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Today HM Government has announced plans for a review into the production of economic statistics, to be led by Professor Sir Charles Bean.

Commenting, Mike Hughes, chair of the Royal Statistical Society's National Statistics Advisory Group (NSAG) said:

“Clearly we welcome an independent review which is likely to lead to an improvement in economic statistics. However we are concerned about the lack of clarity in its reporting arrangements. The production and governance of UK statistics are independent of government and should continue to be. The UK Statistics Authority must be fully involved in agreeing any recommendations that come out of the review.”

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