

UNITED KINGDOM – NSO coordinates the work of the national entity for inventories

In the United Kingdom, the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) is the entity with responsibility for the overall management and strategic development of the GHG inventory. DECC also produces official statistics on energy and climate change. All of DECC's statistics are classified as official statistics in the United Kingdom, reflecting the fact that they comply with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics and are authorised by the Chief Statistician for DECC, who has a direct reporting line to the National Statistician. This system is common for many official statistics in the United Kingdom, which has a decentralized statistical system.¹ A global sustainability consultancy, Ricardo-AEA, is the delegated inventory agency with responsibility for compilation and reporting of the GHG inventory. The emission estimates are compiled and published as official statistics. The key benefits of the UK system include assured independence and impartiality of the emissions reporting, quality assurance of the publication procedures, more effective public communication of the data and direct integration with the strategy and target setting for the inventories. DECC has also established an inter-departmental committee, the National Inventory Steering Committee, that ensures cross-government governance of the inventory and prioritises inventory improvement work.

¹ Most, but not all, countries have centralized statistical systems in which the national statistical office is responsible for the majority of official statistics. For example the United Kingdom and United States have a decentralized system.