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House of Commons
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Dear Mr Betts,

Accessibility of Levelling Up policy funding stream data

I write regarding your recent letter¹ to Neil O'Brien MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Levelling Up, the Union and Constitution, at the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC), requesting access to data on the various Levelling Up policy funding streams.

At the Office for Statistics Regulation (OSR), we share your support for the transparency of data that is in the public interest and required for key decisions underpinning policy making.

You may be aware that we corresponded with DLUHC from August 2021² to November 2021^{3,4}, asking for greater transparency around data on the Levelling Up Fund and the related 'prioritisation of places model'.

OSR expects such data to be made publicly available, as outlined in our guidance on intelligent transparency⁵. This guidance has been endorsed by the Civil Service Chief Operating Officer, Alex Chisholm.

Please let me know if there is anything you would like from us in support of your request, or if you would like a meeting to discuss further.

Yours sincerely



Ed Humpherson

¹ <https://committees.parliament.uk/publications/22447/documents/165461/default/>

² <https://osr.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/correspondence/ed-humpherson-to-sandra-tudor-transparency-of-data-related-to-the-levelling-up-fund-luf-august/>

³ <https://osr.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/correspondence/sandra-tudor-to-ed-humpherson-transparency-of-data-related-to-the-levelling-up-fund-luf>

⁴ <https://osr.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/correspondence/ed-humpherson-to-sandra-tudor-transparency-of-data-related-to-the-levelling-up-fund-luf-november/>

⁵ <https://osr.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/publication/regulatory-guidance-for-the-transparent-release-and-use-of-statistics-and-data/>