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**Chair of the UK Statistics Authority, Sir Andrew Dilnot CBE**

John Pullinger CB  
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By email

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Dear John,

**SHAPING THE FUTURE OF CONSUMER PRICE STATISTICS IN THE UK**

Thank you for your letter of 9 March in which you updated me on your thoughts regarding the future of consumer price statistics and how they best meet current and future user needs.

Consumer price statistics are an important indicator of how the United Kingdom's economy is behaving and I welcome work by the Office for National Statistics to seek the re-designation of CPIH as a National Statistic, as a top priority.

The Board of the UK Statistics Authority looks forward to your report on how best to develop consumer price statistics being published later this year.

Yours sincerely,



**Sir Andrew Dilnot CBE**