



Ministry
of Justice

Statistical Notice

Breach of Court Statistics Quarterly

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Introduction

1. This note is to advise users of a breach of figures for the Court Statistics Quarterly National Statistics publication. The breached data relates to information on timeliness and the effectiveness of court trials.

Background

2. The MoJ became aware on the 9th of July that the London Criminal Justice Partnership (LCJP) had published management information for April and May 2013 in relation to criminal justice.
3. We are aware that this covers information on the following items in relation to Court Statistics Quarterly (CSQ).
 - a. court timeliness
 - b. plea rates
 - c. effectiveness of court trials
4. The latest published information on court timeliness and the effectiveness of court trials relates to January to March 2013, and can be found in Chapter three of the following publication:
www.gov.uk/government/publications/court-statistics-quarterly-jan-mar-2013
5. A further breakdown to court level is also available in the CSV file that supports this publication.
6. We are also aware that the report may cover information in CSQ and in other MoJ publications and are now conducting a review of other relevant publications to determine if other breaches have occurred.

Action taken

7. The MoJ informed the LCJP that this was a breach of National Statistics and they immediately removed the data from website.

8. The breach has been reported to the National Statistician.
9. We are investigating if the report contains breaches of other MoJ publications.
10. We will be providing a breach report to the National Statistician in due course and will update this notice with further details when available.