



Public Administration Select Committee

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Dear Michael,

The Committee has asked me to write reiterating our support for the principled, proportionate and independent way in which the Statistics Authority has responded to situations in recent months, where both the Government and Official Opposition have used official statistics in a way that could be misleading. The Authority's approach has done credit to the purpose for which it was set up: to rebuild public trust in Government statistics.

I hope that raised awareness of the Authority's existence and role will encourage politicians from all parties to take care over how they select, interpret and use statistics within the context of lively political debate.

Tony

Dr Tony Wright MP
Committee Chairman