'This will be the warmest winter in living memory' – defiant Met Office staffer

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To think I placed an incredulity warning at the beginning of my previous post! How could I have foreseen this one coming? The whole "climate change" scenario has now assumed such Disneyland characteristics, it is impossible to keep pace with the escalating extravagance of the global warmists' fantasies. We truly are in the territory where the lunatics have taken over the asylum.

For those who missed it, I feel obliged to share the following gem from Dominic Lawson's excellent piece on the Sunday Times Online yesterday. It provides a unique insight into the extent to which the Met Office, in its crusade to support the global warming scam, has lost touch with any sense of reality. Lawson quotes from a Met Office staffer's internet posting to a newspaper last week:

"This will be the warmest winter in living memory, the data has already been recorded. For your information, we take the highest 15 readings between November and March and then produce an average. As November was a very seasonally warm month, then all the data will come from those readings."

Beam me up, Scottie! The calm, insouciant pride with which this apparatchik casually reveals how the Met Office arrives at its fiddled climate statistics is a measure of the contempt felt by the warmist establishment for the mug punters who provide its funding. An average of the 15 highest readings is a meaningless statistic; nor is it, in any realistic sense, an average. An average is reached by taking the highest and the lowest figures and calculating the mean in between.

How about factoring in the 15 lowest readings between November and March – recalling that one of those was –22.3C last week – and discovering from that what kind of winter, on average, we had? The situation is that, in contradiction of all true scientific method, the outcome has been predetermined ("the data has already been recorded") and the task set is to cobble together any kind of ludicrous statistics that will support the myth of global warming.

It is slowly dawning on the public that our lives are controlled by charlatans and buffoons. Our MPs are thieves and now our climate "scientists" are exposed as propagandists working solely to shore up a predetermined, but now universally discredited, thesis. There is more than climate at stake here. Until recently, scientists enjoyed the kind of authority that formerly attached to clergymen; now they are distrusted. One by one, the pillars of society are collapsing into a heap of contemptible rubble, with anarchic consequences to follow.

This kind of outrageous imposture from once imposing and trusted public bodies invites derision and a vacuum of authority. The mainstream media, unless they come to their senses very quickly and unhitch themselves from complicity in the global warming scam, are similarly doomed to relegation. Meantime, enjoy "the warmest winter in living memory".