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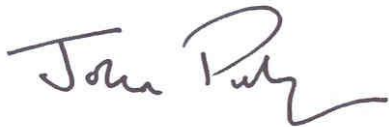
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Dear Ed

Thank you for your letter of 12 January commending ONS' publication on 16 December 2016 of *Research Outputs on income from combined PAYE and Benefits data*. The Administrative Data Census project is one I strongly support. It not only offers a potential replacement to the current decennial census but it equally offers the foundation for census type outputs to be produced every year.

I have encouraged the team to be even more ambitious and to broaden the range of published admin data outputs as soon as possible and to continue to seek user feedback. This does depend on access to more data; if the Digital Economy Bill currently going through Parliament is passed, this will play a significant role.

Yours sincerely



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