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Dear Professor Jowell,

Consultation on CPS Policy on Prosecuting Cases of Domestic Violence

Thank you for your letter of 30 March 2009 concerning a matter raised with you by John Mays, the chair of PARITY, about the public consultation on the CPS' proposed changes to its Public Policy Statement on Prosecuting Cases of Domestic Violence, and in particular, the statement made in the consultation draft of the Policy that *"the evidence shows that the overwhelming majority of victims are women and abusers men"*.

As you know, Mr Mays was engaged in correspondence with the CPS last Autumn and my predecessor as Director of Public Prosecutions, Sir Ken Macdonald QC, replied on 17 October and advised Mr Mays that his concerns would be considered as part of our consultation process.

The draft Public Policy Statement was subsequently reviewed in light of the comments received in the public consultation and we decided to remove the word 'overwhelming' and it no longer appears in the third edition of the Public Policy Statement which was published on 18 March 2009.

I am most grateful to you for the observations of the UK Statistics Authority's Monitoring and Assessment Team.

You may wish to note that Mr Mays has been sent copies of our Response to the Consultation and the third edition of our Policy on Prosecuting Cases of Domestic Violence.

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