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Subject : RE: Scottish Police Recorded Crime

Dear Ed

Thank you for your note about timing of the recorded crime statistics publication and timing of the assessment committee. I just missed you on the phone, as I wanted to check my interpretation of what you have written. I'll briefly sketch out my thoughts.

We have currently pre-announced these statistics to be published in October and have to quickly update our advice to users ahead of the publication of the HMICS audit. I completely agree that we need to take account of the audit findings in our statistics publication. I wondered whether we should therefore be saying to users that ahead of publication, we want to take account of the HMICS findings and that shortly after the HMICS audit is published, we will set a firm publication date for the recorded crime statistics based upon the time it will take to incorporate the HMICS audit findings. Can I check that you'd support this approach.

And, can I check that if our judgement was that it would take until the time of the assessment committee in January or later to do this that you would continue to be supportive (assuming this view on time to adjust the publication was shared by the assessment team).

I'm in meetings from 2pm today, but around on my mobile for a conversation tomorrow if that would be helpful.

Roger

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From: Ed Humpherson [REDACTED]

Sent: 17 October 2014 14:36

To: Halliday R (Roger)

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Subject: Scottish Police Recorded Crime

Dear Roger,

I'm pleased to hear that there's a flow of evidence about the Code-compliance of Scottish Police-Recorded Crime statistics from your team to M&A. We are under considerable pressure at the moment, but of course this assessment is one we are giving high priority to.

As you may know I met [REDACTED] last Friday; he mentioned that he expected HMICS to publish their report in early November – the 6th, I understand. With this in mind I thought I should raise with you the issue of when you choose to publish the next set of statistics. Of course this is your decision alone, but I thought it worth making my position clear – that I would support the publication of the (deferred) bulletin as Official Statistics as soon as you feel that you have been able to address the findings of the HMICS. I'm acutely conscious that many of the statistics in question are already in the public domain, as Police Scotland management information, and I would like to see this anomalous situation regularised.

I also wanted to mention to you the fact that I will not be asking the November meeting of the Regulation Committee to make a decision about the NS designation of the statistics – simply because I judge that the timing is too tight. Instead we will provide the Committee with a summary of progress (from an M&A perspective), and a copy of the HMICS report. I expect us to be able to address the issue of designation at the January 2015 meeting of the Committee.

Ed

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