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Changes to Offender Management Caseload Statistics – Statistical Notice

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Changes to Offender Management Caseload Statistics – statement by the Chief Statistician Iain Bell

Offender Management Caseload Statistics 2009, published today, contains a number of improvements and changes from the 2008 version.

We are introducing a new statistics bulletin – the Reoffending Statistics Compendium – to be published on 25 November 2010. This publication will include an article on Serious Further Offences. As a result, serious further offences (previously in tables 5.3 to 5.6) no longer appear in this publication. In addition more general information on adult reoffending is available at <http://www.justice.gov.uk/publications/reoffendingofadults.htm> (results from the 2008 cohort were published on 18 March 2010).

Following the phased roll-out of a new prison IT system, data collection issues emerged that affected the supply of data for statistical purposes from July 2009 to February 2010. These issues have now been resolved, however data on sentence lengths and offences for that period is not complete and it is not possible to go back and input the missing information. This affects some tables in chapters 6, 8 and 9 (prison receptions, adjudications and discharges) and one table in chapter 7 (average prison population). In order to maintain an annual time series of data, and as announced in the statistical notice on the Ministry of Justice website on 26 March 2010, wherever possible the missing figures have been estimated for the second half of 2009. Any tables where this occurs are footnoted accordingly and the methodology is explained in Appendix B. Additionally some tables containing breakdowns too detailed to estimate have been omitted (previously table numbers 6.9, 6.10 and 6.13) or contain less information than in 2008 (previously table number 6.12).

On 11 February 2010, we introduced a new statistics bulletin – Safety in Custody - which covers deaths in custody, self harm and assaults in a single coherent overview of the statistics on safety of those in custody. As a result, deaths in custody (previously in table 9.12) no longer appear in this publication. (<http://www.justice.gov.uk/publications/safer-custody.htm>).

As announced in our response to the consultation on offender management statistics, there is a new chapter on mentally disordered offenders. These data previously appeared in a separate publication (<http://www.justice.gov.uk/publications/mentally-disordered-offenders.htm>).

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