

Public Spending National Statistics: Pre-release access list

The list below shows those individuals who receive access in advance of publication to Public Spending National Statistics, which is a Treasury National Statistics Release, although it makes use of data published by among others the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG); the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP); the devolved administrations for Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland and the Office for National Statistics (ONS).

The officials on this list are either involved in the production of briefing for ministers or are regularly called upon to give direct advice to ministers to enable them to comment on the figures shortly after their publication. All the individuals listed below are in the Treasury.

Pre-release access arrangements are in line with The Pre-release Access to Official Statistics Order 2008. Pre-release access for briefing purposes is allowed no earlier than 24 hours prior to publication.

As well as the people on this list who receive pre-release access to data in line with the Order, a limited number of other Treasury officials will have pre-release access to Public Spending data because they are involved in the compilation and quality assurance of the data and will see it more than 24 hours before publication. Some members of the Communications team will see the release, but only within the 24 hour pre-release period, because they place the data on the gov.uk website.

Some of the underlying data in the release are derived from HM Treasury administrative systems and will be seen by a number of people within Treasury as management information in advance of publication of the statistics. Direct access to this data is minimised and those with this access ensure that the information is not passed on to anyone who does not have an operational need to see it in advance of publication.

Apart from members of HM Treasury who are involved in data compilation and quality assurance, no-one has access to local government, public corporation or total public sector statistics apart from access allowed under The Pre-release Access to Official Statistics Order 2008.

This list is also used for the quarterly and annual OSCAR transparency releases.

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HM Treasury

- Chief Secretary to the Treasury (and office)
- Chancellor of the Exchequer (and office)
- Permanent Secretary (and office)
- Director General (Public Spending)
- Director, Public Spending
- Special Adviser
- Press Office x2
- Head of Profession, Statistics