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Dear / Annwyl Chair,

IMPROVING RESETTLEMENT SUPPORT FOR PRISON LEAVERS

Further to the Department's oral evidence provided to the Committee on 8 June 2023, I am writing to notify you of a number of minor corrections to our evidence. These are provided in Annex A below.

Subject to agreement by the Committee, I would ask that these corrections are noted within the transcript's footnotes please.

I apologise for any inconvenience caused by the need to clarify these points but want to ensure our evidence is as correct and clear as possible.

Yours sincerely / Yn gywir

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Annex A

Question	Time	Original	Suggested footnote
Q8	10:23:11	Ms Rees: 'after those 85 nights of temporary accommodation'.	Suggested update: 'After those 84 nights of temporary accommodation'. 'At the end of those 84 nights'.
Q9	10:23:42	Ms Rees: 'at the end of those 85 nights'.	Note: CAS3 maximum stay is 84 not 85 nights. Later referred to correctly in evidence (including 11:14:25 and 11:15:00).
Q26	10:41:17	Ms Rees: 'notification every day of any incidents that happened'.	Suggested update: 'notification every day of any <i>serious</i> incidents that happened'.
Q43	10:57:48	Mr Barton: 'we have 2,600 trainee probation officers, of which about half have started this financial year.'	Suggested update: 'We have 2,600 trainee probation officers, of which about half have started <i>in the 2022/23</i> financial year'.
Q57	11:07:06	Mr Barton: 'That has dropped by 0.6% on the previous year.'	Suggested update: 'That has dropped by 0.6 percentage points on the previous year'. Note: 0.6 refers to percentage point difference not percentage change.
Q58	11:11:06	Ms Rees: 'There are 4,000 people training in the system at the moment'	Suggested update: 'There are 2,636 people training in the system at the moment.' Note: The 4,000 refers to recruitment of trainee Probation Officers between 2020/21 and 2022/23 (4,039 recruited against a target of 4,000). Not all of these remain in training. The 2,636 people in training figure is taken from publicly published figures as of 31 March 2023.
Q63	11:16:31	Ms Rees: 'It goes to the east of England in July this year.'	Suggested update: 'It goes to the <i>south</i> east of England in July this year.' Note: Incorrect region mentioned.
Q67	11:21:21	Ms Romeo: 'We have £120 million as part of the beating crime plan'.	Suggested update: 'We have £120 million as part of the <i>cross-government drug strategy From Harm to Hope</i> '. Note: The Beating Crime Plan prioritises substance misuse (as well as accommodation and employment) as part of reducing reoffending priorities. However, the £120m was SR21 funding specifically accompanying the cross-govt drugs strategy.

Q70	11:23:56	Ms Rees: 'Which is the idea behind having the 50 units where people can go if they want full abstinence.'	Suggested update: 'Which is the idea behind having the 50 units where people can go if they want full abstinence <i>from illegal drugs</i>.' Note: Sentence amended to reflect that people living in ISFLs must be fully abstinent from illegal drugs, but can still be scripted on opioid substitute treatment (OST). On Drug Recovery Wings residents must be abstinent from illegal drugs and not prescribed OSTs.
Q91	11:39:57	Ms Rees: 'We can also sometimes utilise the AP beds for CAS1 or CAS2, depending on the individual and so on.'	Suggested update: 'We can also <i>use CAS3 beds for CAS1 and CAS2 transition, depending on the individual and specific circumstances</i>.' Note: Slight witness miss-speak, as AP beds are classified as CAS1 beds. The CAS3 service is designed to enable people transitioning out of CAS1 and CAS2 who would otherwise be at risk of homelessness.
Q95	11:43:39	Ms Romeo: '850 new house blocks, I think, in places like Stocken and Rye Hill'.	Suggested update: '850 <i>places in</i> new house blocks, I think, in places like Stocken and Rye Hill'. Note: Figure is places within new house blocks, not new house blocks.
Q95	11:43:57	Ms Romeo: 'We were able to reopen in April'.	Suggested update: 'We were able to reopen in <i>March</i>'. Note: Reopened a month earlier than stated.