
Director General for Regulation

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(By email)

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Dear Rachel,

Thank you for your correspondence on 23 March 2023 requesting an alternative release time for 7am for the publication of the ONS' Public Sector Classification Guide and Forward Work Plan on 28 April 2023.

We understand that the April release of the Public Sector Classification Guide and Forward Work Plan will include a classification decision for the [Energy Bills Discount Scheme](#).

We appreciate that publishing the classification has the potential to impact market sensitive data, including producer price inflation statistics, and we support your request to publish outside UK market hours, specifically at 7am, on 28 April 2023, to ensure orderly release and equal access to information.

Please ensure that the time of the April release is made public and that the reasons for the alternative release time are clearly outlined.

Yours sincerely



Ed Humpherson
Director General for Regulation