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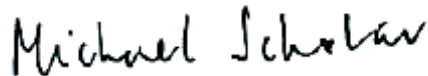
Dear Mr Cash

Thank you for your letter of 26 November 2009.

The National Statistician has informed me that the Office for National Statistics (ONS) was not told of the existence of the liquidity assistance provided to HBOS and RBS during October 2008 to January 2009. The ONS first became aware of the assistance when it was announced at the Treasury Select Committee hearing on 24 November 2009. The ONS is currently working on the effects on the Public Sector Finance and National Accounts statistics.

You asked about the Authority's plans for reporting on this matter to Parliament. We will do so as part of our annual report to Parliament, in the summer of next year.

Yours sincerely



Sir Michael Scholar KCB