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Dear Mr de Quidt

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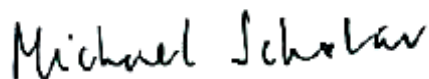
Thank you for your letter to my office dated 28 May 2009 in response to my reply to Mr. Malcolm Clarke, Chair of the Football Supporters' Federation (FSF).

My letter to Mr Clarke set out the reasons why, at present, the UK Statistics Authority does not have any statutory locus in respect of assessing or commenting on statistics produced and published by the Football Licensing Authority (FLA). Issues involving FLA statistics are ultimately a matter for the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS).

Responsibility for determining the status of the FLA as a candidate producer of official statistics rests with the Cabinet Office in consultation with DCMS. The Authority, therefore, did not feel it appropriate to undertake any further investigations. This is the reason we did not explore the matter with you to the extent envisaged in your letter.

I am copying this letter as yours, and also to the Chairman of the FLA, Paul Darling QC, and to the Permanent Secretary at the DCMS, Jonathan Stephens

Yours sincerely



**Sir Michael Scholar KCB**