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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Andrew,

Thank you for your letter of 25 October. I am glad that you recognise that my comments, in the context of falling crime, falling NHS waiting lists and falling unemployment, were not intended to give any indication about the GDP figures.

As you will be aware, shortly after taking office, the Government considered the arrangements on pre-release alongside the recommendations made by the UK Statistics Authority. The Minister for the Cabinet Office, Francis Maude, set out the Government's position in his letter to your predecessor, Sir Michael Scholar, on 27 July 2010. The Government's view remains that the current arrangements should continue. However, I am sure that Francis Maude, the Minister responsible, will be happy to discuss the issue with you when you next meet.

*Yours,
David*

Mr Andrew Dilnot CBE