

## **Written Ministerial Statement on 9 September 2009**

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#### **PUBLICATION OF THE 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ETHICS GROUP: THE NATIONAL DNA DATABASE**

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Department: Alan Campbell**

I am pleased to announce the publication of the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual report of the National DNA Database Ethics Group on 9 September 2009. The Group was established on 25 July 2007 to provide Ministers with independent ethical advice on the operation and practice of the National DNA Database (NDNAD).

The annual report makes a number of recommendations around the processes involved in taking DNA samples from children and young people, the retention of samples, and public information about the use of DNA. I have asked the National Policing Improvement Agency and the National DNA Strategy Board to let me have their considered comments on the Report's recommendations as soon as possible.

The report can be viewed on the website of the independent Forensic Science Regulator and I am arranging for a copy to be placed in the Library of the House.