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Dear Sudre

You were copied into a letter to me from Hugh Bayley MP, dated 28 February 2014, about flood defence spending figures, with two suggestions which relate to your work. Firstly, that there could be a Code of Practice for non-official statistics, and second, that UKSA should have the power to designate departmental statistics as official statistics. I would be interested in your views on the matters raised by Mr Bayley, and your view on the extent to which UKSA should proactively suggest to departments that data should be treated as official statistics.

I am copying this letter to Hugh Bayley MP. I look forward to hearing from you.

Bernard Jenkin MP Chairman of PASC

cc Hugh Bayley MP