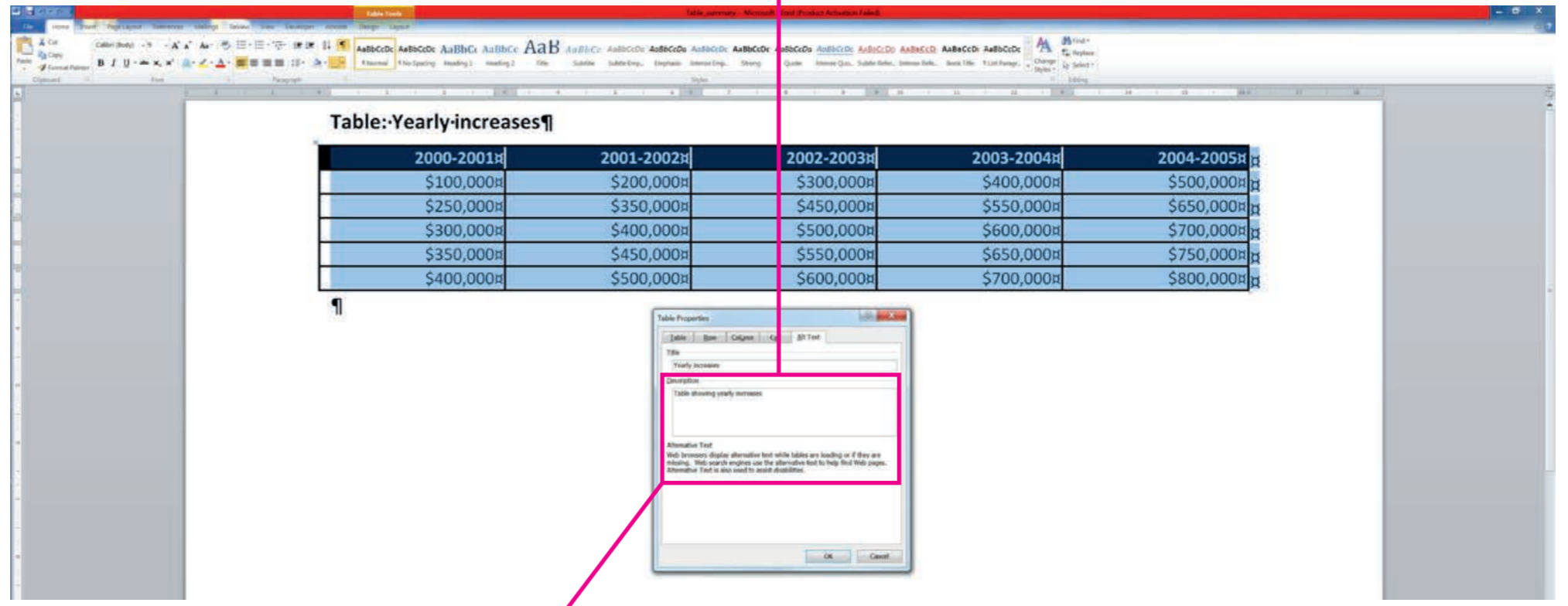
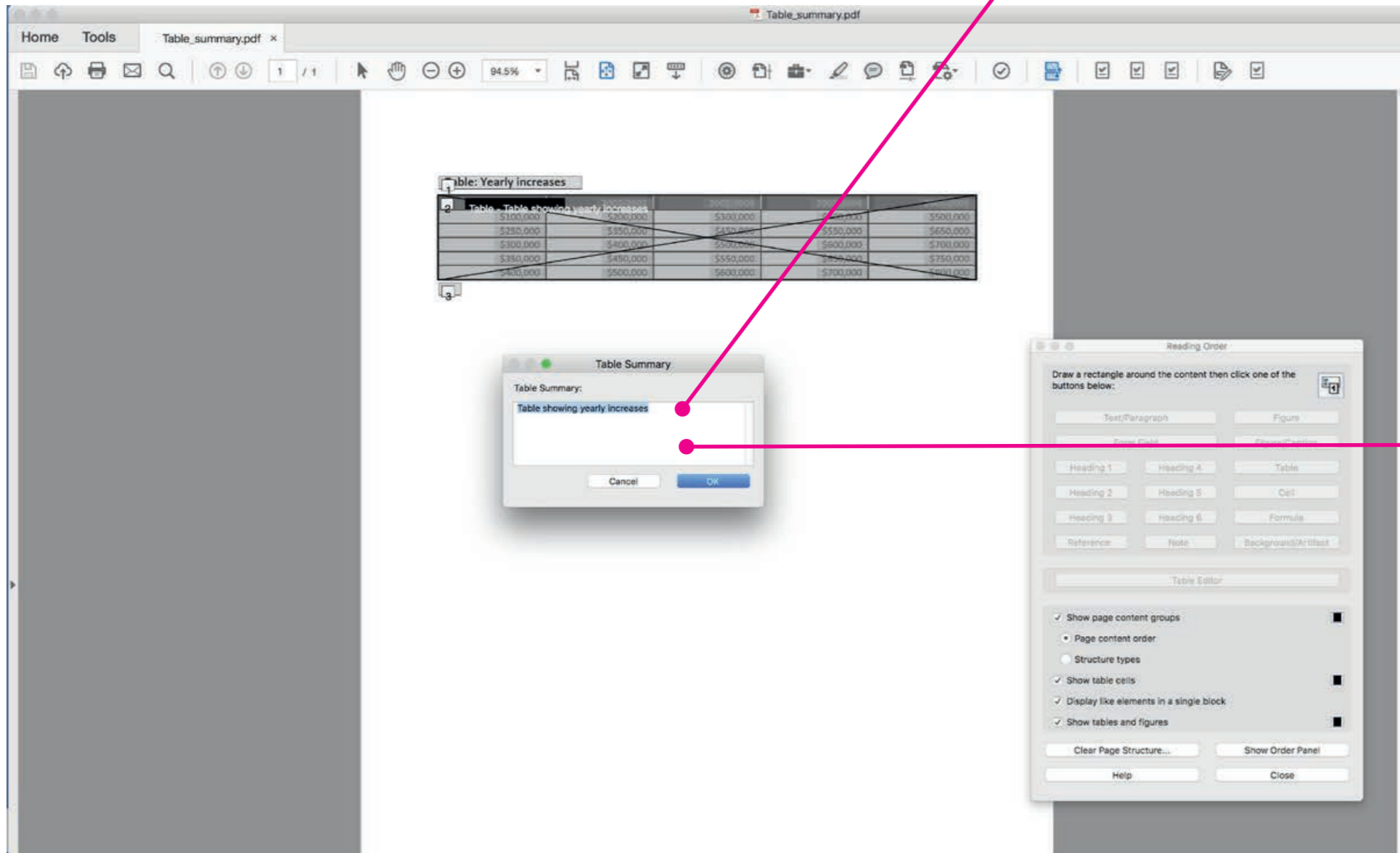


