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*Dear Michael*

**STATISTICS AND REGISTRATION SERVICE ACT 2007:  
'SECTION 16 NOTIFICATION'**

Thank you for your letter of 6 January, which constituted a notification under section 16 of the above Act. You stated the UK Statistics Authority's view that the following statistics, produced by the Ministry of Justice, should be assessed against the Code of Practice for Official Statistics with a view to designation as National Statistics.

- Statistics on Race and the Criminal Justice System
- Judicial and Court Statistics
- Statistics on the Implementation of the Freedom of Information Act in Central Government.

As the appropriate authority for the above-named official statistics, I agree with your view that they could usefully be assessed in this way. Please therefore accept this letter as a formal request for the UK Statistics Authority to proceed with this assessment, in accordance with sections with subsections (3) to (5) of section 16.

A copy of this request will be laid before Parliament in accordance with section 16(3).

*Yours,  
Jack.*

**JACK STRAW**

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