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Introduction

This consultation document sets out a number of proposed changes to MoJ publications in relation to civil and criminal justice matters. **There will be no loss of information** from these changes. However, the structure of publications and timing of release will be amended to better align with policy areas. The aim of these changes is to provide a more coherent structure to this information and improve the accessibility.

This consultation will run from 24 April 2014 until 5 June 2014.

The publications covered in this consultation are:

Court Statistics Quarterly

www.gov.uk/government/collections/court-statistics-quarterly

Gender Recognition Certificates

www.gov.uk/government/collections/gender-recognition-certificate-statistics

Mortgage and Landlord Possession Statistics

www.gov.uk/government/collections/mortgage-and-landlord-possession-statistics

Privacy Injunction Statistics

www.gov.uk/government/collections/statistics-on-privacy-injunctions

Tribunals Statistics Quarterly

www.gov.uk/government/collections/tribunals-statistics

Users are invited to respond to these proposed changes using the contact details below. The questions for this consultation are set out in [Annex A](#) and the proposed timetable for publications in [Annex B](#).

Enquiries and responses in relation to this consultation should be directed to the address below. Please put 'Consultation Response' in the title of any emails:

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Proposal

We would like to consult on two issues in relation to published statistics, as well as gather wider information on how these statistics are used and if they are fit for purpose. The consultation questions are set out at the end of this document ([Annex A](#)) and the proposed new publication timetable in [Annex B](#).

1. Separate the CSQ publication into policy facing publications so that users can easily identify the information they need. This would create the following;

a. A new Civil Justice publication

This would create one publication on civil (non family) related statistics which will allow users to find everything they need in one place. The publication would cover:

- Mortgage and Landlord Possession Statistics
- Civil cases in the county courts
- Privacy Injunctions¹

As the Mortgage and Landlord data is commercially sensitive and timed to coincide with the release of information from the Council of Mortgage Lenders. In order to maintain this alignment the new Civil Justice publication will need to be on the same day². This would mean publications on the second working Thursday of the month in February, May, August and November.

b. A new Family Justice publication

This would create one publication on family justice related statistics which will allow users to find everything they need in one place. The publication would cover:

- Public law
- Private law
- Divorce.
- Ancillary relief
- Domestic violence
- Forced marriage protection
- Adoption

¹ This would be updated every six months in line with the current production.

² This is five weeks ahead of the current civil chapter of Court Statistics Quarterly

- Court of Protection
- Office of Public Guardian
- Probate

The publication would be released to the same timetable as Court Statistics Quarterly is now. This would mean publications on the last working Thursday of the month in March, June, September and December. The information from the Court of Protection, Office of Public Guardian and probate would only be published on an annual basis in June.

c. A new Criminal Courts Workload publication

This would create a new Criminal Courts Workload publication, this would cover:

- Criminal cases dealt with in the magistrates' courts
- Criminal cases dealt with in the Crown Court
- Timeliness of criminal cases
- Enforcement of financial impositions

The publication would be released to the same timetable as Court Statistics Quarterly is now. This would mean publications on the last working Thursday of the month in March, June, September and December.

d. A new Administrative Justice publication

This would create one publication on administrative justice related statistics which will allow users to find everything they need in one place. The publication would cover:

- Judicial Committee of the Privy Council
- Court of Appeal
- High Court - Chancery Division
- High Court -Queen's Bench Division
- Admiralty Court
- Commercial Court
- Technology and Construction Court
- Administrative Court, including Judicial Reviews
- Supreme Court
- Judicial sitting days

2. Merge the Gender Recognition Certificates publication into Tribunal Statistics Quarterly

This is proposed because the Gender Recognition Certificates publication is a breakdown of the information published in Tribunal Statistics Quarterly. They are however published at different time and located on different places on the website, which is a duplication of effort and confusing to users.

The proposal is to make the Gender Recognition Certificates a chapter within the Tribunal Statistics Quarterly as has been done with information on Employment Appeal Tribunals and Special Educational Needs. The information will still be published on a quarterly basis and there will be no loss of information.

This would mean the Gender Recognition Certificates are published a week later than they currently are, but this is still earlier than they were released historically.

Annex A: Consultation Questions

1. **Do you agree that there should be a stand alone Civil Justice Statistics publication?** This will be published to the same timescale as Mortgage and Landlord possessions statistics.
2. **Do you agree that there should be a stand alone Family Justice Statistics publication?** This will be published to the same timescale as Court Statistics Quarterly.
3. **Do you agree that there should be a new publication on Criminal Courts Workload?** This will be published to the same timescale as Court Statistics Quarterly.
4. **Do you agree that there should be a stand alone Administrative Justice Statistics publication?** This will be published annually in June.
5. **Do you agree that the Gender Recognition Certificate (GRC) Statistics should be merged into Tribunals Statistics Quarterly?** This will result in the GRC stats being published one week later. However, it will remove any confusion about the current sources of information.
6. **Do you use the csv files that accompany the publications?**
7. **Do you use the Open Justice website?**
8. **Do you find the information you want easily on the Gov.uk website?**
9. **Is there any new information that you would like to see included in the publication(s). If so, please provide details.**

Please provide answers and any other comments on the content or structure of these publications please provide feedback to:
statistics.enquires@justice.gsi.gov.uk

Annex B: Proposed Publication Timetable

This proposed publication timetable is illustrative and runs from 12 months from the 1st of May 2014. The revised timetable will be published following the response of the consultation.

The current publication schedule can be found here:

www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ministry-of-justice/about/statistics#publication-schedule

May 2014

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|------------------|---|
| 8 th | Civil publication (including Mortgage and Landlord Possessions) |
| 15 th | Coroners Statistics |

June 2014

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| 12 th | Tribunals Statistics Quarterly (including Gender Recognition Certificates) |
| 19 th | Family Justice Statistics |
| | Administrative Justice Statistics |
| | Criminal Court Workload Statistics |

August 2014

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| 7 th | Civil publication (including Mortgage and Landlord Possessions) |
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September 2014

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| 11 th | Tribunals Statistics Quarterly (including Gender Recognition Certificates) |
| 25 th | Family Justice Statistics |
| | Criminal Court Workload Statistics |

November 2014

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| 13 th | Civil publication (including Mortgage and Landlord Possessions) |
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December 2014

11th Tribunals Statistics Quarterly (including Gender Recognition Certificates)

18th Family Justice Statistics
Criminal Court Workload Statistics

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