial statement but below I have suggested lines for a social media video to publicise the school estate statistics on Twitter from 0930.

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Tweet to accompany: Scotland's School Estate statistics 2019 have been published, with more pupils than at any point since 2007 being educated in schools in good or satisfactory condition.

Read more: (bit.ly link)

\*\*social media slides\*\* eg: <https://twitter.com/ScotGovEdu/status/1158660800082587648>

1: Almost 90% of Scottish schools are in good or satisfactory condition, up from 61.1% in 2007

2: Since 2007-08, 928 schools have been built or substantially refurbished

3: And we will shortly announce the next phase of a £1 billion investment programme

4: to create low carbon, digitally enabled schools to benefit even more pupils across the country

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Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 11 July 2019 18:19  
**To:** Wilson M (Mick); [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; Hicks C (Clare); [REDACTED]; [REDACTED](Communications); [REDACTED] J ([REDACTED]); McAllister C (Colin)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** School estates statistics - rescheduling of publication date

All,

The school estate statistics have traditionally been published in December alongside the statistics from the September school staff and pupil census (see Summary Statistics for Schools in Scotland <https://www2.gov.scot/Topics/Statistics/Browse/School-Education/Summarystatsforschools> ). However, as the school estates source data is collected in May there is scope for the publication of the school estates statistics to be brought forward to earlier in the year.

The benefits of earlier publication are as follows:

- Earlier publication will enable the School Infrastructure policy team to incorporate the most up to date evidence in their decision making, particularly when providing advice to Ministers of the new £1bn schools investment programme which is primarily to replace the worst condition schools throughout the country.
- Publishing the statistics in a more timely fashion will ensure continued compliance with the Code of Practice for Statistics. The Code provides producers of official statistics with practices that they must commit to when producing and releasing official statistics. One such commitment, under the Code's Trustworthiness pillar, is that "Statistics and data should be released on a timely basis and at intervals that meet the needs of users as far as practicable. The statistics should be released as soon as they are considered ready".
- Under the present timelines the school estates statistics may be subject to release prior to the planned date in response to a request under FOI legislation. Such unplanned releases are difficult to manage and undermine the value of the statistics upon their formal release.
- Feedback from local authorities suggests that a reduction in length of the period between data collection and publication of the statistics would be welcomed as this would allow them maintain a coherent flow through data collection, quality assurance and release.
- Separating the publication of school estates statistics from school staff and pupil census statistics means that analytical resource can be applied more consistently over the year, reducing the December pinch point.

I am therefore proposing that publication of the school estates statistics is brought forward to September. Quality assurance work is already well underway and we have a plan in place which will mean the stats are ready for publication in September. Publication in September will allow the school estates statistics to be released simultaneously with the Healthy Living

Survey statistics which have already been announced for September, if that would be beneficial. In this instance my recommendation is that the statistics are published in separate bulletins but this would not prohibit joint handling where appropriate. The precise date of publication can be agreed closer to the event. Publication of the statistics from the school staff and pupil census will continue as normal in December this year.

**I would be grateful for comments on this proposal and/or confirmation you are content by 19 July.** This is to allow time for consultation with Ministers before formal announcement of the publication date which should ideally take place by end of July.

Thanks,

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 30 August 2019 16:04  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Healthy Living Survey and School Estates Ministerial submission review

[REDACTED]/[REDACTED],

Really like the same new branding across both reports and the new charts on the front of the Estates report. Ministerial submissions looking good. please see below for some specific feedback on the individual components.

Estates stats report

- New charts on page 1 – some of the figures are not in Arial font
- I've made one wording change on page 13 in tracked changes

Ministerial submissions

- I've not checked the figures are correct, I assume this has already been done
- I've made some small tweaks in tracked changes
- Estates – feels a bit light in content. Can we add more to Annex A?

HLS supplementary tables

- Contents page – cell B10 – font size
- Background notes – I don't think the changes in the word document have been copied over

Estates supplementary tables

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Thanks,  
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**Sent:** 30 August 2019 14:35  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>; [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Subject:** Healthy Living Survey and School Estates Ministerial submission review

Hi [REDACTED],

Please find attached a copy of the ministerial briefing for HLS and School Estates 2019, along with the bulletin and supplementary tables if you need them.

Apologies for the tight around on this, we are planning on sending a copy of the bulletin, supplementary tables, briefing (if ready) and news release out to the pre-release list at approximately 9.30 on Monday. If the briefings need more work or you've not had time to check them, I'm happy to send these out later in the day.

Please let me know if these timings don't suit you or if you have any questions.

Many Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**[REDACTED]**  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 02 September 2019 13:56  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: HLS and Estates New Release

Thanks [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Some small tweaks required to both

Thanks,  
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**From:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Sent:** 02 September 2019 12:47  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>; [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Subject:** HLS and Estates New Release

Hi [REDACTED],

Please a copy of the news release for HLS and Estates attached.

