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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 the change was in the median gross annual earnings for all full-time employees in (a) England, (b) Scotland, (c) Wales and (d) Northern Ireland between 2007 and 2017 **(195035)**.

The Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings<sup>1</sup> (ASHE), carried out in April each year, is the most comprehensive source of earnings information in the United Kingdom. Annual earnings estimates are provided for the tax year ending 5 April in the reference year and are based on employees on adult rates of pay who have been in the same job for more than a year. Figures relate to employee jobs, which are defined as those held by employees and not the self-employed. Note that a single individual may have more than one job.

Table 1 shows the median gross annual earnings for full-time employees by country, with percentage growth, for 2007 to 2017. These estimates are available in the ASHE selected estimates table and table 3.7 of the ASHE datasets. A copy of the table has been placed in the House of Commons Library.

Yours sincerely,

John Pullinger

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>https://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peopleinwork/earningsandworkinghours/bulletins/annualsurveyofhoursandearnings/previousReleases