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## **LOCAL POLICING PLANS AND ASSESSING POLICE AND CDRP PERFORMANCE**

Thank you for your message of 7 February asking for further background on paragraph 10 of the joint letter issued by Stephen Rimmer and myself on 5 February.

The national crime targets to which we are working are those set out in paragraph 10.3 of the National Policing Plan under PSA 1. Where possible, at national level, BCS is being used as the measure in order to avoid the NCRS impact and also because, on a national basis, it better reflects overall victimisation than recorded crime. But, the sample size is such that BCS cannot be used reliably to measure specific types of crime at force/BCU level. These local targets and indicators will continue to be expressed in terms of recorded crime.

I set out below the national targets expressed in terms of the extent of reductions to be achieved by target years against the respective base line years.

The national targets, where BCS and recorded crime data are relevant, can be broken down from the PSA and Key Performance Indicators as follows:

Overall crime:	reported in the 2005/2006 sweep of the BCS to be statistically significantly lower than that reported in the 2001/02 sweep (published in July 2002)
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Fear of crime: (fear of burglary, vehicle crime and violent crime)

Results published in the 2005/06 sweep of the survey (to be published in 2006) to be statistically significantly lower than that reported in the 2001/02 sweep (published in 2002).

Improve performance overall, including by reducing the gap between the highest crime CDRPs and the best comparable areas (relates to levels of theft of and from a vehicle, domestic burglary and robbery as measured by recorded crime per thousand population):

Level of recorded crime to be lower in the 2005/06 financial year, compared with the financial year 2002/03 – and the average overall level of recorded crime in the highest crime quartile of CDRPs to reduce towards the average level in the remaining three quartiles

Vehicle crime:

Reported in 2004/05 sweep of the BCS to be 30% lower than that reported in the 2000 BCS (first published October 2000)

Burglary:

Reported in 2005/06 sweep of the BCS to be 25% lower than that reported in 2000 BCS (first published in October)

Robbery (in the 10 street crime forces):

As measured by recorded crime in the financial year 2004/05 to be 14% below that for 1999/2000

Violent crime:

Results reported in the 2005/06 sweep of the survey to be lower than those reported in the 2001/02 sweep of the survey.

Anti-social behaviour:

Results reported in the 2005/06 sweep of the survey to be statistically significantly lower than those reported in the 2001/02 sweep of the survey

Youth crime:

As measured by the Crime and Criminal Justice survey to be lower in 2006 than in 2002.

For BCS targets the baseline years quoted above refer to the years when the BCS interviews took place, not when the victimisation occurred. For example, interviews for BCS 2000 took place early that year but related to people's experience of crime in 1999.

For those national targets now being measured by BCS that were formerly measured on a recorded crime basis, the scale of reduction sought, and baseline/target years, remain broadly the same as previously. As we said in paragraph 11 of our joint letter, we will be looking for local targets to be set on a basis of recorded crime; and while these targets will need to be set in advance of the outcome of the NCRS review, there will be a need to take account of the impact of NCRS changes when assessing the consistency of local targets with national targets.

The issue of robbery in the 10 street crime forces is being handled as a separate exercise. Clare Checksfield wrote to Chief Officers of the 10 forces on 12 February.

I hope this helps clarify the thinking behind the target setting process; but if you, or addressees need further guidance, please let us know.

I am copying this letter to all Chief Officers, chairs of police authorities, ACPO, the APA, the LGA and chairs of CDRPs.

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