Thanks  
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McAllister C (Colin)  
**Subject:** RE: OFFICIAL SENSITIVE - Pre-release statistics - School Estate  
Statistics 2019 - Ministerial briefing

Morning,

Could I please have the final version of the statistical release for School Estate Statistics 2019 to issue at 0930?

Thanks,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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**Subject:** OFFICIAL SENSITIVE - Pre-release statistics - School Estate Statistics 2019 - Ministerial briefing

Please find attached an advance copy of, and the associated briefing for, School Estate Statistics 2019 (scheduled for publication on 9 September).

**Official sensitive – Pre-release statistics. Do not forward or share beyond this copy list until after 9.30 am Monday 9 September**

You are being given access to these materials in advance of publication to allow you to ensure that Scottish Ministers and office-holders are able to comment on the statistics properly at the time of release, as set out in the Pre-release Access to Official Statistics (Scotland) Order 2008. If you think you need to discuss or share these statistics with anyone not on this circulation list then please seek prior approval from me first.

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Scottish Government  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 26 August 2019 17:36  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: School Estate Statistics Publication  
**Attachments:** School Estate Statistics 2019 - Bulletin draft EB.docx

[REDACTED],

Report looks good, I've made some tracked changes in the word doc attached.

I haven't checked the figures or checked them against the supplementary tables. I assume someone else in your team has already done this.

Some comments on the Excel files, just at a first glance, I haven't been through these thoroughly

- Contents page – “Summary Statistics for School Estates in Scotland bulletin” should read “School Estates Statistics 2019 bulletin”
- Content page - Table 5.2: Primary school **suitability** by local authority, April 2019
- Table 1 - number formats – 2010 should be 2,010 (etc) – also appears in Table 4.1 (and possibly others haven't checked all tables)
- Table 4.1: Condition of all schools and the number of pupils on their school roll, April **2007** – April 2019

Thanks,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Sent:** 23 August 2019 09:00  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Subject:** School Estate Statistics Publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Please find attached the current draft of the School Estates publication and supplementary tables, due to be published on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September, for your review.

Thanks!

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED](Communications)  
**Sent:** 08 September 2019 20:53  
**To:** Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills; Communications DFM & Education; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; News Desk; [REDACTED]; Wilson M (Mick); [REDACTED]; Director of Learning; DG Education, Communities & Justice  
**Cc:** Mcnicoll K (Kristen); Oakes C (Conor)  
**Subject:** RE: School Estate stats

[REDACTED]

I've forwarded the statistics publication to you.

We have an infographic video in preparation to issue tomorrow morning at 0930.

The statistics are also mentioned in the learning estate strategy news release to issue at lunchtime to coincide with the visit. This release is still with spads so it'll come to ministers as soon as possible in the morning.

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills <[DFMCSE@gov.scot](mailto:DFMCSE@gov.scot)>

**Sent:** 8 Sep 2019 20:22

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**Subject:** Re: School Estate stats

Copying in Duty Comms.

Please note, I have been in contact with DFM and he is looking for a response this evening.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

Sent from my Blackberry 10 smartphone.

**From:** Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills

**Sent:** Sunday, 8 September 2019 19:53

**To:** Communications DFM & Education; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED](Communications); [REDACTED]; News Desk; [REDACTED]; Wilson M (Mick); [REDACTED]; Director of Learning; DG Education, Communities & Justice

**Cc:** Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills

**Subject:** Fw: School Estate stats

Folks

Please see email below from the Deputy First Minister - I'd be grateful if you could confirm this has been picked up and forward on the relevant details as soon as possible this evening.

More than happy to discuss.

[REDACTED]

Sent from my Blackberry 10 smartphone.

**From:** Swinney J (John), MSP <[John.Swinney.msp@parliament.scot](mailto:John.Swinney.msp@parliament.scot)>

**Sent:** Sunday, 8 September 2019 19:43

**To:** Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills

**Subject:** School Estate stats

Could you send me the details of the school estate stats to be published tomorrow.

What are Comms doing to promote them?

Thanks

J

John Swinney

MSP for Perthshire North

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**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: School Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics - Statistics News Releases

That would be ideal thank you.

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**Sent:** 03 September 2019 14:36  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>; [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Subject:** RE: School Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics - Statistics News Releases

Hi [REDACTED],

Thank you! We'll keep the briefings separate but are happy to combine the pre-release access lists for the purposes of discussing media handling.

Thanks,

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**Subject:** RE: School Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics - Statistics News Releases

Couple of tweaks to the healthy living one – School Estate statistics look fine.

