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Dear Dr Broadbent

Thank you for your letter of 23rd July seeking exceptional pre-release access to statistics based on Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC) Pay As You Earn Real Time Information (PAYE RTI).

HMRC is conscious of the need to ensure the integrity of official statistics. However, HMRC understands that under exceptional circumstances, in agreement with the National Statistician, the Bank of England is given pre-release access to certain official statistics. The overarching principle is that under exceptional circumstances there is a public benefit likely to result from such access which outweighs the detriment to public trust in official statistics.

On this basis HMRC grants the Bank of England exceptional pre-release access, as requested, for the Monetary Policy Committee meetings for the following statistics:

The earnings and employment statistics from PAYE RTI releases that fall on the 14th December with pre-release access granted such that the statistics are available for the MPC's meeting at any time on Friday 10th December. Decisions on the precise timing of pre-release access on the above date are delegated to the Deputy National Statistician and ONS Director General for Economic Statistics.

This pre-release access is being given to align with the Office for National Statistics (ONS) publication of labour market statistics, as it has been agreed that the Bank of England will have pre-release to the ONS labour market statistics. The PAYE RTI statistics will be sent by the ONS to the Bank of England alongside the ONS labour market statistics.

Ahead of any pre-release access HMRC will require the names of any and all individuals who will be accessing the statistics ahead of the publication.

I am copying this letter to Jane Whittaker (HMRC), Jonathan Athow (ONS), and Alan Castle and Simon Kirby (Bank of England).

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Kind Regards

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