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Gregory Campbell MP House of Commons London SW1A 0AA

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Dear Mr Campbell,

As National Statistician and Chief Executive of the UK Statistics Authority, I am replying to your Parliamentary Question asking what change there was in the proportion of the working age population employed by the public sector in (a) England, (b) Wales, (c) Scotland and (d) Northern Ireland between 2005 and 2015 (37226).

The Office for National Statistics compiles information relating to public sector employment through the *Quarterly Public Sector Employment Survey* and on the size of the working age population by *the Labour Force Survey*.

The earliest regional public sector employment data, suitable for direct comparison with our current public sector employment data, are from 2008. Therefore, your Parliamentary Question has been answered between 2008 and 2015. A copy of the table has been placed in the House of Commons Library.

Yours sincerely

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