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We have heard from ESRC that the ICER bid has been successful. We are to be funded at a "reduced level", although we don't know what that is yet. Our guess is that it will be close to the 10 million we were asked to approach (the revised bid was about 12.5 million).

Well done everyone.

The letter asks us not to make any public announcement, publicity or press releases until 4 April, when there will be a JIF press conference (altho we are encouraged to prepare the press as soon as possible). Please, therefore, continue to regard this information as confidential as far as the outside world is concerned - I shall ask the Press Office to do the necessary.

I will send a note out to all faculty later this afternoon.

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