



17th June 2013

Dear Sir Andrew,

May I first congratulate you on the well-deserved conferment of a knighthood in the Birthday Honours?

I enclose a copy of what purports to be a reply I have received today to a recent PQ which, you will no doubt note, studiously avoids the questions I posed. Does the Office know of any concrete response to its criticisms on the lines mentioned in the question, or otherwise, and does it have any comment on the issues raised by my question?


Lord Beecham

Official Statistics

Lord Beecham: To ask Her Majesty's Government what response they have made to criticisms by the United Kingdom Statistics Authority about their use of official statistics; what publicity they gave to any such response; and whether they are taking any steps to review their use of statistics. (HL561)

LORD WALLACE OF SALTAIRE

The relevant Government department considers any comments made by the UK Statistics Authority on their use of statistics on a case by case basis, and responds as appropriate. The National Statistician is responsible for overseeing statistical work in Government, and ensures that current approaches are reviewed and best practice included in professional development and procedures where necessary.


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