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Presentation: Establishment of Regional Statisticians in the Regions of England
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Session: The organizational set-up for collecting and disseminating urban and regional statistics

Abstract

This presentation will describe the establishment of a "Statistical Presence" by the Office for National Statistics in the nine Regions of England. In 2004, Professor Christopher Allsopp delivered a report, entitled "Review of Statistics for Economic Policy Making", which had been commissioned jointly by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the National Statistician and the Governor of the Bank of England. The Review made 62 recommendations, including the establishment of a statistical presence in the English Regions. ONS Statistical teams were established in April 2007, and are already making a significant difference to the analytical capacity of the regions. This presentation will discuss some of the background, their core functions, experience so far and examples of the type of work being carried out.

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