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Dear Greg,

HOMELESSNESS AND ROUGH SLEEPING STATISTICS

Thank you for your letter of 14 April and your commitment to working towards the quarterly publication of Statutory Homelessness, Prevention and Relief Statistics produced by the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG).

I welcome the news that work to achieve this is underway and that DCLG statisticians are working closely with colleagues in the Authority's Regulation team ahead of the June publication. This should help to ensure that Homelessness statistics produced by the Department continue to meet the high standards required to achieve National Statistics designation.

As we discussed at our meeting of 8 March, I recognise the challenges associated with producing accurate rough sleeping statistics and support work to improve these statistics.

I am copying this letter to Melanie Dawes, Permanent Secretary, and David Fry, Head of Profession for Statistics, at the Department.

Yours sincerely,



Sir Andrew Dilnot CBE