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Dear Huw,

I am writing to request a correction to the record of my appearance before the Committee on 10 July. I am sorry that I was unable to review the record ahead of your deadline.

At paragraph 145 I suggested that work from Cardiff University – by which I was referring to the book “The Welsh Criminal Justice System: On The Jagged Edge”, by Professor Richard Wyn Jones and Doctor Robert Jones – included a statistic that two thirds of those in prison with Welsh residential addresses are from ethnic minority backgrounds. In fact, although there are a number of relevant statistics, there is no statistic in the book on what proportion of people in prison in Wales are from ethnic minority backgrounds, and nor is that information routinely made public by HMPPS.

I hope the Committee will agree, however, that the point I was attempting to convey still stands. The book does, for example, include the shocking statistic that at the time when the research was conducted, for every 10,000 Black people living in Wales, 91 were stated to be in prison, while the equivalent figure for White people was 14. In other words, Welsh Black people were over-represented in prison population by a factor of six compared to White counterparts.

I would be grateful if the appropriate steps could be taken to ensure the record reflects the above

Yours sincerely,

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