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Dear Andrea

Thank you for your letter of 14 July 2016. I take this matter very seriously.

The article quotes two anonymous officials. I do not know who they are. But I can assure you that the views attributed to them do not reflect the views of HM Treasury.

All Treasury officials are required to act in accordance with the principles of the Civil Service Code, and to respect the core civil service value of political impartiality.

I am copying this letter to Charles Roxburgh.

With best wishes

Tom Scholar