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Dear Ms Saunders

STATISTICS ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Statistics Authority officials have recently had a wide-ranging discussion about statistics relating to violence against women and girls (VAWG) with officials at the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS), Ministry of Justice (MoJ), and Home Office, including the Heads of Profession for Statistics at the Home Office and Ministry of Justice. At that meeting it was agreed that:

- MoJ statisticians would consider drawing on statistics presented in CPS' VAWG report to enhance MoJ's relevant official statistics.
- The two Heads of Profession would discuss with the CPS the nature of professional support that a departmental statistical Head of Profession typically provides to Arm's Length Bodies which produce official statistics.
- The two Heads of Profession would discuss the statistical implications of a proposed new offence in the area of domestic abuse.
- CPS would consider ways of making clearer that the VAWG report also includes information about violence against men.

I have asked Statistics Authority officials to arrange a follow-up meeting to review progress, taking into account those aspects of the wider context relevant to the publication of statistics related to domestic violence that you outline.

In the meantime if you wish to discuss any of these issues in more depth, please contact Ed Humpherson, the Statistics Authority's Director General for Regulation, in the first instance. I am copying this letter to John Pullinger, the National Statistician, and to Ed Humpherson.

Yours sincerely



Sir Andrew Dilnot CBE