Dear Nicky,

Further to your request of 18 May, and my letter of 18 June enclosing the first batch of statistics, I can confirm that the second and final part of the analysis has now been completed. The relevant tables are contained in the associated Excel workbook sent with this letter and update the versions sent to you previously.

The workbook contains:

Table 1: A time series showing the total number (stock) of families registered for Child Benefit by gender of claimant from August 2003 onwards. The total has been divided into those families receiving Child Benefit, and those who have opted out of Child Benefit payments following the introduction of the High Income Child Benefit Charge (HICBC) in 2013. Please note that the gender not known estimates for the years 2010 onwards have been revised down from those we sent you earlier. This is because we have now been able to match more of the gender information.

Table 2: A time series since the High Income Child Benefit Charge was introduced showing by gender the number of parents or carers of children under 12 who have made a new Child Benefit application, but have opted out of Child Benefit payments.

Table 3: A time series from 2004 onwards showing by gender the number of individuals successfully applying for Child Benefit in respect of their first child.
I am happy to respond to any questions you may have on the statistics supplied.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely

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