I think we should do some form of Ministerial comment or release and some social to pull out some of the key facts. I will take a look and get something in the system this week. Is there any way to update the pre-release access lists so that all are on the pre-release for both to make clearance procedure more straightforward?

Thanks,  
[REDACTED]

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**Subject:** RE: School Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics - Statistics News Releases

Hi [REDACTED],

That'd be great, thank you! The submissions are due to go up later this afternoon.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

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**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>; [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>

**Subject:** RE: School Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics - Statistics News Releases

Hi [REDACTED],

I will take a look and get back to you. Apologies for not being at the meeting this morning.

When do the submissions go to DFM?

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**[REDACTED]**

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**Sent:** 03 September 2019 13:40

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**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>; [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>

**Subject:** School Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics - Statistics News Releases

Hi [REDACTED],

Please find attached the draft stats news releases for the School Healthy Living Survey, and School Estate Statistics 2019 publications due to be published next Monday.

Can you please let us know if you have any comments ASAP this afternoon?

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

**[REDACTED]**

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**Cc:** [REDACTED](Communications); [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT || RE: OFFICIAL SENSITIVE: PRE-RELEASE STATISTICS For policy / statistician views: Slides to accompany publication of School Estate stats

Excellent will publish on Twitter with link to the stats release now they have issued. Will flag to DFM as trail for today's announcement when the news release goes up – just undergoing final style checks.

Thanks all for quick responses this morning.  
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**Subject:** RE: URGENT || RE: OFFICIAL SENSITIVE: PRE-RELEASE STATISTICS For policy / statistician views: Slides to accompany publication of School Estate stats

Thanks [REDACTED]. Looks good.

[REDACTED]

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Hi [REDACTED],

No changes from us ☺

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

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**Subject:** URGENT || RE: OFFICIAL SENSITIVE: PRE-RELEASE STATISTICS For policy / statistician views: Slides to accompany publication of School Estate stats

**Importance:** High

Hi [REDACTED], all,

I have tweaked the wording of the first slide. Grateful for **URGENT** views on the slides and text to issue at 0930 with the stats release.

**Tweet:** Scotland's School Estate statistics 2019 have been published, with more pupils than at any point since 2007 being educated in schools in good or satisfactory condition.

- 1: **88.3% of schools are** in good or satisfactory condition, up from 61.1% in 2007
- 2: Since 2007-08, 928 schools have been built or substantially refurbished
- 3: And we will shortly announce the next phase of a £1 billion investment programme
- 4: to create low carbon, digitally enabled schools to benefit even more pupils across the country

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

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**Cc:** [REDACTED](Communications) <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** RE: OFFICIAL SENSITIVE: PRE-RELEASE STATISTICS For policy / statistician views: Slides to accompany publication of School Estate stats

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Policy / Statistical colleagues,

We have incorporated some of the school estate statistics into our announcement on Scotland's Learning Estate Strategy – as such we will not be preparing a ministerial statement but below I have suggested lines for a social media video to publicise the school estate statistics on Twitter from 0930.

####

Tweet to accompany: Scotland's School Estate statistics 2019 have been published, with more pupils than at any point since 2007 being educated in schools in good or satisfactory condition.

Read more: (bit.ly link)

\*\*social media slides\*\* eg: <https://twitter.com/ScotGovEdu/status/1158660800082587648>

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**Cc:** [REDACTED](Communications)  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT || RE: OFFICIAL SENSITIVE: PRE-RELEASE STATISTICS For policy / statistician views: Slides to accompany publication of School Estate stats

Hi [REDACTED],

No changes from us 😊

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

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**Sent:** 09 September 2019 09:23  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED].[REDACTED]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; Wilson M (Mick) <Mick.Wilson@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
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**Importance:** High

Hi [REDACTED], all,

I have tweaked the wording of the first slide. Grateful for **URGENT** views on the slides and text to issue at 0930 with the stats release.

**Tweet:** Scotland's School Estate statistics 2019 have been published, with more pupils than at any point since 2007 being educated in schools in good or satisfactory condition.

- 1: **88.3% of schools are** in good or satisfactory condition, up from 61.1% in 2007
- 2: Since 2007-08, 928 schools have been built or substantially refurbished
- 3: And we will shortly announce the next phase of a £1 billion investment programme
- 4: to create low carbon, digitally enabled schools to benefit even more pupils across the country

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
It would be helpful to see the social media video (or stills) to see the stats in the context they are being presented.  
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Policy / Statistical colleagues,

We have incorporated some of the school estate statistics into our announcement on Scotland's Learning Estate Strategy – as such we will not be preparing a ministerial statement but below I have suggested lines for a social media video to publicise the school estate statistics on Twitter from 0930.

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Tweet to accompany: Scotland's School Estate statistics 2019 have been published, with more pupils than at any point since 2007 being educated in schools in good or satisfactory condition.

