



**Public Administration  
and Constitutional Affairs  
Committee**

From the Chair  
**William Wragg MP**

Baroness Neville-Rolfe  
Minister of State, Cabinet Office  
*Via email only*

23 January 2024

Dear Baroness Neville-Rolfe,

**TIMELINE FOR THE REVIEW OF THE UK STATISTICS AUTHORITY**

Thank you for your letter of 11 January,<sup>1</sup> in which you explained that the review of the UK Statistics Authority (UKSA) had been delayed, and that you expected a final copy of the review report this month. We understand from your officials that you do not plan to publish the report upon receipt, but will instead wait to publish it alongside the Government's response when that is eventually formulated.

We are deeply concerned by these delays and by the process relating to this review. The review timeline as originally defined allowed good time for the UKSA to consider any recommendations arising from the report, ahead of finalising its plans and priorities for the 2024/25 financial year. It is difficult to see how the UKSA can be expected to plan effectively at this stage, with no information available from Government on its changing expectations. This is an unsatisfactory and unreasonable situation to place the organisation in, and any further delays are untenable from an organisational planning point of view, and unacceptable to this Committee.

We ask that the review be made publicly available as soon as it is received, and that you and Professor Lievesley join the Committee in a public session to discuss its contents before the end of March 2024.

I am copying this letter to the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, the Rt Hon Oliver Dowden CBE, and Sir Robert Chote, Chair of UKSA.

**William Wragg MP**  
**Chair, Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee**

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<sup>1</sup> Letter from Baroness Neville-Rolfe to Committee, 11 January 2024.