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Sir Andrew Dilnot
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Dear Sir Andrew,

On 18 May 2015, the Secretary of State for Education (Mrs Nicky Morgan) was interviewed by the journal Schools Week. Referring to the Schools Workforce she said "we've got some figures coming that will show that actually we're doing pretty well compared to where we were last year". The audio recording of the interview can be found here <http://schoolsweek.co.uk/schools-week-editor-interviews-education-secretary-audio-recording/>. I assume she is referring to the DfE November 2014 School Workforce survey which is due to be published as part of National Statistics on 2 July 2015.

The fact that the Secretary of State is referring to unpublished Official Statistics calls into question the impartiality of these statistics, and is a breach of the Code of Practice (Protocol 2, paragraph 8).

I would be grateful if you would investigate and take any necessary action. A copy goes to the DfE Permanent Secretary, Chris Wormald.

Yours,

Kevin Brennan MP

Shadow Minister for schools

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