Read more: (bit.ly link)

\*\*social media slides\*\* eg: <https://twitter.com/ScotGovEdu/status/1158660800082587648>

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Thanks,

[REDACTED]



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 09 September 2019 10:01  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Webpages for approval

Great.

Still waiting on [REDACTED] coming back with some policy lines for the SCANCE note. I'll chase him now.

I'll probably not be in until lunchtime but I'll be online until then, so just give me a shout if there's anything you want to discuss.

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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills  
**Sent:** 09 September 2019 12:46  
**To:** Cabinet Secretariat inbox  
**Cc:** Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills; [redacted] R ([redacted]); [REDACTED]; Hicks C (Clare); [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; Director of Learning; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; Wilson M (Mick)  
**Subject:** SCANCE - School Estate Statistics 2019  
**Attachments:** School Estate Statistics 2019 - Publication - Briefing - SCANCE note.docx

[redacted]

As discussed, please see attached SCANCE for tomorrow's Cabinet – DFM has cleared.

Kind Regards  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills  
**Sent:** 10 September 2019 07:26  
**To:** [REDACTED]; Hicks C (Clare)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; Director of Learning; DG Education, Communities & Justice  
**Subject:** School estate stats

[REDACTED] and Andy,

The DFM has asked for an explanation of the point made by Iain Gray on the School Estate stats not being a fair comparison.

I would be grateful for this for before 9 AM which is when Cabinet starts.

Can you please confirm this has been picked up and taken forward.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 21 August 2019 15:56  
**To:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** School Estates Publication for Review  
**Attachments:** School Estate Statistics 2019 - Bulletin draft for policy.docx

Hi Andy and [REDACTED],

With the change to publishing the estates stats on their own and the changes to the guidance I've had to rewrite quite a lot of the publication and background notes. Therefore, we're looking for you to review the text around the changes to the guidance or anything else policy-specific.

I've attached a copy of the current draft of the publication. It has all of the stats and any commentary specifically relating to these removed in line with pre-release restrictions.

Can you please take a look at it and let me know if you have any comments? Ideally I need these back by the end of the week so we can get it approved and send to APS etc.

Thank you!

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 24 July 2019 16:04  
**To:** Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills  
**Cc:** DG Education, Communities & Justice; McAllister C (Colin);  
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**Subject:** School Estates statistics - Publication Date  
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Submission.docx

Please find attached submission relating to the publication date of school estates statistics.

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**Sent:** 24 July 2019 16:04  
**To:** Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills  
**Cc:** DG Education, Communities & Justice; McAllister C (Colin);  
[REDACTED](Communications); [REDACTED] J ([REDACTED]);  
Director of Learning; Wilson M (Mick); Hicks C (Clare); [REDACTED];  
[REDACTED]; [redacted] P ([redacted]); [redacted] L ([redacted]);  
[REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** School Estates statistics - Publication Date  
**Attachments:** School Estates - 2018-19 - Publication date - Ministerial  
Submission.docx

Please find attached submission relating to the publication date of school estates statistics.

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
School, Staff and Pupil Census Statistics  
Education Analytical Services  
Scottish Government  
0131 244 0[redacted]

End of 181 – 200

Start of 201 – 208

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 11 July 2019 18:19  
**To:** Wilson M (Mick); [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; Hicks C (Clare);  
[REDACTED]; [REDACTED](Communications); [REDACTED];  
McAllister C (Colin)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** School estates statistics - rescheduling of publication date

All,

The school estate statistics have traditionally been published in December alongside the statistics from the September school staff and pupil census (see Summary Statistics for Schools in Scotland <https://www2.gov.scot/Topics/Statistics/Browse/School-Education/Summarystatsforschools> ). However, as the school estates source data is collected in May there is scope for the publication of the school estates statistics to be brought forward to earlier in the year.

The benefits of earlier publication are as follows:

- Earlier publication will enable the School Infrastructure policy team to incorporate the most up to date evidence in their decision making, particularly when providing advice to Ministers of the new £1bn schools investment programme which is primarily to replace the worst condition schools throughout the country.
- Publishing the statistics in a more timely fashion will ensure continued compliance with the Code of Practice for Statistics. The Code provides producers of official statistics with practices that they must commit to when producing and releasing official statistics. One such commitment, under the Code's Trustworthiness pillar, is that "Statistics and data should be released on a timely basis and at intervals that meet the needs of users as far as practicable. The statistics should be released as soon as they are considered ready".
- Under the present timelines the school estates statistics may be subject to release prior to the planned date in response to a request under FOI legislation. Such unplanned releases are difficult to manage and undermine the value of the statistics upon their formal release.
- Feedback from local authorities suggests that a reduction in length of the period between data collection and publication of the statistics would be welcomed as this would allow them maintain a coherent flow through data collection, quality assurance and release.
- Separating the publication of school estates statistics from school staff and pupil census statistics means that analytical resource can be applied more consistently over the year, reducing the December pinch point.

