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Dear all

Thank you very much for your quick responses this morning.

Jonathan, here is the passage I read you from our draft in case helpful (will be published in a few minutes).

Many people are earning more

Falling average earnings don't mean that everybody's or even most people's wages are falling. The average wage is affected by [who is working too](#). Well-paid people leaving work and less well-paid people starting work would reduce the average wage even if nobody in the country had a pay cut.

Analysis by [the Office for National Statistics](#) showed that in 2014, average earnings grew by only 0.1% but the average earnings of people who had been in their job for more than a year rose by 4.1%.

So although the drop in average earnings tells us something important about the economy overall, it's not the same as what's happened to everybody working in the UK.

I look forward to picking up some of these questions in a more reasonable timeframe but in the meantime it would be great if we can make tomorrow's release as clear and easy to understand as possible and explain this up front as this is such a central issue. I and my colleagues are always here if we can help.

Thanks again and best wishes

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On 16 May 2017 at 11:10, Holden, Vanessa [redacted]@statistics.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear [redacted]

I have spoken with both Ed and Jonathan about your concerns regarding tomorrow's release.

In the first instance, Jonathan will give you a call today to make sure he has understood your specific points of concern (Jonathan, I'll give you [redacted] number). He can feed this back to the ONS comms team and statisticians, who will in turn do what they can to make sure we address your concerns in advance of tomorrow's release.

Both Ed and Jonathan thought it would be worth us picking up again, a little further in advance of the next release. While ONS will do everything they can to make sure tomorrow's communications are well understood, we're conscious we have less than 24 hours, and that it might be worth us giving ourselves a little more time. I'll speak to Ed and Jonathan's offices about slotting this in.

Hopefully this sounds ok - Jonathan will be in touch soon. And you have my details below!

Thanks

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