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Dear Peers,

**JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS COMMITTEE LORDS DEBATE 26 JULY –
HANSARD CORRECTION**

My Lords, I am grateful to you and the Committee for the important discussion on the Justice and Home Affairs Committee Report on Community Sentences on Friday 26 July. It was a privilege to have the opportunity to respond directly during the debate. I am following up to provide a correction to a section of my speech which has now been published on Hansard.

It was brought to my attention following the debate that one of the points I made may be unintentionally misleading, and I would like to correct the record for the avoidance of doubt.

You will note in column 787 of Hansard that I highlighted the vital role women's services play in reducing the likelihood of reoffending. I referenced some examples of where we can learn from evidence of best-practice for residential alternatives to custody, including Hope Street and Willowdene. Following this I proceeded to say:

"A process evaluation interim report will be published later this year, and a full process evaluation report will follow in the Summer of 2025".

This point on the process evaluation was intended to be made in regards to the timing of the evaluation of the Intensive Supervision Courts (ISC) pilots which I subsequently outlined. The ISCs are promising pilots of how wraparound support can better support certain cohorts of offenders (including women and those with substance misuse issues) and these are currently being evaluated.

I therefore want to clarify for the record that the process evaluation interim report will be published for the ISC pilots and not for women's residential services as it may be interpreted from the Hansard entry.

A copy of this letter will be deposited in the House Library.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gavin James". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Lord Timpson
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