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Dear Sir Andrew,

LTIM revision

At our meeting on 10 June I mentioned the revised LTIM estimates.

We welcome the steps already taken by the ONS to revise historical net migration. However, we suggest that the revised LTIM for 2001-2011 should now be broken down at least into British, EU and non-EU migration. That should be possible, given that both the census and the IPS record country of birth and citizenship. Furthermore the ONS have ascribed a large part of the discrepancy to EU migrants. Such a breakdown would provide a firmer basis on which to examine the key issues that now arise. It would also allow the efforts of the current government to reduce immigration to be fairly judged.

Best wishes,

Andrew

p.s. I am writing separately about the population projections.

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