I am therefore proposing that publication of the school estates statistics is brought forward to September. Quality assurance work is already well underway and we have a plan in place which will mean the stats are ready for publication in September. Publication in September

will allow the school estates statistics to be released simultaneously with the Healthy Living Survey statistics which have already been announced for September, if that would be beneficial. In this instance my recommendation is that the statistics are published in separate bulletins but this would not prohibit joint handling where appropriate. The precise date of publication can be agreed closer to the event. Publication of the statistics from the school staff and pupil census will continue as normal in December this year.

**I would be grateful for comments on this proposal and/or confirmation you are content by 19 July.** This is to allow time for consultation with Ministers before formal announcement of the publication date which should ideally take place by end of July.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

School, Staff and Pupil Census Statistics  
Education Analytical Services  
Scottish Government  
0131 244 0[redacted]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 03 September 2019 13:40  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** School Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics - Statistics News Releases  
**Attachments:** OFFICIAL SENSITIVE - PRE-RELEASE STATISTICS - HLS 2019 - Statistics News Release.docx; OFFICIAL SENSITIVE - PRE-RELEASE STATISTICS - School Estates Statistics 2019 - Statistics News Release UPDATED.docx

Hi [REDACTED],

Please find attached the draft stats news releases for the School Healthy Living Survey, and School Estate Statistics 2019 publications due to be published next Monday.

Can you please let us know if you have any comments ASAP this afternoon?

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

**[REDACTED]**

Assistant Statistician | School, Staff and Pupil Census Statistics  
Learning Analysis | Education Analytical Services | Scottish Government  
Tel: 0131 244 0[redacted]

**From:** [REDACTED]< [REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 03 September 2019 09:59  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** SG WEB REGISTRATION - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for signing-off on this document. Do you have any updates regarding the third publication (*Version 2.0 of the Summary Statistics for Attainment, Leaver Destinations and Healthy Living*)

Please could you complete the SG Web Registration Link below as soon as possible in order to schedule publication with SG. If you could let me know once this has been completed and the time and date of publication that would be great.

### **SG Web Registration**

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#### **SCHOOL ESTATES STATISTICS:**

<http://sh45inta/officialpublications/details.aspx?isbn=9781839601316>

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In the form you will be asked to provide a brief description and set a date and time for publication.

If you have any queries regarding your publication contact the publishing team on ext. 45182.

If you have any technical issues posting your publication on the website contact the SG web team [Web\\_Publications@gov.scot](mailto:Web_Publications@gov.scot).

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [\[REDACTED\]](#) <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Sent:** 03 September 2019 09:53  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Cc:** [\[REDACTED\]](#); [\[REDACTED\]](#)  
**Subject:** RE: PDF PROOF 2 - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

No further changes for the School Estates Statistics.

Thanks for sending over the URLs

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Sent:** 02 September 2019 14:47  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>; [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Subject:** PDF PROOF 2 - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Please find attached the revised proof of the School Estate Statistics from our Digital Studio. Grateful if you could let me know if there are any further changes or if you are otherwise happy to proceed.

The URLs for both publications are:

School Estate Statistics – <http://www.gov.scot/ISBN/9781839601316>

Healthy Living Survey – <http://www.gov.scot/ISBN/9781839601323>

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [\[REDACTED\]](#) <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Sent:** 02 September 2019 14:03  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Cc:** [\[REDACTED\]](#); [\[REDACTED\]](#)  
**Subject:** RE: SG WEB REGISTRATION - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks I will complete the Web Registration today.

Are you able to provide the URL links for both publications?

Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Sent:** 02 September 2019 13:03  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>; [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Subject:** SG WEB REGISTRATION - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for letting me know. I will get a revised proof of the School Estates Statistics 2019 back to you as soon as possible.

Thanks for signing-off on the Healthy Living Survey . Please could you complete the SG Web Registration Link below as soon as possible in order to schedule publication with SG. If you could let me know once this has been completed and the time and date of publication that would be great.

### **SG Web Registration**

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#### **Healthy Living Survey:**

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Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** 02 September 2019 12:07

**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: PDF PROOF 1 - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Please find attached the PDF for the Estates publication with comments for revision. No changes for the Healthy Living Survey.

Can you please upload the 'School Estates Statistics 2019 – Bulletin Tables – Web' excel along with the School Estates publication instead of the 'School Estates Statistics 2019 – Supplementary tables web' that were send across on Friday. Apologies for the confusion on this.

