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The Rt Hon the Lord Forsyth of Drumlean
Chairman
Lords Economic Affairs Committee
House of Lords
London SW1A 0PW

Dear Michael

House of Lords Economic Affairs Committee inquiry – the use of the Retail Prices Index

As I set out in my letter to you on 13 March, the Government is grateful for, and is considering, the Committee's report.

The Committee made several recommendations both to the Government and the UK Statistics Authority (UKSA). The issues it raises are complex and wide-ranging. The breadth, complexity, and importance of the issues mean that your report requires further consideration.

The Government is continuing to discuss the relevant issues with the UKSA, and will respond to the Committee's report as soon as it is practicable to do so. We will communicate the date for this response in due course, with at least 24 hours notice.

I am copying this letter to the Chair of the Treasury Committee.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Hammond'.

PHILIP HAMMOND