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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.

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