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Subject: Economic impact of EU membership

As discussed on the phone, some concerns have been raised with us over the £4,300 figure used by the Treasury to illustrate the costs of Brexit.

The Treasury suggested that Brexit would cost British households £4,300 per year (<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/hm-treasury-analysis-shows-leaving-eu-would-cost-british-households-4300-per-year>).

They calculated this by dividing GDP by the number of households.

However, an analysis of how that figure was calculated reveals it is based on the number of households in 2015 – 27 million, rather than the ONS estimate of households in 2030 – 31.2million.

The calculation therefore ignores the impact of immigration and population growth.

Is this something the statistics authority would be prepared to look at and comment on?

Kind regards

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