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*Dear Sally,*

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**COUNTER-TERRORISM AND BORDER SECURITY BILL: COLLECTION OF SCHEDULE 7 AND 3 STATISTICS**

I am writing to provide an update in reply to the question that you asked during the Report stage debate on amendment 33A about the collection of statistics relating to the use of the ports powers under Schedule 7 to the Terrorism Act 2000 and Schedule 3 to the Bill (Official Report, 17 December 2018, column 1667).

In response to the amendment moved by Lord Paddick, I committed the Government to working with the police and Home Office Chief Statistician to explore the possibility of including a breakdown of examinations by religion in the existing statistical reports for Schedule 7 (the reports already cover the ethnicity of examinees). You asked about the timeframe for this work.

The collection of any new statistics will always need to be carefully considered and so I intend to update the House when the revised Schedule 7 and draft Schedule 3 Codes of Practice are laid before Parliament, which we expect to be in late spring.

I would like to reiterate that the Government agrees with the sentiment behind amendment 33A and the importance of transparency and accountability in the exercise of these powers.

I am copying this letter to all Peers who spoke in that session, Lord Paddick and Lord Kennedy; I am also placing a copy in the library of the House.

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