Please feel free to give me a ring if you have any questions.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

**[REDACTED]**

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Learning Analysis | Education Analytical Services  
Scottish Government  
Tel: 0131 244 4[redacted]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** 02 September 2019 10:30

**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** PDF PROOF 1 - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

I have attached the proof of your documents. Please let me know if there are any further changes or if you are otherwise happy to proceed.

If the changes are minor (less than 15) please mark-up the pdf. If the changes are extensive (more than 15) we ask that you provide a revised word document.

Due to the tight timescales, please let me know as soon as possible how you would like to proceed.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 02 September 2019 09:20

To: '[REDACTED]' <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>

Cc: [\[REDACTED\]](#); [\[REDACTED\]](#)

Subject: RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for getting these over to me.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

From: [\[REDACTED\]](#) <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>

Sent: 02 September 2019 09:10

To: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>

Cc: [\[REDACTED\]](#); [\[REDACTED\]](#)

Subject: RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Apologies I misunderstood. Please find an excel with the tables used in the school estates publication attached.

Many Thanks  
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>

Sent: 02 September 2019 09:00

To: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>

Cc: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>; [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>

Subject: RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Our Digital Media team don't require the original source format of the graphs but they will need the source files of the tables (i.e. **Table 2.1: Schools built or substantially refurbished, 2011-2019**).

Please could you get these over to me in either Word or Excel format? Hope this clarifies but let me know if you have any further questions.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

From: [\[REDACTED\]](#) <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>

Sent: 02 September 2019 08:55

To: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>

Cc: [\[REDACTED\]](#); [\[REDACTED\]](#)

Subject: RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Morning [REDACTED],

I attached a word document with the separate graphs (they are grouped), do you need the actual figures these tables were produced from?

Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Sent:** 02 September 2019 08:50  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>; [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Morning [REDACTED],

Thanks for getting these over to me. I will put these into our Digital Studio and get first proofs over to you as soon as possible. As the tables in the School Estate Statistics publication are still in the document as images, please could you get the source files for these over to me (in either Word or Excel format) as these are required for the HTML conversion.

Many thanks,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [\[REDACTED\]](#) <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Sent:** 30 August 2019 17:19  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Cc:** [\[REDACTED\]](#); [\[REDACTED\]](#)  
**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Please find attached an amended version of the publication and supplementary tables, along with word documents of the graphs used.

Again apologies for the last minute amendments

Please let me know if you need anything else.

Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Sent:** 30 August 2019 15:51  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>; [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Not a problem, I will wait until I get the latest versions from you before putting them into our Digital Studio. Thanks for letting me know.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** 30 August 2019 15:49

**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Yes I will send these over for both publications shortly. Apologies we have had a few last minute minor amendments to the word documents. Therefore I will send over a revised version of that asap.

Apologies for any inconvenience.

Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** 30 August 2019 15:35

**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for this. I have noticed that the tables in the School Estates Statistics have been inserted as images. We will require the original source files of the tables (in either Word or Excel) for the HTML conversion. Please could you get these over to me as soon as possible?

Our Digital Studio should have first proofs ready by close of play on Monday. Please note that your documents may publish initially in PDF format, with the HTML to follow when ready.

Many thanks,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** 30 August 2019 15:03

**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Please find a updated version of both publications.

I have left-aligned the School Healthy Living Survey and removed the grey section from School Estates Statistics.

Many Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 30 August 2019 14:49  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for getting these over to me. Before I put the documents into our Digital Studio for a first proof, could you please left-align the text in the *SCHOOL HEALTHY LIVING SURVEY STATISTICS*. It is currently centre justified but it needs to be left aligned in order to meet SG accessibility guidelines. Once you return this to me I will put it into our Studio. Also, could you please clarify if the information in the '*Correspondence and enquiries*' section on the last page of the *SCHOOL ESTATES STATISTICS* should be highlighted grey as it currently is?

Many thanks,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 30 August 2019 13:42  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Please find attached the word version and complementary web tables for the below publications all due on **Monday 9th September at 9.30 am.**

(Publication name / Quotations ref/ Purchase Order )

- SCHOOL ESTATES STATISTICS / SCT0819811676-G-01 / SG946092
- SCHOOL HEALTHY LIVING SURVEY STATISTICS / SCT0819811676-G-02/ SG946094

**Please note these documents are restricted until the date/time given above.**

Please send the converted HTML job, PDF version and under the Scottish Government web arrangements, in time for the documents to be placed on the Government website for that embargo date and time.

Please find the main file required for this conversion job attached. Please ensure that the footnotes on pages appear as footnotes (on the correct pages) on the HTML version. If there are any issues with the borders on the top and bottom of the page please let me know asap.

Please also find attached two excel files, to be upload alongside the PDF on the Scottish Government website.

We will also be publishing the below on the same time and date, the word and supplementary tables will be sent across on Monday for conversion.

