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Bank of England's request for exceptional pre-release access to ONS statistics: Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings (ASHE) – October 2024

Dear Clare,

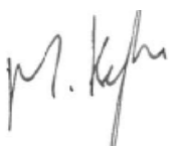
Thank you for your letter of 28 October 2024 seeking exceptional pre-release access for the Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings (ASHE) statistics to support the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC)'s monetary policy decisions. We understand this request is due to the proximity of the release to today's MPC meeting.

As you will be aware, when the then National Statistician announced an end to pre-release access to ONS statistics he said that 'Should there be a need for exceptional pre-release access to particular individuals for a specific release this would be fully transparent'. The overarching principle behind these arrangements is that we should work to ensure the integrity of our statistics but also recognise that in exceptional circumstances, the public benefit likely to result from limited pre-release access significantly outweighs the detriment to public trust in official statistics likely to result from such access.

On that basis ONS grants you exceptional pre-release access to the ASHE statistics. We understand that you will limit the number of individuals who will have access to the data covered by this arrangement.

I acknowledge that you have already supplied us with the names and the positions of those who will have pre-release access. I trust that these arrangements will prove satisfactory, but if you have any further questions or concerns, please come back to me.

Yours sincerely,



Mike Keohan