

### **Outstanding questions as at 07/05/14:**

#### **Principle 2: Impartiality and objectivity**

9. How are changes in methodology or classifications announced to users?
10. For how long may police forces make amendments to crime records after they have been submitted to SG? Is the change flagged on the next set of data that SG receives from Police Scotland?

#### **Principle 3: Integrity**

11. Has there been any external critical questioning of the police recorded crime statistics, by the Scottish Parliament, media, academia or members of the public. How have SG statisticians responded to this?
12. Is there any documentation available to explain the roles and responsibilities of SG and Police Scotland in the production of the statistics?

#### **Principle 4: Sound methods and assured quality**

14. Who is responsible for defining policies, procedures and training requirements for crime recording? Is this the responsibility of SG Statisticians, Police Scotland or others?
16. We understand that you are carrying out QA of the data with Police Scotland. Beyond this QA how do you satisfy yourselves with the quality of the data?
17. Do Police Scotland audit the underlying police recorded crime data? If so, do you have access to the audit reports as part of your quality assurance process?
18. Are Police Scotland responsible for recording all fraud crime or are there any other sources? Is Action Fraud operational in Scotland?
19. How have you noted comparability between crime statistics producers in England and Wales and Northern Ireland?

### **Further Questions as at 07/05/14:**

30. Do you plan to include statistics from BTP, MDP or others in the next release?
31. Can you explain (or point us to documents that can explain), how domestic abuse is recorded on police databases? The reason we ask is that HMICS report includes domestic abuse, but these are not identified as a specific crime type in the Scottish Government statistics. Do the police record the underlying crime/offence (if any) and then 'flag' the case as DA? If this is the case do you consider that the overall compliance rate given in the HMICS report could be misleading if used to support the statistics presented in the Scottish Government's annual report?
32. The NCR told us that this is the first year that police audits have been carried out on the police recorded crime data on a national level, is this also your understanding of the situation? Have you had sight of these Police Scotland audit reports?
33. Do you think that the lack of similar audit in previous years could impact on the timeseries that you plan to present?
34. SCOMIS development work - did the Scottish Government propose or request any new variables or fields to be supplied by Police Scotland compared with what had been previously supplied by the 8 legacy forces?
35. What information have you provided to users throughout the last year to explain the release of data by Police Scotland/SPA and the different uses and purposes that these data could have?
36. Have you considered the reporting of cybercrime and whether there is any impact on Scottish crime statistics?
37. Are the statistics available on the UK Data Service? Does the Scottish Government plan to make these available in the future?