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Dear George,

Thanks for your time on Friday.

As I mentioned, CLG are carrying out a review of the statistics it produces on the floorspace and rateable value of commercial and industrial properties. To inform the review we are seeking views of users.

I would therefore be grateful if you could canvass NRPF members on their use of the commercial and industrial property floorspace and rateable value statistics produced by CLG. The latest set of statistics, looking at the floorspace and rateable value of properties as at 1st April 2007, were published on 28th February. The statistical release can be accessed via the following link: <http://www.communities.gov.uk/news/corporate/705278=>

The options being considered by CLG are:

- a) Stop the production of the statistics altogether
- b) Reduce the extensive amount of processing carried out by CLG, on the dataset received from the VOA.

Implementing option b) would mean that the statistics would still be available at local authority (LA) and the Middle Layer Super Output Area (MSOA) level, although their quality would be slightly diminished. However, the quality of the LA data would be less affected than the MSOA data.

These are National Statistics and CLG want to canvass users:

- On the use of the statistics, particularly on floorspace and rateable value statistics at the LA and the MSOA level;
- To provide comments to floorspace@communities.gsi.gov.uk on the usefulness and importance of the statistics, **by 31st March**.

The responses received will have an impact on the future production of the statistics.

Many thanks.

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