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Dear Angela,

**Limiting Pre-Release Access to Statistics Consultation**

I refer to the above document, dated December 2007.

My response to the consultation is that I support:

1. Limiting pre-release access to a strict maximum of 24 hours.
2. Requiring that pre-release access be limited to the minimum necessary number of people.
3. A requirement that, where pre-release access is granted, it be done in an open and transparent manner, with details documented and published.
4. Access being allowed in a limited number of special circumstances, reflecting current practices (eg. Monetary Policy Committee of the Bank of England).
5. A statistic being under embargo, once pre-release access to that statistic in final form has been granted.
6. That the Code of Practice for Statistics covers issues such as rules relating to access to statistics not in their final form.

Yours sincerely,

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