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

Dear Richard

I really appreciate you coming back to me with this constructive suggestion. I would be happy to include my letter and [REDACTED] comments in the Assessment Committee papers.

To be clear about what my letter is trying to say, I completely understand that this ended up as a full reassessment. I was trying to get across that evidence from the situation in Scotland did not identify any of the concerns found in England and Wales, in particular around the quality of the recording of crime data. And I think that should be made clear in the report and to the committee.

I look forward to seeing the version of the report and papers being put to the committee.

Best wishes

Roger

Roger Halliday

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From: Richard Laux [REDACTED]

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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.

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