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**Ed Humpherson, Director General for Office for Statistics Regulation**

Rachel Skentelbery,  
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(By email)

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Dear Rachel,

**Alternative Release Times request for Transformation of UK consumer price statistics, groceries scanner data analysis, April 2025**

Thank you for your request, made on 9 April 2025, for an alternative release time for your one-off **Transformation of UK consumer price statistics, groceries scanner data analysis, April 2025** release.

Having considered your reasons, I am content to approve your proposal to publish this analysis article at 7:00am. This decision is taken in consideration of the market sensitive nature of the analysis, as they will provide first insights on how grocery scanner data will affect headline inflation measures (CPI, CPIH and RPI). We also recognise that such a move demonstrates consistency with the current headline inflation statistical releases, which are also published at 7:00am at present.

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

Yours sincerely,



Ed Humpherson  
Director General for OSR