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Sir Alan Meale MP  
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House of Commons  
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Dear Sir Alan,

### **STATISTICAL INFORMATION ON LABOUR DISPUTES**

In the fourth sitting of the Trade Union Public Bill Committee, Stephen Doughty suggested it would be helpful for the Committee to have a full compendium of the ONS statistics relating to industrial action.

The key ONS survey in this area is the Labour Disputes Survey. It provides information on the number of stoppages resulting from labour disputes, the number of working days lost during the stoppages and the number of workers involved. There are no quantitative data sources that provide statistics on the number of other types of industrial action. The latest Labour Disputes Survey tables can be accessed using the following links:

<http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/rel/lms/labour-market-statistics/october-2015/table-labd01.xls>

<http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/rel/lms/labour-market-statistics/october-2015/table-labd02.xls>

<http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/rel/lms/labour-market-statistics/october-2015/table-labd03.xls>

I hope this is of assistance.

I am copying this letter to members of the Public Bill Committee.

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