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Dear Sir David,

STATISTICS RELEASE OF TRANSGENDER PRISONERS

Thank you for your letter of 26 November expressing your disappointment that statistics on transgender prisoners were disclosed ahead of their official publication.

I share your disappointment and can assure you that the Ministry of Justice is taking this breach of the statutory Code of Practice for Statistics seriously. In line with Departmental and Cabinet Office guidance, the Permanent Secretary has ordered a leak investigation which is currently underway and will report initial findings by 10 December.

You noted that the statistical bulletin listed some 80 people who were given access to the figures ahead of publication. I agree this is an unnecessarily large number of people and have asked my officials to review and reduce the pre-release lists for this bulletin and for all of our statistical publications. The Department's Head of Profession for statistics – Jo Peacock – will update the Office for Statistics Regulation once the review is complete.

Yours sincerely

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