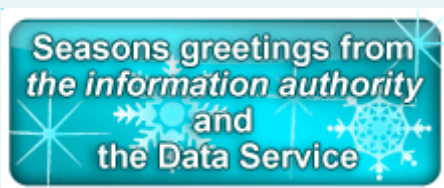


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## Message from John Perks, Head of *the information authority*



“**2011/12** has seen *the information authority* introduce the single biggest change the ILR since its introduction in 2001, with the move to a [single ILR](#). We have worked closely with the Data Service to prepare the sector for this change, and we hope that the single ILR and the streamlined [collection timetable](#) will provide the foundations for a specification that will support robust data collection systems for the future.

Since taking over responsibility for the ILR specification in 2006 we have managed to stabilise the demands made on it - successfully working to reduce the number of fields and introduce fewer year-on-year change. Over the next year we will be concentrating on extending our scope into other areas where we can help to do the same.

Finally, the [2012/13 ILR specification](#) is now available to download from our website, as are our [2012 online calendars](#), which include the ILR return dates, and advisory group meeting dates. While you are getting ready for your Christmas break, you may also want to spare a look at our [festive tips](#), which will be featured on our website up until Christmas.

## Message from Rich Williams, Head of the Data Service



“**2011/12** has been a year of significant change for providers, with the introduction of the **single ILR** and the changes to our data collection systems. We have acknowledged the issues providers have faced with our systems and worked to address these, and would like to thank providers for their hard work and efforts in ensuring that their ILR return was submitted on time. This has resulted in a successful close of **R04**, where we have received data from 1,171 providers including 3 million learners and 8.7 million learning aims. A great success, as this was the single biggest data collection ever attempted by the FE sector. Well done everyone!

On 15 December we published the [2010/11 End of Year Learner Responsive Qualification Success Rates and Minimum Levels of Performance reports](#), which are now available on the [Provider Gateway](#).

As you go off to enjoy the festive break just a quick reminder that the [R05 ILR return](#) is due in shortly after the New Year on **06 January 2012**.”

**On behalf of *the information authority* and the Data Service we would like to wish all our readers an enjoyable break over the festive period. Speak to you in 2012!**

