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Dear Mr Raab,

In the absence of the Director General for the Office for National Statistics (ONS), I have been asked to reply to your recent Parliamentary Question asking the Secretary of State for the Home Department for the level of reported crime for each type of offence in the Surrey police force area in each year since 2009. (223713)

ONS publishes figures on crime in England and Wales based on two sets of crime statistics: police recorded crime data and the Crime Survey for England and Wales (CSEW). The sample size for the CSEW is not designed to provide estimates at lower level geographies. Thus, the preferred measure for this type of analysis is police recorded crime, which includes those crimes that have been reported to the police and recorded by them.

The table below shows the total number of crimes in the Surrey police force area broken down by summary offence group (and violence against the person and burglary sub-groups) and are presented on an annual financial year basis from 2009/10 to 2013/14.

Information at Police Force Area level has been sourced from data published by ONS in the 'Recorded crime data at police force area level (including pivot table) from 2002/03' file, available here: <http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/publications/re-reference-tables.html?edition=tcm%3A77-372973>

Following an assessment of ONS crime statistics carried out by the UK Statistics Authority, data on police recorded crime were found not to meet the required standards and have been de-designated as National Statistics.

Yours sincerely,



Nick Vaughan
Director, National Accounts & Economic Statistics
Office for National Statistics

Surrey police force area, recorded crime	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Violence against the person	10341	10812	9699	8557	8851
Homicide	8	10	5	4	9
Violence with injury	4889	4790	3411	2871	3499
Violence without injury	5444	6012	6283	5682	5343
Sexual offences	772	784	619	547	695
Robbery	420	410	375	247	251
Theft offences	30960	31549	31350	26670	24071
Burglary	8176	8386	7908	7389	6908
<i>Domestic burglary</i>	3405	3649	3404	3399	3151
<i>Non-domestic burglary</i>	4771	4737	4504	3990	3757
Vehicle offences	7335	6801	6736	5473	4498
Theft from the person	449	423	430	384	345
Bicycle theft	1626	1666	1829	1353	1233
Shoplifting	4414	4347	4461	4058	4067
All other theft offences	8960	9926	9986	8013	7020
Criminal damage and arson	12954	12050	10932	9083	8217
Drug offences	2490	2992	3703	3789	3404
Possession of weapons offences	324	299	352	278	261
Public order offences	4018	3898	2718	1794	1759
Miscellaneous crimes against society	908	940	821	824	977
Total excluding fraud ¹	63187	63734	60569	51789	48486

¹ Action Fraud have taken over the recording of fraud offences on behalf of individual police forces. This process began in April 2011 and was rolled out to all police forces by March 2013. Action Fraud figures are presented for England and Wales as a whole, and are not available at sub-national level. Therefore figures for total crime for Surrey exclude offences of fraud.