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Dear Ed,

**Statistics on Homelessness and Rough Sleeping in England**

I am writing to thank the UK Statistics Authority for their work on the recent assessment report covering DCLG's statistics on homelessness and rough sleeping (Assessment Report 320). The report gives us a valuable insight into the needs of users, and serves to emphasise how important these statistics are to them in their decision making.

Clearly it is vital that these statistics are of the best possible quality. To enable us to progress the issues identified, my statisticians will shortly be meeting with the report's authors to discuss the findings of the report in detail and plan our next steps. This plan will include building on the contacts the Authority have made during the course of preparing the report to move to strengthen our user engagement structures.

In addition, our Secretary of State's office will arrange for him to meet with Sir Andrew Dilnot to discuss this and wider statistical issues.

Yours sincerely,

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