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~~Dear Chair~~

I write to clarify figures I cited in my appearance at your Committee's inquiry into dangerous driving, on Monday 14 November.

When discussing changes in recidivism rates, I made reference to a 15.8% reduction in recidivism between the baseline year of 2017-18 (a rate of 44.2%) to the most recent data of 2021-22 (a rate of 37.2%). Those figures are accurate per se and are recorded by the Report on Government Services.¹

However, I had been advised of the incorrect baseline year. The Government's Reducing Recidivism Plan² (the Plan) uses 2018-19 (not 2017-18) as the baseline year from which to measure changes in recidivism.

2018-19 had a recidivism rate of 42.4%. As such, the more accurate and relevant figure is a 12.3% decrease over the life of the Plan (counting from 2018-19 to 2021-22, rather than 15.8% when starting from 2017-18).

While the stated figures do remain correct, it was clearly much more pertinent and informative to discuss the baseline year used by the Government's Plan.

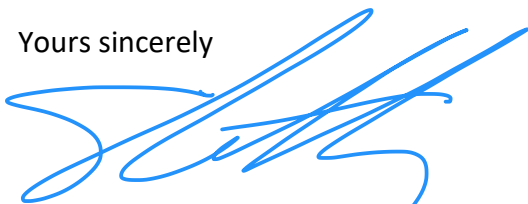
¹ Table CA.4, available at [C Justice - Report on Government Services 2022 - Productivity Commission \(pc.gov.au\)](https://www.pc.gov.au/reports/tables/2022/justice) (note that there has not been a ROGS report since the 2021-22 data was collected, and this latest data is instead available in the Justice and Community Safety Directorate Annual Report 2021-22, p 110, available at [Annual Report 2021-22 - Justice and Community Safety Directorate \(act.gov.au\)](https://www.act.gov.au/justice-and-community-safety-directorate/annual-report-2021-22)).

² [RR25by25-Plan.PDF \(act.gov.au\)](https://www.act.gov.au/justice-and-community-safety-directorate/annual-report-2021-22).



I apologise for any confusion arising from this.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Shane Rattenbury', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

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