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Dear Sir/Madam

**Independence for Statistics
Response from the South West Observatory**

The South West Observatory welcomes the proposals for independence in United Kingdom statistics, and opportunity to comment upon them. The confidence in which official statistics are held underpins the effectiveness of the Observatory's work in promoting the use of evidence in policy in the South West of England. We endorse the comments made by our national representative body, the Association of Regional Observatories and, although we will not duplicate those comments here, we do feel that the matter is of sufficient importance that we should write formally commending them to the team.

Yours faithfully

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