



Ministry of  
**JUSTICE**

## **Statistical Notice**

Changes to the Ministry of Justice  
Official Statistics Publication  
Schedule May 2013 to July 2013

10 May 2013



## Introduction

This note is to advise users of changes to the publication schedule for Ministry of Justice Statistics covering the period May to July 2013.

## Summary

The changes are:

- a. Delaying *Criminal Justice System Statistics January to December 2012* from 16 May 2013 to 30 May 2013.
- b. Delaying *The Crown Court Sentencing Survey January to December 2012* from 16 May 2013 to 30 May 2013.
- c. Delaying *Statistics of completed selection exercises and recommendation for judicial appointment showing diversity October 2012 to March 2013* from 6 June 2013 to 13 June 2013.
- d. Bringing forward *Legal Services Commission Statistics 2012/13* from Thursday 4 July 2013 to Wednesday 26 June 2013.
- e. Ceasing the publication of *Judicial and Court Statistics 2012* on 27 June 2013 and incorporating the information into *Court Statistics Quarterly January to March 2013* on 20 June 2013.
- f. Ceasing the publication of *Annual Tribunal Statistics 2012-13* on 27 June 2013 and incorporating the information into *Quarterly Tribunal Statistics January to March 2013* on 20 June 2013.

## Detail

Changes a. and b.

These two publications are published on the same day to give a more complete and comprehensive picture of the Criminal Justice System. There has been a delay in the provision of the data underpinning the Crown Court Sentencing Survey supplied by an external contractor. This has meant it is not possible to produce a fully Quality Assured publication on 16 May 2013.

The Head of Profession for Statistics in the Ministry of Justice has therefore taken the decision to move the publication of both the Crown Court Sentencing Survey and Criminal Justice System Statistics to 30 May 2013. This will provide user access to context behind sentencing decision and information on overall sentencing on the same day.

#### Change c.

Ministry of Justice have identified from consultation with users that additional analysis which summarised trends in the diversity of recommendations made by the Judicial Appointments Committee over time was a requirement. The Head of Profession for Statistics in the Ministry of Justice has decided it is in the public interest to move this publication back a week to allow time to include this additional analysis in the publication.

#### Change d.

Ministry of Justice have identified from consultation with users that bringing forward the date of this publication would allow the published analysis to be included in the Legal Aid Agency Annual Report. The Head of Profession has decided to invest additional resource to bring forward this publication to improve the use and value of these statistics.

#### Change e.

The Judicial and Court Statistics annual contains most of the information on Civil, Family and Criminal Courts that is already published in *Court Statistics Quarterly*. This can create confusion for users as there are two alternative sources of information.

The Ministry of Justice intends to cease the production of *Judicial and Court Statistics* and transfer any information not in *Court Statistics Quarterly* to this publication. This will result in one source of information that will always contain the most up to date information. There will be no loss of information from this transfer.

Additional information from the *Judicial and Court Statistics* (The Appellate Courts, The Mental Capacity Act, Offices of the Supreme Court, The Judiciary and Assessment of litigation costs, and publicly funded legal services) will have new chapters in *Court Statistics Quarterly* for the period January to March (usually published in June). These will be covered in the *Court Statistics Quarterly* narrative as well as tables provided. In subsequent quarters the narrative will be removed but the tables will continue to be published.

The Ministry of Justice will provide users with a mapping of the old *Judicial and Court Statistics* tables to their new location in *Court Statistics Quarterly*. This will be available for all tables previously in the *Judicial and Court Statistics*.

#### Change f.

The *Annual Tribunal Statistics* contains information also in *Quarterly Tribunal Statistics*. This can create confusion for users as there are two alternative sources of information.

The Ministry of Justice intends to cease the production of *Annual Tribunal Statistics* and transfer any information not in *Quarterly Tribunal Statistics* to this publication. This will result in one source of information that will always contain the most up to date information. There will be no loss of information from this transfer.

The additional information in *Annual Tribunal Statistics* (Adjournments and Postponements and Judicial salaried and fee paid judicial sitting days) will have new chapters in *Quarterly Tribunal Statistics* for the period January to March (usually published in June). These will be covered in the *Court Statistics Quarterly* narrative as well as tables provided. In subsequent quarters the narrative will be removed but the tables will continue to be published.

The Ministry of Justice will provide users with a mapping of the old *Annual Tribunal Statistics* tables to their new location in *Quarterly Tribunal Statistics*. This will be available for all tables previously in the *Annual Tribunal Statistics*.

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