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To : Roger.Halliday

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National Statistician, Nicola.Edge

Date Sent : 08/07/2014 15:10:12

Subject : [Re: Draft Assessment Report - Recorded Crime in Scotland](#)

Dear Roger,

Thanks for your letter of 7 July.

I've discussed it with Ed and those leading the Assessment of these statistics. We would like to include it in the pack of information (alongside the draft Assessment report, and [REDACTED] most recent set of comments) so that the Assessment Committee has the opportunity to consider Scottish Government's arguments. It's quite unusual for us to provide the Committee with so much 'contextual' information, but of course we want to be flexible in order to ensure a fully rounded Committee discussion.

My reading of your letter suggests two distinct sets of concerns - relating to questions of process, and to the judgements we are making about Code compliance. On the latter, the Committee will have the draft Assessment report as its main source of evidence. And to help the Committee to reach a view about the efficacy and legitimacy of the process we have followed, including our engagement with Scottish Government statisticians, we will provide them with a detailed factual note. Inter alia this will rebut the view in your second paragraph which, if I've understood it properly, is that this Assessment sought only to explore possible data quality concerns - instead we have conducted an Assessment against all aspects of the Code, as is our usual approach.

So my immediate question is this: are you content for me to include your letter in the Assessment Committee papers? A reply on this by mid morning tomorrow would be most helpful.

Regards,

Richard.

Richard Laux
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Date: 07/07/2014 13:22

Subject: RE: Draft Assessment Report - Recorded Crime in Scotland

Richard

Sorry – wrong note attached. I meant to send the attached. Apologies for this.

Roger

Roger Halliday

Chief Statistician & Head of Performance, Scottish Government, [REDACTED]
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From: Halliday R (Roger)

Sent: 07 July 2014 13:20

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Subject: RE: Draft Assessment Report - Recorded Crime in Scotland

Richard

Draft Assessment Report - Recorded Crime in Scotland

Thanks for the chance to discuss your draft report earlier on Tuesday. While I hope you saw [REDACTED] suggestions around accuracy of report's content, I promised to follow up our meeting with my personal views on the re-assessment process and de-designation decision. See attached 2 page note.

Best wishes,

Roger

Roger Halliday

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