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Dear Mr Elliott

UK JOBS CONNECTED TO EU MEMBERSHIP

Thank you for your letter of 15 August regarding comments made about the number of “British jobs ... connected to Britain's place in Europe”.

I understand that the estimate, of 3.3 million jobs, was produced by economists in HM Treasury, drawing on official statistics produced by ONS. The estimate itself is not classed as official statistics, and is therefore outside the statutory remit of the UK Statistics Authority. I note that the analysis has been made public in a number of places, including in a recent answer to a Parliamentary Question, which makes it clear that it ‘is not an estimate of the impact of EU membership on employment’:

“The Treasury estimate that 3.3 million jobs in the UK may be related to exports to other European Union countries. This figure is based on the assumption that the share of UK employment associated with UK exports to the EU is equal to the share of output that is exported to the EU, making allowance for the composition of the UK economy. It is not an estimate of the impact of EU membership on employment.” (HL Deb, 28 July 2014, c273W)

Yours sincerely,



Sir Andrew Dilnot CBE