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Dear Baroness Stern


Thank you for your letter dated 26 March 2010. I apologise for the delay in replying but I have been seeking the advice of the National Statistician, Jil Matheson, on the important issues that you raise.

I am glad to be able to tell you that the National Statistician is, and has been, discussing the statistical points raised in your report with the Heads of Profession for Statistics in the Home Office and Ministry of Justice. I am advised that the Ministry of Justice has already made a public commitment to review their range of Criminal Justice publications, in partnership with the National Statistician and the Home Office.

May I suggest that, when the outcome of these discussions is known, the National Statistician's Office contact you to set up a meeting, so that they can bring you and your colleagues up to date on the extent of progress being made in this area?

I am copying this letter to Jil Matheson.

Yours sincerely



Sir Michael Scholar KCB