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The Chancellor's Private Secretary advises as follows:-

- There is no intention of changing or ceasing to 1. publish RPI as presently constituted.
- There is no intention of changing the existing prices 2. basis of calculating the uprating of pensions and benefits.

If asked, we can volunteer that increases in fuel costs are a real change in the economy and there can be no automatic expectation that it can be matched in wages.

HGR