- SUMMARY STATISTICS FOR ATTAINMENT, LEAVER DESTINATIONS AND HEALTHY LIVING / SCT0819811676-G-03 / SG946095

Many Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**[REDACTED]**  
School, Staff and Pupil Census Statistics  
Learning Analysis | Education Analytical Services  
Scottish Government  
Tel: 0131 244 4[redacted]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 13 August 2019 16:55  
**To:** '[REDACTED]' <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for letting me know. Yes can you please hold off raising the ISBN until I have sent over the documents.

Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Sent:** 09 August 2019 14:39  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Not a problem, but before I raise the ISBNs for these three jobs, please note that if you later decide not to proceed with these publications you will still be charged for these three ISBNs. Are you happy to proceed on this basis? Alternatively, if you would like to wait until you get the final documents over to me, I will raise the ISBNs then?

Just let me know how you would like to proceed.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** 09 August 2019 13:52  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thank you for putting these together.

Can you please also provide the ISBN for these publications and the URL links when you have these created.

Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 09 August 2019 12:54  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** COST ESTIMATES - SCT0819811676-01,02,03 - Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for getting these back to me. I have attached an estimate for the web conversion of your forthcoming 3 documents and to assist you to raise a **purchase order number**.

Our estimate is based on PDF and HTML conversion of your supplied word document inclusive of brand check, addition of ISBN, and product code to conform with SG website guidelines.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** 09 August 2019 11:32  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for getting back to me so quickly. Yes I will ensure we have amended the title on the revised version of the 'Summary Statistics for Attainment, Leaver Destinations and Healthy'.

Please find the web registration forms for the 3 publications.

Thanks  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 09 August 2019 10:33  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** RE: Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for letting me know. Please find attached a copy of our Web Publishing Form for you to complete and return to assist APS to register, estimate and schedule publications.

Please ensure that your document meets SG accessibility guidelines. I have attached a list of top tips that will help ensure your document meets these requirements.

In regards to republishing the 'Summary Statistics for Attainment, Leaver Destinations and Healthy Living' on a new web page? Please could you ensure that the title of the document indicates that this is the updated version, so that this is not mistaken for the previous publication (as this will be treated as a new publication, on a new web page).

Please let me know if you have any questions in the meantime!

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** 09 August 2019 09:58  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Healthy Living Survey and School Estate Statistics publication

Hi [REDACTED],

Our team is responsible for the 'School Healthy Living Survey Statistics' (previously part of the 'Summary Statistics for Attainment, Leaver Destinations and Healthy Living') and the 'School Estates Statistics' (previously part of the 'Summary Statistics for Schools in Scotland').

These will be published as two separate publications but released on the same day - **9<sup>th</sup> of September at 9.30am.**

In addition to the reports we will also be publishing (on the same day) a revised version of the 'Summary Statistics for Attainment, Leaver Destinations and Healthy Living' (link for info: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/summary-statistics-attainment-leaver-destinations-healthy-living-8-2018-edition/> ).

I would be grateful if an initials quote for both the on-line publication and supplementary tables could be provided for the below. Can you please provide this as 3 separate costs references:

1. School Healthy Living Survey Statistics 2019– approx. 20 page publication and 2 supplementary excel tables
2. School Estates Statistics 2019 – approx. 20 page publication and 1 supplementary excel table

3. Revised version of Summary Statistics for Attainment, Leaver Destinations and Healthy Living 2018 - 40 page publication and 2 supplementary tables

I plan on providing a draft of all reports by the 27<sup>th</sup> of August, I this meets requirements.

Please let me know if you need any further information or action for me at this time.

Many Thanks  
[REDACTED]

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**Sent:** 09 September 2019 11:28  
**To:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED](Communications); [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Social media video for @ScotGov || RE: Learning Estate Strategy release draft (stats redacted for now but I have asked the question on pre-release access)

Have made some changes – sorry it's so late in the day!

[REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED] – do the below lines, based on the news release, look OK from your perspective? This is for a social media video to publish after today's event from the main @ScotGov social channels.

###

We've announced the first 26 schools  
being replaced across Scotland

as part of a £1 billion  
investment programme

89.6% of pupils are learning in schools  
In good or satisfactory condition

And the new Learning Estate Strategy  
will give even more pupils

access to digitally enabled, low carbon  
schools and campuses

furthering the work of the £1.8 billion  
Schools for the Future programme,

connecting campuses with communities  
and improving standards of learning

from early years through to schools,  
colleges and universities

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Thanks,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
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**From:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>

**Sent:** 06 September 2019 14:02

**To:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>

**Subject:** RE: Learning Estate Strategy release draft (stats redacted for now but I have asked the question on pre-release access)

Hi [REDACTED],

I've mocked up a rough draft of a script (see below) but am happy to talk through the steer you'd prefer for this script to have. The accompanying post text can make it clear this is a PfG commitment and make reference to the first batch of schools which are being replaced/developed.

