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Dear Leslie

### **ASSESSMENT OF STATISTICS ON RECORDED CRIME IN SCOTLAND**

I wanted to pass on my congratulations to you and the statistics team at the Scottish Government on the formal designation of the *Recorded Crime in Scotland* statistics as National Statistics.

The ongoing development of these statistics since 2014 is a testament to the dedication of your staff to introduce a range of improvements, including to the presentation of these statistics and to establish a strong framework for the quality assurance of the data in collaboration with a range of stakeholders. This hard work has been evidenced by the range of transparent information available for users of the statistics.

I mention in my confirmation letter some of the features of these statistics that impressed me, but I wanted to express to you personally how important I see the Scottish Government's prominent role in supporting the production of accurate and objective statistics on crime in Scotland and in ensuring that crime data is comprehensive, consistent, transparent and trustworthy. This leading approach is very welcomed given the high profile nature of statistics on police recorded crime.

My congratulations to you and your team

Yours sincerely



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