

Rail statistics management group (RSMG): terms of reference

ORR aim: To ensure that our data meet stakeholder needs and are of good quality.

Vision for rail data:

Continued improvement in data quality across the rail industry and promote transparency and public accessibility to data through good release practices

How to deliver our aim and the vision:

- To agree a set of high level data standards and release practices for the rail industry.
- A forum that enables ORR to consult key stakeholders on data needs.
- To draw on best practice from the [Official Statistics Code of Practice](#).
- To have a strong network of engagement to share information which enables the continued improvement of rail data.
- To encourage greater transparency and increase industry and public access to data (except if commercially sensitive).
- To encourage funders and stakeholders to make maximum re-use of data.
- To engage effectively with stakeholders about 'big data' and promote opportunities for the rail industry. To share best practice in developing the skill sets required for exploiting big data.
- To disseminate research through the RSMG research register and maximise opportunities for collaborative working across the industry.

The RSMG members are lead statisticians or data specialists that have responsibility for the production and use of rail data in their respective organisations. ORR chairs the RSMG which meets quarterly.

Current RSMG member organisations are:

Department for Transport	Rail Safety and Standards Board
High Speed 2 Ltd	Transport Focus
London TravelWatch	Transport for London
Network Rail	Transport for West Midlands
Office of Rail and Road	Transport Scotland
Rail Delivery Group	Welsh Government

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