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## Freedom of Information Act 2000: Autumn Statement Charts

Thank you for your Freedom of Information enquiry of 20 December. You asked for the following information:

I would like a reproduction of Chart 1.14 in the Autumn Statement 2012 using (a) 2003-04 as a base and (b) 1997-98 as a base, using the same sources and data used in the Autumn Statement.

The FOI Act exists to give members of the public access to recorded information. There is no requirement under FOI for public authorities to create new information for requesters.

I am afraid that we do not hold any analysis that reproduces chart 1.14, using the same sources and data, but using 2003/04 and 1997/98 as base years.

However, the data needed to reproduce the chart 1.14 for different base years are publicly available.

1) The whole economy average earnings and index can be calculated using data from the Office of National Statistics and the Office of Budget Responsibility. The data you need are accessible via these links:

For numbers prior to 2009 Q1:

<http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/rel/naa2/quarterly-national-accounts/q3-2012/tsd-quarterly-national-accounts--q3-2012.html>

<http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/rel/lms/labour-market-statistics/december-2012/dataset--labour-market-statistics.html>

For numbers 2009 Q1 onwards, the average earnings index is available at:

<http://budgetresponsibility.independent.gov.uk/economic-and-fiscal-outlook-december-2012/>

[Economic and Fiscal Outlook supplementary economy tables – table 1.4]

2) Data on benefit rates are available at:

<http://statistics.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd1/abstract/abstract2011.pdf>

<http://www.dwp.gov.uk/docs/dwp035.pdf>

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. It will be helpful to us if you remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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