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Dear Mr Wragg MP,

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Thank you for your letter of 9 January regarding the public bodies' review of the UK Statistics Authority (UKSA) and for following up so promptly on an earlier correspondence.

The Cabinet Office formally launched a review of the UK Statistics Authority in June 2023, following the appointment of Professor Denise Lievesley CBE as Lead Reviewer. It was anticipated that the review would take around 6 months to complete. We are slightly outside of this timeframe, which has been extended to account for the scope of the review, the complexity of its subject matter and the range of stakeholders who have contributed to the findings. Given the importance of this review, and the value of its findings to the Government, Parliament and the wider user community, I know you will agree that rushing the report to publication is not in anyone's interest.

I expect the final independent report to be submitted to me by the end of January. Once I have received it, I will be able to consider the Government's response and I remain keen that together with the report, this is published in a timely way. You may feel in the circumstances that it makes sense for your committee to reschedule Professor Lievesley's appearance for later in the year.

Warm regards

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