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Thanks for the useful conversation a few moments ago. As discussed we are planning to write out to other government departments to ensure the RPI issue is on their radar. On a contingency basis we are requesting input into potential impacts to ensure we are ready if necessary to meet our obligations under the Equalities Act 2010. We plan to send out the attached letter this week. Our intention is that this will not be an open letter. As such we will not refer to this contingency work in our public correspondence.

Our public lines remain;

- This is a process initiated and led by the independent ONS. The ONS is consulting on a number of options for changing the RPI until the end of November. We await the outcome of that consultation like everybody else;
- Ministers have no role in this process unless, under quite specific circumstances, the UKSA are required to seek the Chancellor's consent to a change right at the end of the process; and
- We won't be commenting on how the Chancellor might react under different hypothetical scenarios.

As you can see these do not refer to the equalities legislation - we are still receiving legal advice on the factors the Chancellor is able to take into account in his decision, if called upon to do so.

As a courtesy we wanted to ensure that ONS were aware of this and to ensure that Jil's office were sighted. You kindly agreed to ensure Derek and the National Statistician's office receive a copy.

Do not hesitate to get in contact should you have any further questions.

Kind regards



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