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Thank you very much for your kind letter on policy priorities of the UK Statistics Authority. I am sorry it has taken me a while to reply.

I really appreciate you writing to me on this hugely important area. Whilst I would like to meet you myself to discuss this, I am afraid that due to the imminent General Election and the extreme pressures on my diary at the moment I feel that I will have to regretfully decline at this stage. I do hope you understand.

However, I would appreciate it if you were able to meet The Rt Hon Francis Maude MP, the Shadow Minister for the Cabinet Office, to discuss this matter so that he can keep me fully briefed. I have copied your original letter to Francis, and your office can contact him on francismaudemp@parliament.uk.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David".

David Cameron