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(by email)

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Dear Mr Osborne,

I am writing to support the letter you received today from Iain Bell, Deputy National Statistician at the Office for National Statistics, highlighting the inaccuracies in the article on migration published in the Evening Standard yesterday.

Statistics are an essential public asset and it is important that the public has confidence in them, as very well articulated by Anthony Hilton's article in the Evening Standard on 12 July.

This confidence is undermined when significant misunderstandings of those statistics are published.

I therefore encourage you to publish a correction.

Yours sincerely



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