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Dear Sadiq,

#### PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION ON AVERAGE TIME SPENT ON REMAND

In reply to your Parliamentary Question:

*To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what average time was spent on remand in each year since 2010. (213352).*

I was unable to reply substantively to a Parliamentary Question you asked in November 2014 requesting the average time spent on remand in each year since 2010, as average time on remand is not routinely calculated. I said I would write once the information had been put together.

To calculate the average time a prisoner spends on remand, information on when a prisoner entered and left the remand population is required. During 2010 there was a disruption to the supply of the required data which is used for the purpose of statistical reporting. It has therefore not been possible to calculate the average time on remand for 2010.

The information for 2011 to 2013 is set out in the table below:

Year	2010 <sup>(1)</sup>	2011	2012	2013
<b>Average time on remand in weeks</b>	..	9.8	9.6	10.1

(1) Average time on remand for 2010 is not available due to supply of receptions data during 2010 for statistical purposes.

Bail and remand decisions are quite rightly for the independent courts to make, based on the facts of the particular case.

In making remand decisions, courts must balance the risk that release on bail might pose to the public or to the administration of justice, against the detention of a person who may prove to be innocent. Defendants who are dangerous and pose a threat to

society should always be remanded in custody. I am placing a copy of this letter in the Library.

*Yours ever,  
Andrew*

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