Log of substantive contact between the Office for Budget Responsibility and Treasury Ministers and their Special Advisers and private office staff, between 27 October 2021 and 22 March 2022

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**Exceptional pre-release access list**

The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Office for Budget Responsibility, HM Treasury, the Department for Work & Pensions and HM Revenue & Customs contains guidance on the scope and purpose of exceptional pre-release access to our documents.

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In accordance with those terms, the three lists below contain the people who received the draft version (either in full or in part) of the March 2022 Economic and fiscal outlook on 18 March:

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Chancellor of the Exchequer
Chief Secretary to the Treasury

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Director General, Public Spending and Finance – Catherine Little
Director General, International and finance – Lindsey Whyte
Director, Fiscal – Tom Josephs
Director, Strategy, Planning and Budget – Dan York-Smith
Director, Economics – James Benford
Director, Personal Tax, Welfare and Pensions – Suzy Kantor/Chris Drane
Director, Public Spending – Conrad Smewing
Director, Climate, Environment and Energy – Steve Field
Director, Ukraine Response – Kate Joseph
Director, Growth and Infrastructure – Joanna Key
Director, Business and International tax – Mike Williams
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Deputy Director, Fiscal Statistics and Policy – Ruth Curtice
Deputy Director, Strategy, Planning and Budget – Sean Jones
Deputy Director, Economic Assessment – Maeve Conolly
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Deputy Director, Macroeconomic Policy – Neil McMurdo
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Deputy Director, Personal Tax – Laura Webster
Deputy Director, VAT and Excise – Mike Cunningham
Deputy Director, Labour Markets and Distributional Analysis – Tom Hemingway
Deputy Director, Infrastructure, Digital and Culture – John Staples
Deputy Director, Enterprise and Growth – Jon Fuller
Deputy Director, Balance Sheet Analysis – Sue Connaughton
Deputy Director, Ukraine Response – Yasmine Moezinia

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Official preparing briefing (income tax, economics and receipts)
Official preparing briefing (VAT and excise)
Official preparing briefing (fuel duty)
Official preparing briefing (distributional analysis)
Official preparing briefing (energy sector)
Official preparing briefing (Ukraine response)
Official preparing briefing (cost of living)
Official preparing briefing (households)

Head of Communications – David Pares
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