Confidentiality Commitment for Annual Employment Survey (AES) and Annual Business Survey of Economic Impact (ABSEI)

The Department is committed to ensuring that all data is compiled to the highest standard. In particular, the Department adheres to the principles set out in the 'Irish Statistical System Code of Practice' (www.isscop.ie/codeofpractice/) and has signed a statement of commitment to ISSCoP.

The Department is committed to protecting the confidentiality of all enterprise data, consistent with the Department's obligations under Irish law. Broad classifications and aggregation are used to protect against disclosure of information pertaining to individual organisations. Even in aggregated data, certain combinations of attributes can sometimes contain a very small number of entities. In these instances it could be possible to identify attributes of individual companies within the published data, either directly or by comparing it with other data. Where there is a risk, statistical disclosure control techniques are employed to safeguard the confidentiality of information about individuals and businesses. This may reduce the level of detail published or alter a dataset in a minor way so that personal or commercial information is not identifiable.