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Dear Home Secretary

Please find attached a copy of the Committee's Eighth Report on the 'Investigation and prosecution of Rape' (HC193) which will be published on Tuesday 12 April 2022. The two-month period in which the Government response is expected will expire on 12 June 2022.

The Committee, whilst encouraged by the commitment to measuring progress through the 'performance scorecards' and progress updates, objects to the term 'scorecard' itself being used in relation to rape and serious sexual offences. It is distasteful, and replacing it with another, more appropriate, term would be welcomed.

I would also like to thank you for your letter of 10 March 2022, following your appearance before the Committee on 2 February 2022, particularly the clarification in regard to who is responsible for the Rape Review. Can you confirm that the Minister of State at the Ministry of Justice, Victoria Atkins MP, has overall responsibility for the Rape Review?

Yours sincerely

Dame Diana Johnson MP