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Dear Robert,

OBR Memorandum of Understanding

Thank you for your letter of 30 September 2016,

I am grateful to you for sending me the proposed changes to the OBR Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), which deals with the pre-release access to reports. The revised MoU is a considerable improvement on its predecessor.

However, it has not addressed the Treasury Committee's conclusion in its report on the OBR in February that:

"Provision for officials to request factual changes during the exceptional pre-release access period should be more clearly set out in the Memorandum of Understanding, as should the scope and limits of acceptable requests."¹

I would be grateful if you would take another look at this prior to the forthcoming Autumn Statement in November.

I will be placing this letter, and your correspondence, in the public domain.

*Yours sincerely,
Andrew Tyrie*

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CHAIRMAN, TREASURY SELECT COMMITTEE**

¹ House of Commons Treasury Committee, Seventh Report of Session 2015–16: Reviewing the Office for Budget Responsibility, Paragraph 33