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Dear Ms Long Bailey,

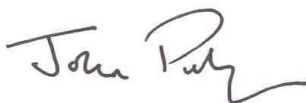
As National Statistician and Chief Executive of the UK Statistics Authority, I am replying to your Parliamentary Question asking for an estimate of the number of people in each parliamentary constituency in Greater Manchester that are paid the (a) national minimum wage and (b) national living wage **(197641)**.

Due to the disproportionate costs required to produce the data, we are unable to answer the above question regarding the national minimum wage. However we have provided available data covering the number of people that are paid below the national living wage by parliamentary constituency.

The *Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings (ASHE)*¹, carried out in April each year, is the most comprehensive source of earnings information in the United Kingdom. ASHE is used to produce estimates of the number of employee jobs with hourly earnings below the living wage, as defined by the Living Wage Foundation. Employee jobs are defined as those held by employees and not the self-employed. Please note that ASHE is based on a 1% sample of employee jobs taken from HM Revenue and Customs' Pay As You Earn (PAYE) records. Consequently, individuals with more than one job may appear in the sample more than once.

Table 1 shows the number, and proportion, of full-time employee jobs paid below the living wage, as defined by the Living Wage Foundation, by parliamentary constituency in April 2018 (the latest period for which data are available). A copy of the table has been placed in the House of Commons Library.

Yours sincerely,



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