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Dear John,

Government Office for Science: Science Review of the Home Office and the Ministry of Justice.

I am attaching with this letter the Home Office response to the Government Office for Science's Review.

We welcome the review and will use the recommendations to feed into improving our use and management of science and developing the department's next Science and Innovation Strategy.

The review process, carried out by the then Government Chief Scientific Adviser, Sir David King, began in December 2006 and concluded in December 2007. During that period the Home Office underwent significant change including the transfer of Office of Criminal Justice Reform and National Offender Management Service to the newly created Ministry of Justice. The Home Office is grateful to GO-Science that during this time we were able to have sight of the Review's preliminary findings (published on 18 May 2007), which we were able to use to inform our own internal restructuring. The document attached contains the formal response by the Home Office to the review's recommendations. The Ministry of Justice will provide a separate reply containing their response.

The review's final report was published in December 2007 and contains 24 recommendations to strengthen our use and management of science. We are pleased that the review recognised the many areas of good practice in science management and scientific expertise in the Home Office. We would be pleased to work with GO-Science to promulgate this across Whitehall.

In our preparation of this response we have consulted the Home Office Scientific Advisory Committee (HOSAC), and their views and priorities in taking forward the recommendations have helped inform our response.

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