###

We're investing £1 billion  
**To rebuild** schools across Scotland

We've already helped to give 60,000 students access to high quality, modern learning facilities **\*\*this slide may change on Monday\*\***

through our Schools for the Future programme

and this new **strategy** will benefit around 50,000 pupils

by developing digitally-enabled, low carbon schools

connecting campuses with their local communities and improving standards of learning

from early years through to schools and colleges

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Many thanks,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (Pronouns: [She/her](#))

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>

**Sent:** 05 September 2019 16:03

**To:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>

**Cc:** [REDACTED](Communications) <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>

**Subject:** FW: Learning Estate Strategy release draft (stats redacted for now but I have asked the question on pre-release access)

Hi [REDACTED],

Latest NR below (no FM quote yet) with stats redacted as discussed. If you could pop in a placeholder slide for them just now as they will be worth including to reference the good work we've done so far.

Happy to take a look at any suggested script! Will pop the footage I mentioned over shortly as well.

Thanks,  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 05 September 2019 15:56

**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] J ([REDACTED]) <[REDACTED].[REDACTED]@gov.scot>

**Cc:** [REDACTED](Communications) <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Learning Estate Strategy release draft (stats redacted for now but I have asked the question on pre-release access)

Hi all,

Release below with stats redacted (have put asterisks so you can see where they have been taken from).

Submission is also attached which includes details of the projects cleared by DFM for this phase.

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## **Learning Estate Investment**

**First phase of £1 billion investment replaces 26 schools.**

Schools in the highlands, the Outer Hebrides and **North Ayrshire** are among those announced as part of the next phase of developing low carbon, fit for purpose learning facilities.

The Scottish Government will provide funding of between £220 million and £275 million to local authorities across the country for the projects, with a further phase of investment to be announced within 12 months.

Scotland's Learning Estate Strategy, also published today, outlines how lessons learned from previous education infrastructure projects will inform future projects including today's announcement, with a focus on creating high quality, low-carbon and digitally enabled schools and learning campuses.

Several of the projects announced bring together nurseries, schools **including specialist centres for pupils with additional support needs**, colleges and universities

in multi-purpose 3-18 campuses with additional facilities to benefit the surrounding community.

The first projects in this phase could open as soon as 2023-24

First Minister Nicola Sturgeon, Education Secretary John Swinney and COSLA Chief Executive XYYX announced the projects at Peterhead High School, one of three local schools being replaced in this phase.

Ms Sturgeon said:

**\*\*FM QUOTE\*\***

Mr Swinney said:

“Creating and maintaining high quality, fit for purpose educational facilities demonstrates to pupils, teachers, staff and the community how valuable learning is.

“The progress made through Scotland’s Schools for the Future has had a significant impact on the condition of schools across the country –  
\*\*\*\*\* condition, and \*\*\*\*\* have been rebuilt or substantially refurbished since \*\*\*\*\*.

“There is still more to do, and I have seen myself the urgency with which some schools require updating. The first phase of the £1 billion Learning Estate Investment Programme prioritises schools in need of updating, as identified by local authorities, to ensure rapid progress where most required.

**\*\*COSLA Quote\*\***

## Background

Scotland’s Learning Estate Strategy can be read here.

The Scottish Government will pay for ongoing maintenance of the new facility and fund other outcomes to be determined on a case-by-case basis.

School Estate Statistics are published annually.

**\*\*Breakdown of schools to be included in first phase\*\* - Andy / [REDACTED] can you simplify the table from the briefing with the first three columns the same and the fourth column detailing how much funding the projects will receive?**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 09 September 2019 09:23  
**To:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; Wilson M (Mick); [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED](Communications)  
**Subject:** URGENT || RE: OFFICIAL SENSITIVE: PRE-RELEASE STATISTICS For policy / statistician views: Slides to accompany publication of School Estate stats  
**Attachments:** 1.png; 2.png; 3.png; 4.png  
**Importance:** High

Hi [REDACTED], all,

I have tweaked the wording of the first slide. Grateful for **URGENT** views on the slides and text to issue at 0930 with the stats release.

**Tweet:** Scotland's School Estate statistics 2019 have been published, with more pupils than at any point since 2007 being educated in schools in good or satisfactory condition.

- 1: **88.3% of schools are** in good or satisfactory condition, up from 61.1% in 2007
- 2: Since 2007-08, 928 schools have been built or substantially refurbished
- 3: And we will shortly announce the next phase of a £1 billion investment programme
- 4: to create low carbon, digitally enabled schools to benefit even more pupils across the country

Kind regards,  
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