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Dear Mr Silvert

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I am writing to request that you look into whether the information in the JRF/Crisis report of 4th February 2015, *The Homelessness Monitor: England* and associated press release is statistically valid, as I do not believe it is.

The report suggests that "homelessness is much worse than official figures show", which calls into question the validity of the Government's official statistics.

Furthermore, it also suggests that homelessness is higher than measured based on information that is not verified, and based on a suggestion of a different definition of homelessness than that recognised in official statistics.

I am also concerned that the vast majority of the respondents to this survey were based in London, which is then extrapolated to suggest a national picture.

I therefore am referring this matter to you for consideration.

Rt Hon Iain Duncan Smith MP

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