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Thank you for your letter of 16 March concerning statistics about crime on transport in London. Your proposal to re-classify such statistics produced by Transport for London as Official Statistics is an issue for the Mayor of London to consider.

I am keen to increase public trust in statistics at a national level as well as to ensure that the public have meaningful, timely information at a local level to hold agencies to account, such as through street level crime maps.

Your proposal has implications not just for the Greater London Authority but also for other bodies not currently covered by the Statistics and Registration Services Act 2007 and related Code of Practice, such as the police and other local authorities.

I would not want to see any changes that would set a precedent which would jeopardise the ability of police forces to give the public timely local crime data through the new crime mapping system or that would add to police bureaucracy.

I am copying this letter to Minister for the Cabinet Office, the Secretary of State for Transport and the Mayor of London.

*Yours sincerely*

The Rt Hon Theresa May MP