



Office for Budget Responsibility: release policy

The Office for Budget Responsibility (OBR) has complete discretion over the material it publishes in fulfilling its remit, including the amount of detail that is published in response to requests for information.

The OBR is committed to transparency in forecasting and will release the majority of its forecast information as part of its official economy and public finance forecast publications. The OBR will respond to any requests to explain or clarify the published forecasts promptly on an ongoing basis.

The OBR will as far as possible also meet ongoing requests to release supplementary forecast information, where this will improve the quality of public debate on the public finances.

Where the OBR publishes supplementary material, releases will be made in an orderly manner that promotes public confidence and gives equal access to information. **The OBR will publish any supplementary forecast information on its website on a monthly basis. The release of information will coincide with whichever day the Office for National Statistics issues its monthly Public Sector Finances release. OBR releases will be published at 11am.**

Where releases are to be made, the OBR will publish the subject matter of the release on its website at 11am on the day before the scheduled release. Where no release will be made, this will also be reported on the OBR's website 24 hours prior to scheduled publication.

All information released by the OBR will be made available to Parliament either prior to or simultaneously with its publication on the OBR website.

As far as resources and this monthly release process allow, the OBR will endeavour to respond promptly to enquiries.

As Ministers are likely to be expected to comment on OBR supplementary releases as they relate to the Government's fiscal policy, the OBR will inform the Treasury of requests for information as they are received. To enable Treasury Ministers to comment on OBR releases shortly after publication, the OBR has taken the view that it is reasonable for the Treasury to have limited pre-release access. The Treasury and Treasury Ministers will therefore be provided with embargoed copies of OBR releases, for information, 24 hours before publication.