



Mr Kieran Lenihan,
Committee Of Public Accounts,
Houses of the Oireachtas
Leinster House
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Date: 10th October 2019

Re: CSO's Statement of Strategy for 2020-2023

Dear Mr Lenihan,

The CSO is currently preparing a new Statement of Strategy for 2020-2023 and would like to capture your Committee's ideas and observations as part of this development process.

The CSO's work is a vital input to the formulation, implementation and monitoring of policies and programmes at national, regional and local levels in a rapidly changing economic and social environment. Key users include policy makers, government departments, the EU, business, international organisations, media, researchers and citizens.

Our functions are set out in legislation, both national and European. Under the Statistics Act 1993, the CSO's function

- is the collection, compilation, extraction and dissemination for statistical purposes of information relating to economic, social and general activities and conditions in the State and
- the coordination of official statistics of other public authorities and for developing the statistical potential of their administrative records.

Under amending Regulation (EU) No 223/2009 on European Statistics

- the Director General of the CSO is responsible for the co-ordination and oversight of the quality of all European Official Statistics compiled by public authorities in Ireland

As we develop our new Statement of Strategy, we would be very pleased to receive your Committee's views on the CSO's role, both as a compiler and a disseminator of official statistics, and your views on the CSO's coordinating role across the Irish Statistical System.



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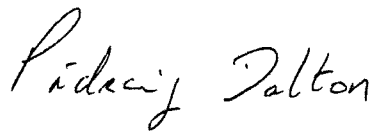
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Further information on the CSO's activities is available on our website at www.cso.ie. The CSO's Annual Statistical Work Programme 2019 is available at www.cso.ie/en/aboutus/lgdp/cgt/ocg/swp/swp2019

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Pádraig Dalton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pádraig Dalton

DIRECTOR GENERAL