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As discussed, and to help you prepare briefing for the Chancellor, I attach a draft of the ONS news release for Thursday along with our draft lines to take. I should stress at this point that the news release references the analysis prepared by ONS and not the view of the National Statistician. As a result the release will change should the National Statistician decide on recommendations that differ from the position that has been developed by ONS. The National Statistician will reach her position after tomorrow's discussion at CPAC.

The information is being provided to you on a personal basis and should not be shared more widely than is necessary to facilitate the preparation of the briefing that we have discussed.

It would be helpful if you could share HMT's lines to take and for you, or senior officials, to discuss with me or the National Statistician any statement that the Chancellor may be planning to make on Thursday. As already noted, there is some concern about the Chancellor making a statement on, what we have been trying to maintain is, an independent statistical consultation.

Please contact me if you need any further information on this.

Thanks

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