### 1) Microsoft Word – Table description (alternative text)

When selecting a table in Microsoft Word it has a tab called Alt Text (alternative text) which allows you to add description that carries over to the PDF. This brief description whilst not compulsory for accessibility can be very helpful for convoluted tables for people that use screen readers.

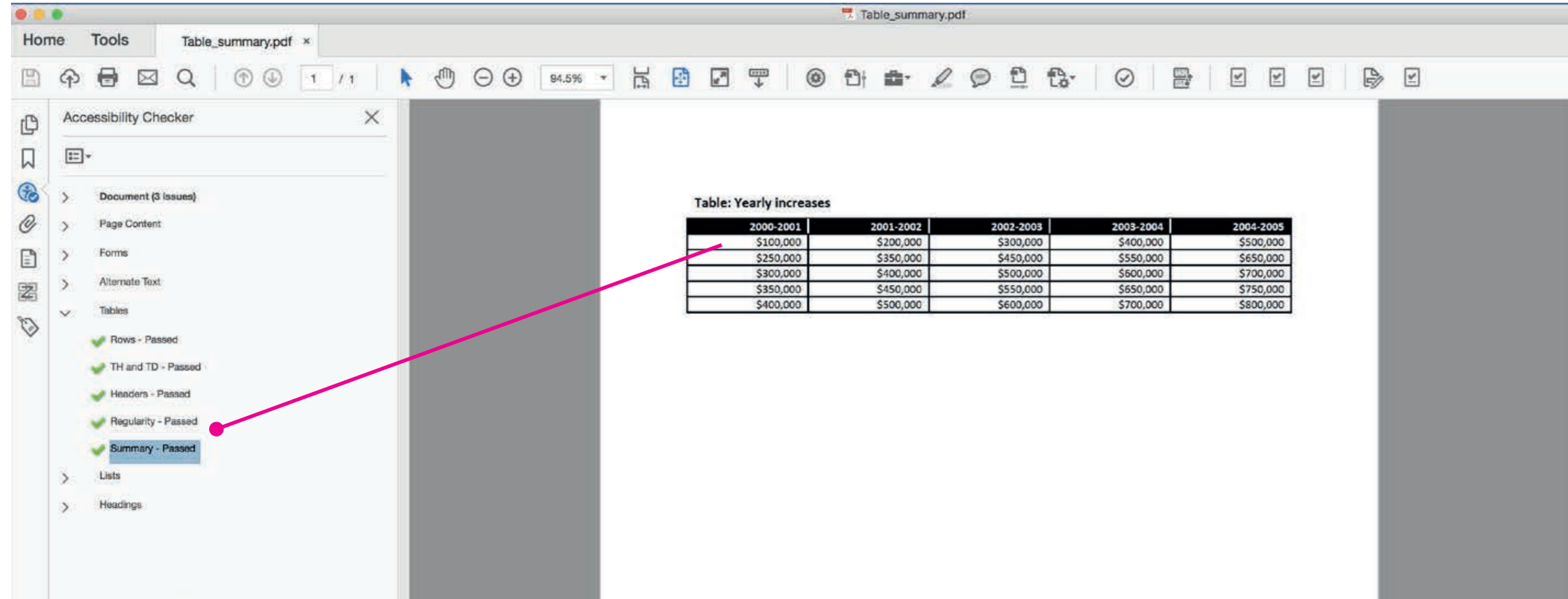


### 2) Adobe Acrobat – PDF



### 3) Adobe Acrobat – Accessibility checker

As you can see in the screen shot below because the table has a table summary added you get a green tick (pass) which gives 100% accessibility. If there was no table summary included you get an exclamation mark. Tables summaries are not compulsory for accessibility but to get all green tick tables summaries need to be added which Microsoft Word and other programs seem to do whereas Adobe Indesign does not.



### 4) Adobe InDesign – Table summaries (solution)

As mentioned above Adobe Indesign does not have a field to add tables summaries and we were wondering (hoping) that a tab maybe within Table options could be added which would then carry over to a PDF when exported, similar to the way Microsoft Word has the Alt text tab (see point 1). This would save a lot of time in having to do so manually afterwards in Adobe Acrobat which would be especially helpful when you have large documents that can contain up to 20 to 50 tables.

