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Susan / [REDACTED],

I was aiming to get this to you before both [REDACTED] left and I went on leave, but timings didn't work out, so apologies for the delay.

Please find attached:

- The Smart Metering Policy response to the publication
- Covering text for report (with suggested amendments).

In line with the Policy response to the covering text, we would welcome further clarification on the exact responses by (and questions posed to) the privacy groups that ONS consulted.

In relation to the report, the methodology itself is sound and has been cleared by the Head of Profession ([REDACTED]). However, please can the following comments be addressed:

- Figure 7 (p.12) include sample sizes in axis for clarity.
- Section 5.2 (p.24) This states that the trials were set-up as an experimental design (intervention vs. control), but neither the intervention or control groups have been defined, nor has the analysis been discussed in this context, therefore I am unsure whether the specified design is correct?
- There is key text at the end of the 1st paragraph of Section 5.2 (p.26) about privacy, consent and bias that should be included in the executive summary / forward for greater clarity up front.
- In line with your comments on p.36, we need to be clear that Governments' brief was not to identify individual households.

- Similarly, although the conclusions have been set out in an Official Statistics context (p.38), they are slightly at odds to the narrative in earlier chapters (i.e. single household identification).

Do you have a publication timetable for i) this paper and ii) any related follow on work around smart metering?

If there are any problems, please let us know.
Many thanks,

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