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Dear Mr Bayley

As Director General for the Office for National Statistics, I have been asked to reply to your recent Parliamentary Question asking what the average weekly gross earnings of full-time (a) men, (b) women and (c) people in York were (i) in 1996-97 and (ii) at the latest data for which figures are available (A) in cash terms and (B) at constant prices. (321695)

Average levels of earnings are estimated from the Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings (ASHE), and are provided for all employees on adult rates of pay whose pay for the survey period was not affected by absence. The ASHE, carried out in April each year, is the most comprehensive source of earnings information in the United Kingdom.

I attach a table showing the median gross weekly earnings for full-time, male full-time and female full-time employees for the York unitary authority area for the years 1997 and 2009, the earliest and latest periods for which figures are available. The all-items Retail Prices Index for April of each year has been used to calculate the equivalent constant price estimates.

Yours sincerely



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**Median gross weekly earnings (£) - for full-time employee jobs^a : York
1997 and 2009**

	1997 cash	1997 at 2009 prices ^b	2009
All Full-time	297 *	402	478 *
Male Full-time	363 *	492	527 *
Female Full-time	235 *	318	400 *

Notes:

^a Full-time employees on adult rates whose pay for the survey pay-period was not affected by absence. As at April of each year.

^b Deflated using all items RPI for April of each year

Guide to quality:

The Coefficient of Variation (CV) indicates the quality of a figure, the smaller the CV value the higher the quality.
The true value is likely to lie within +/- twice the CV - for example, for an average of 200 with a CV of 5%, we would expect the population average to be within the range 180 to 220.

Key

* CV > 5% and ≤ 10%

Source:

Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings (ASHE), Office for National Statistics. 1997 and 2009