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Dear Mike

Revisions of estimates of UK Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

Thank you for inviting OSR to review your practices around the preparation and release of information about revisions to estimates of GDP. I will ask my team to carry out and publish a short review, which we expect to cover the three areas outlined in your letter:

1. Processes and quality assurance involved in making revisions to GDP
2. Potential improvements to early estimates of GDP enabled through enhanced access to data
3. Communication of:
 - revisions to GDP
 - the story behind the most recent set of revisions in particular
 - uncertainty in early estimates of GDP

We will extend our review to cover similar issues relating to a wider set of National Accounts measures as appropriate.

I look forward to working with you and colleagues on this review.

Yours sincerely



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