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Dear Robert,

In the *Economic and fiscal outlook* which accompanied yesterday's Autumn Statement, Tables A.1 and A.2 included, for the first time, an indication of the OBR's assessment of the uncertainty of each costing. This was followed by paragraphs setting out the OBR's reasoning in cases of high and very high uncertainty. This increased transparency is very welcome.

You have also provided, in Table A.3, a worked example which shows how uncertainty rating criteria are assigned to a specific policy measure, together with an explanation (in paragraph A.5) of the relative importance for this policy of each of the sources of uncertainty. This example is most helpful.

I would be grateful if you could supply the Committee with the OBR's analysis, in a similar format, for each of the measures in Tables A.1 and A.2. Since this work must already have been undertaken, the Committee would be grateful for it by return and certainly no later than Monday 8 December. This will allow the Committee to consider it before we take oral evidence from you next Wednesday.

Yours ever,
Andrew

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