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Dear Sir Robert,

I am pleased to congratulate you, personally and on behalf of the Royal Statistical Society, on your new role as Chair of the UK Statistics Authority.

Be assured that the RSS is a strong supporter of the UK official statistics system. We are keen to recognise its many achievements while also committed to pursuing areas and practices we think need further improvement, such as user engagement. Another topical concern is stewardship of the family of prices indices (RPI and the nascent HCI, as well as CPI).

Stian Westlake and I look forward to meeting you when your diary allows it, to discuss these and other issues.

Yours sincerely,



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Chair of the RSS National Statistics Advisory Group

