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Dear David

ASSESSMENT OF STATISTICS ON THE OPERATION OF POLICE POWERS UNDER THE TERRORISM ACT 2000 AND OTHER LEGISLATION

Thank you for the correspondence outlining the actions that have been taken to address the requirements in Assessment Report number 287: *Statistics on the Operation of Police Powers under the Terrorism Act 2000 and other legislation*.

On behalf of the Board of the Statistics Authority, I have reviewed these on the advice of the Assessment team and I am pleased to confirm the designation of *Operation of police powers under the Terrorism Act 2000 and subsequent legislation: arrests, outcomes and stops and searches, for Great Britain* as National Statistics. The Authority welcomes the range of improvements to the statistical report and the user guide, and in particular, the improvements in data presentation and narrative provided alongside the statistics. I commend the statistical team for the steps it has taken to engage users, both formally and informally, to better understand their needs, and with data suppliers, to gain a fuller understanding of the quality issues and assurance of the data.

It is a requirement of the *Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007* that compliance with the *Code of Practice* must be maintained. We would invite you to incorporate the attached text in publications containing the statistics. This text may only be used where National Statistics designation has been awarded following an Assessment Report. It is intended to convey a strong and independent endorsement for the statistical publication.

Please feel free to discuss any aspect of this with us at any time. I am copying this letter to John Pullinger, the National Statistician, and to Mark Sedwill, Damon Wingfield and Chris McKee.

Yours sincerely



Ed Humpherson

Text that may only be used in publications that carry the National Statistics logo following assessment and designation:

NATIONAL STATISTICS STATUS

National Statistics status means that official statistics meet the highest standards of trustworthiness, quality and public value.

All official statistics should comply with all aspects of the Code of Practice for Official Statistics. They are awarded National Statistics status following an assessment by the Authority's regulatory arm.

The Authority considers whether the statistics meet the highest standards of Code compliance, including the value they add to public decisions and debate.

It is the Home Office's responsibility to maintain compliance with the standards expected of National Statistics. If we become concerned about whether these statistics are still meeting the appropriate standards, we will discuss any concerns with the Authority promptly. National Statistics status can be removed at any point when the highest standards are not maintained, and reinstated when standards are restored.

