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Dear Robert,

Thank you for your letter of 8 February 2016.

Adherence to the clear rules around pre release access is vital in ensuring trustworthy statistics. I am pleased to see the action you have taken in response to the breach of the pre release access arrangements for ONS Labour Market Statistics. And I particularly welcome your commitment to maintain high standards of compliance in this and all other aspects of official statistics.

I am copying this letter to Sir Andrew Dilnot, Chair of the UK Statistics Authority and John Pullinger, National Statistician.

Yours sincerely,



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