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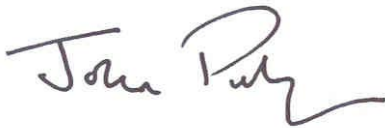
Dear Jon,

Thank you for your letter of 22 February, regarding Paul Johnson's review of consumer price statistics.

As I set out in my recent letter to the President of the Royal Statistical Society, Peter Diggle, the Authority is taking some time to consider the report's findings and recommendations, before publicly consulting on consumer price statistics later in the year.

The Authority appreciates that these statistics are among the most important official statistics produced in the UK, and that they are of great interest to a wide array of stakeholders. We look forward to engaging with all stakeholders during the course of the consultation period.

Yours sincerely,



**John Pullinger**