



# Regional Statistics and Statisticians

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# Allsopp Background

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- Commissioned in February 2003 - final report March 2004: *“Review of Statistics for Economic Policymaking”*
- Commissioned by Chancellor of Exchequer, Governor of Bank of England and National Statistician
- Total of 62 recommendations
- Concentrated mainly on economic statistics to support regional policy
- Renewed and increased interest in regional policy, particularly devolution

# Allsopp recommendations

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- Good quality baseline GVA estimates for NUTS 1 regions;
- A statistical system that is not skewed towards particular sectors of the economy and evolves alongside future change in the economy;
- A coherent and efficient suite of registers, surveys and estimation procedures;
- Information held by government used to increase the quality, compliance and cost efficiency of economic statistics;
- Good links between the centre, ONS or GSS statisticians located in the regions, with greater comparability of those micro-regional data that are not collected centrally.

# Other data recommendations

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- Ensure statistical experts are involved in target measurement and setting
- Strengthen statistical service's innovative and strategic capacity:
  - to better respond to change in policy, the economy and society
  - to address implications and make changes including reallocation of resources
- Make use of Neighbourhood Statistics for wider range of data

# Progress to date

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- Progress towards National Statistics status for the Index of Services (IoS) – published 29 March
- Reprioritisation of EU statistics, particularly Intrastat
- Development of NeSS with more employment and local business data now available
- Additional regional economic analysis on existing sources
- Coverage of Workforce Jobs Survey widened to include Public Sector Employment
- Volume Indices of Capital Services (VICS) published
- Business Data Linking developed as a tool

# Allsopp plans for 2007-08

- Business Register & Employment Survey (BRES):
  - better information for regional apportionment
  - savings from survey integration, inc business compliance costs
  - comprehensive pilot in 2008, launch full survey in 2009
- Regional GVA:
  - experimental output measure in spring 2008
  - deflated estimates for 2008 available in December 2009.
- Investigating making better use of administrative data
  - Eg Corporation tax data
- Regional Economic Analysis to improve utilisation of current data sources, while new regional data are not available.
- Evaluation of ONS Regional statisticians' roles during first year, jointly with regional stakeholders – effectiveness, value for money

# And beyond...

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- Expect to be considered in overall ONS work plans – post independence.
- Aim to improve the coverage and quality of a range of statistics, including regional statistics.
- However, we will probably not be able to satisfy all user demands.
- Seeking views on future work plans, including priorities within regional statistical developments. Consultation launched 15 June ([www.statistics.gov.uk/about/consultations/ons-stat-work-prog.asp](http://www.statistics.gov.uk/about/consultations/ons-stat-work-prog.asp))
- Further developments could include the regional statistician group, regional accounts, targeted regional survey boosts, developing administrative data access and the Business Register and Employment Survey, and other developments.
- We are also interested in taking on funded work so long as it provides a good strategic fit with our objectives.



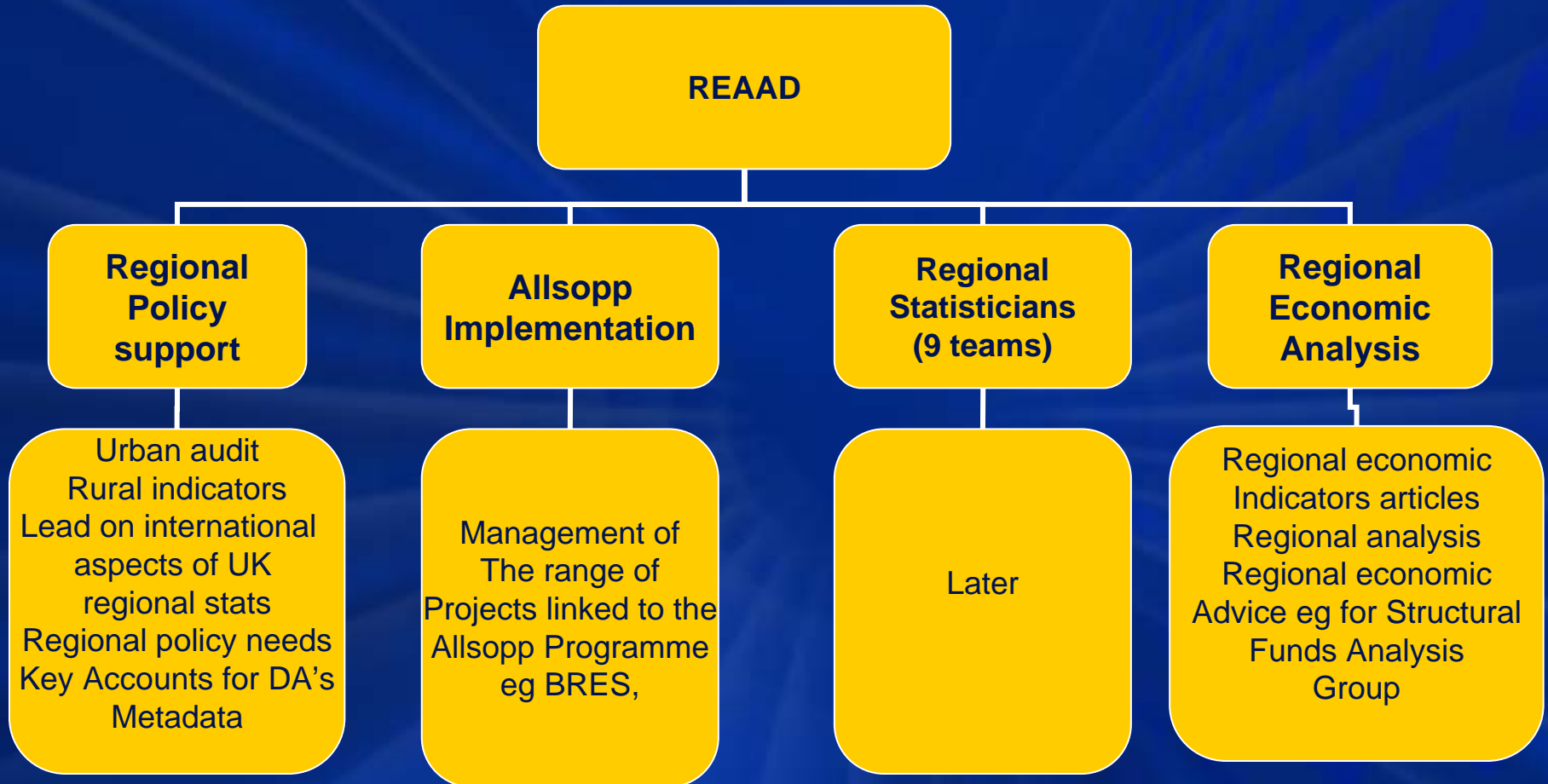
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# ONS Regional Economic Analysis & Allsopp Division



