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*Dear Dave*

**RE: Pre-release access to November 2016 Economic and fiscal outlook**

Thank you for your letter regarding exceptional pre-release access to the EFO document. We are content to provide early access to the draft document on Friday afternoon, in order to help with preparation of the Chancellor's statement and other Autumn Statement materials.

As you mention, we have recently updated the Memorandum of Understanding to ensure that this process is entirely transparent. Since I sent the re-drafted MoU section on pre-release access to the Treasury Committee in September, the Chairman has replied to request further elucidation of the purpose and expected scope of comments from Treasury officials in this part of the process. To that end, we will be circulating the following text alongside the advance pre-release versions of the *EFO*, which in due course we will wish to reflect in the newly revised version of the MoU:

*The purpose of sharing an exceptional pre-release access version of the draft EFO is to allow the Treasury to reflect its content accurately in the Chancellor's statement and in accompanying documentation and briefing. We welcome factual corrections at this stage, but are not seeking broader comments on the drafting of the document or the way in which we describe the forecast or policy measures. The final content of the EFO may differ significantly from the draft provided on this basis, reflecting ongoing editing before the document is finalised.*

*Best regards,* 

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