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Dear Len

**National Statistics Review of Issues in measuring Household Income
and the Redistribution of Income**

We have completed the National Statistics Review of Issues in measuring Household Income and the Redistribution of Income. I attach the final report, to be placed on the ONS website if you agree.

The Report has been drafted by an external consultant, Jenny Church, and by the Income, Expenditure and Wealth (IEW) team in my Division. It has been commented on in draft by a Project Board including stakeholders within National Statistics (from DWP, Inland Revenue, Scottish Executive and the Welsh Assembly, as well as ONS) and an external advisor, Professor John Hills from the London School of Economics, and other important stakeholders within National Statistics. Their views have been taken into account as far as possible. I am content with the report.

The report recommends as absolutely crucial the proposal to set up an Income Statistics Producers Network to discuss issues that impact across National Statistics on income, to direct research and to agree standards. That group will be able to examine the way forward on an ongoing basis and develop both short and long term strategies in conjunction with users. It is recommended that these outputs remain within the scope of National Statistics.

Yours sincerely

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