



Explanatory Notes

Revision to Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Data

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rates for the past five years are revised annually to take into account observations for the latest available year based on data up to December of each year. This revision takes place when data for March are released. However, during the course of carrying out this year's revision, we noticed unstable seasonal patterns in recent years. Hence, we are reviewing the series further.

In the interim, data for each quarter will be seasonally adjusted by taking into account data as and when it becomes available. The revision for the unemployment series will be done together with the final release of the December 2017 data¹.

Trends for unemployment rate after revision is expected to remain similar.

¹ In the Labour Market Report 2017 scheduled for release on 15 March 2018.