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**The Royal Statistical Society comments on the appointment of the new National Statistician**

The Royal Statistical Society (RSS) warmly welcomes the [appointment](https://www.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/news/ian-diamond-appointed-as-uks-national-statistician/) of Professor Sir Ian Diamond as National Statistician. We are proud that Sir Ian is a fellow of the RSS, and we wish him well in the new role.

**Commenting on the appointment, Hetan Shah, Executive Director of the Royal Statistical Society said**:

“Ian Diamond is a great catch for the National Statistician role. Alongside being a top class statistician he is a visionary about the potential for data. He has unlimited stamina, which he will need to deliver the upcoming census. Most important of all he has political nous, and will know how to navigate Whitehall at a time of political flux.”

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**Notes to editors**

Hetan Shah is happy to provide further comments. For further comments please contact RSS’s Public Affairs & Media Relations manager Daniel Lapedus on +44 (0)20 7614 3920 or at [d.lapedus@rss.org.uk](mailto:d.lapedus@rss.org.uk).

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