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Date Sent : 17/06/2014 16:35:00  
Subject : [RE: Assessment - Recorded crime statistics - additional material following the meeting on Monday 9 June - web links](#)

Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks for your reply.

As mentioned, although both news releases had been put on the system (now termed the old system) on the morning of publication of the statistical bulletin, the ministerial news release had also been put on the new system.

In order to avoid any potential problems to users, the web team has removed the following ministerial news release from the new version website

<http://news.scotland.gov.uk/News/Recorded-crime-at-39-year-low-179.aspx>

The above link will now be inactive.

The (older format) of the ministerial news release will still be present in the archive alongside the statistical news release and can be accessed via the following link:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2013/06/Q//page/3>

Regards,

[REDACTED]

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**Sent:** 16 June 2014 13:37  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** Re: Assessment - Recorded crime statistics - additional material following the meeting on Monday 9 June - web links

[REDACTED]

Thanks for your email. That's really helpful.

With regards to the statistical news release, thanks for explaining where it is. The reason that we had difficulty finding it is because the ministerial news release is in the new 'News' section but the statistical news release is not. It didn't occur to us that the statistical news release would be in the archive since both news releases were published on the same day. Its quite likely that other users might have a similar problem finding it.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

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Date: 13/06/2014 12:01  
Subject: Assessment - Recorded crime statistics - additional material following the meeting on Monday 9 June - web links

Hi [REDACTED]

Further to our meeting on Monday 9 June, please see below some links to documents which I said I would sent to you.

### *Principle 3*

Sunday Herald article – preparation of briefing material for First Minister’s Questions (re response to question 11, as per my email of 14 May 2014).

The article appeared in the Sunday Herald on 23 February 2014.

As discussed, here is the link to official reports of First Minister’s Questions for 27 February 2014 – the first session of First Minister’s Questions since the Herald article on 23 February 2014.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28862.aspx?r=8968>

For this particular session of First Minister’s Questions, there was no reference to crime figures in the transcript.

### *Principle 4*

[Compendium of UK Statistics - Social Indicators](#) (including the Social indicators data catalogue)

Release date: 27 February 2014 at 9:30am

**Theme:** Children, Education and Skills | **Department:** Office for National Statistics | **Coverage:** UK

**Geographic breakdown:** Region | **Designation:** Supporting material

Summary: A compendium that pulls together comparable statistics for the 4 nations of the UK into four themes - The Economy, Population and Migration, Social Indicators and The Environment. The compendium includes headline comparisons, some detailed commentary for key statistics and a data catalogue with links to the data sources. The Social Indicators theme includes statistics on crime, education, health, poverty and social security.

### *Principle 8*

#### **Statement of Administrative Sources**

An updated version of the Statement of Administrative Sources, to reflect the changes following police reform, was placed on the Crime and Justice section of the SG website on 30 May 2014. This document can be accessed here:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Statistics/Browse/Crime-Justice/AdminSourcesPolice>

For reference, it is contained within the 'Data Sources and Suitability' page on the Crime and Justice section of the SG website, as follows:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Statistics/Browse/Crime-Justice/DataSource>

### *Protocol 2*

#### **Pre-release access list**

As discussed on Mon 9<sup>th</sup> June, the pre-release list (to statistics in their final form) for the most recent publication (June 2013) was based on the legacy police force structure. The pre-release access list for the forthcoming bulletin, for the first year of Police Scotland, is represented by the attached Excel spread sheet. However we will review who we are going to send our pre-release access statistics to, in advance of publication.

Note that individuals at the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) are those on last year's list. Again, we would review who we give pre-release access to and we would ask a statistician at COPFS ( [REDACTED] ) for the contact details of named individuals, nearer the time of publication.

Similarly, we would consider who we are going to send pre-release statistics to within Police Scotland and the Scottish Police Authority (SPA). We would contact these organisations for contact details of named individuals, closer to the time of publication. We might anticipate about 4 contacts from the SPA and around 15 from Police Scotland.

#### **Statistical News Release**

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2013/06/recorded-crime-in-scotland18062013>

**Ministerial news release**

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2013/06/recorded-crime-at-39-year-low18062013>

Scottish Government (SG) news releases moved onto a new system on 1 July 2013 – the SG website team took the decision not to ‘port over’ the old releases to the new system as they could just be archived for the public record. They have not yet been archived from the SG site and can be found on the old SG news pages - <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases> (this is the link on the right-hand side of the current news page - <http://news.scotland.gov.uk>



The new format displays the description/summary text above the content – all old releases displayed it only on the news listings pages - see

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/By-Topic/Q/Topic/392>

I understand from the SG website manager that the SG Comms Teams were using both systems for the last two weeks of June. Although both news releases had been put on the system (now termed the old system) on the morning of publication of the statistical bulletin, the ministerial news release had also been put on the new system.

I trust this is helpful in the meantime but please let me know if you have any queries.

Regards

  
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Dh'fhaodadh gum bi teachdaireachd sam bith bho Riaghaltas na h-Alba air a chlàradh neo air a sgrùdadh airson dearbhadh gu bheil an siostam ag obair gu h-èifeachdach neo airson adhbhar laghail eile. Dh'fhaodadh nach eil beachdan anns a' phost-d seo co-ionann ri beachdan Riaghaltas na h-Alba.

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