# Improving the Regional knowledge base

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Additional regional analysis on existing sources:

- Recent articles in Economic & Labour Market Review
  - Regional Economic indicators
  - Labour disputes
- Strategic Framework for Regional Statistics published
- Articles published in Regional Trends including:
  - Output Area classifications
  - Relationship between ethnicity and deprivation
  - Regional productivity
- Virtual Microdata Lab developed as a tool:
  - for use by ONS and as a resource for researchers
  - developed datasets related to technology industries
    - eg software

# National Statistics – Regional data

## Compendia



## Region specific



## Detailed Analysis

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# Regional Statisticians

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- RDAs funding £1m, annually, towards implementation
- Equates initially to 2 staff in each of the 9 English Regions
  - 6 regions have 2 staff in place, 2 have 1 person and 1 starting end-June, 1 vacancy (South West) currently being filled
- Provide central support and development from 1 April 2007.
- Evaluation of the Regional Statisticians in year 1.
- SLA in place between ONS and the RDAs covering delivery, staffing, governance, funding, etc.

# Regional Statisticians – Central support

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- Central co-ordinating role across 9 regions
  - Providing a connection with other ONS business areas
  - Providing platform for regional issues to be progressed within ONS and GSS
  - Managing SLA (for RDA funding) and evaluation
- Identify cross regional issues
- Coordinating activities of Regional Statisticians
  - Skill sharing across team with diverse experience
  - Supporting the Independence of Regional Statisticians

# Core functions – Improving ONS output

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- To gather intelligence to help improve the quality of ONS data and processes, keeping ONS up to date with changes in the regions:
  - To quality assure final estimates of regional GVA;
  - To help improve the quality of the Inter-Departmental Business Register (IDBR) and business survey data;
  - To improve commentary on outputs

# Core functions: Liaison

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- First point of contact for regional bodies
- To act as focus to feed views through from regional bodies, assisting ONS in its decision-making
  - Facilitate more efficient consultation and collaboration
  - Establish forum for two way dialogue
- Facilitate liaison within region
  - Supporting regional bodies convergence agenda
  - Complimenting convergence with wider participation
  - Facilitate identification and commissioning of research

# Core functions: Supporting the region

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- Provide independent advice on use of ONS and GSS statistics
- Raising awareness on use and presentation of data
- Facilitate provision of training to regional partners
- Assist in assessment of locally commissioned data
- Facilitating access to and coherence of regional data
- To work with regional partners on collaborative projects
- Provide better access to IDBR for RDAs
- Establish standard advice on sources and use of data
- Collaborating with locally produced regional products

# Resources

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- 18 regional statisticians
  - Establishing a network of advice and support
  - Establishing common methods to improve ONS data
  - Establishing the regional vision for ONS
- Dedicated/adhoc resources in other ONS teams
- Central support from REAAD
- GSS Network
- Evolving role

# Regional Statisticians in the Future

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- Build strong partnerships and promote use of statistics
- Develop centres of expertise
- Assist with problems for suppliers of data to help improve response rates
- Take part in development of the proposed Kitemark standards for data collected by the regional institutions
- Provide a secure environment in the regions for researchers to have access to micro-data labs
- Act as a regional base, contact, liaison and support for other ONS staff, such as regional fieldwork managers

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**Any Questions?**