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Lord Myners
House of Lords
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Dear Lord Myners

Re: Costs and staff arrangements at the Office for Budget Responsibility

As Chair of the Office for Budget Responsibility I have been asked to reply to your recent question,

To ask Her Majesty's Government what is the annual cost of the Office for Budget Responsibility; how many economists it employs; and how many of those economists are on secondment or on similar arrangements from HM Treasury or other Government departments. HL12365

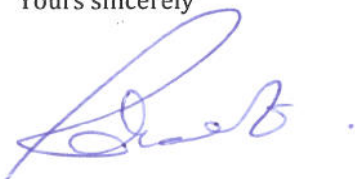
The OBR has a four-year funding settlement of £1.75 million per annum across the period 2011-12 to 2014-15. The letter from HM Treasury which outlines our funding allocation over the period is available on our website at:

<http://budgetresponsibility.independent.gov.uk/transparency/letters/>

The OBR employs 11 permanent full-time staff, of which 11 are professional economists.

All members of staff are employed by the OBR and no staff are on secondment, loan or any other similar arrangement from HM Treasury or any other Government department.

Yours sincerely



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