Evaluation Task Force Output and Outcome Indicators March 2023

This report provides an update on progress against the Evaluation Task Force's (ETF) output and outcome indicators. As outlined in the <u>Evaluation Task Force Strategy</u>, the ETF monitors progress against a range of output and outcome indicators, which are designed to track activity across government that aims to:

- Improve the scale and quality of evaluation
- Increase transparency surrounding research and evaluation outputs
- Support evidence-informed decision making.

The ETF will report publicly on each priority indicator on an annual basis.

The indicators are not wholly controlled or 'owned' by the ETF. Driving progress towards the targets outlined in the ETF Strategy will be dependent on cross-government partners working together to build an improved evaluation ecosystem.

Outcome 1: Government departments design and deliver robust and proportionate
evaluation across their portfolio

	Target	Achieved
Number of evaluations ETF has advised on (cumulative)	200	211
Value of programmes ETF has advised on (cumulative)	£50 billion	£115 billion
Number of evaluation awareness-raising opportunities ETF has led in the past 12 months	24	31
Proportion of Evaluation Accelerator Fund projects on track (RAG rated "Green")	100%	47%
Proportion of ETF priority projects with robust evaluation plans (cumulative)	60%	73%

Outcome 2: Government departments have a transparent approach to their evaluation activity, publishing evaluation outputs in a timely fashion

	Target	Achieved
Number of departments with a departmental evaluation strategy published (one-time reporting)	18	12



Number of evaluations with published reports on gov.uk in last 12 months	50	108		
Outcome 3: Good-quality evaluation evidence informs decision-making in government				
	Target	Achieved		
Number of HM Treasury business cases and spending review bids that the ETF has advised on (cumulative)	80	97		
Proportion of departments who are compliant with department-level evaluation settlement conditions (cumulative)	70%	66%		
Proportion of senior evaluation stakeholders who agree evaluation evidence informs the design and delivery of policies	20%	80%		
Proportion of senior evaluation stakeholders who agree their department needs to do more to ensure evaluation evidence informs spending decisions	40%	83%		
Proportion of senior evaluation stakeholders who agree that SCS support evaluation	40%	80%		