



# **Summary of changes to MoJ Statistics**

- **Mortgage and Landlord Possession Statistics Quarterly**
- **Civil Justice Statistics Quarterly**
- **Family Court Statistics Quarterly**

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# Introduction

In May 2015, we proposed changes to the calculation and presentation of case progression estimates in three Ministry of Justice Statistical Releases: Mortgage and Landlord Possession Statistics, Civil Justice Statistics Quarterly and Family Court Statistics Quarterly.

We proposed that the current methodology of producing case progression estimates, which used a statistical model, should be replaced – alternatives for measuring and presenting timeliness were put forward as a means of improving the quality and reliability of the published statistics.

The previous methodology to calculate case progression looked at the number of claims or petitions received in a quarter and predicted, statistically, how many of these will proceed to each stage in the process in the future. We proposed that these measures were replaced with two different timeliness measures:

- Timeliness: how long it has taken (in weeks) to get to each stage in the relevant court process from the date when the claim or petition was received
- Average elapsed time: how long it takes, on average, for claims to reach each stage in the process (number of quarters elapsed) alongside the proportion of claims that actually reach each stage.

Users were invited to respond to these proposed changes – this document summarises the responses received to these proposals and the changes to be made.

## Feedback received and summary of changes

There were three responses to the consultation, two of which (66%) could be considered as internal customers. All respondents agreed with the proposals.

Based on the feedback received, we are introducing changes to case progression statistics in the Mortgage and Landlord Possession Statistics, Civil Justice Statistics Quarterly and Family Court Statistics Quarterly publications.

### **Alternative measures**

Two alternative measures of case progression will be included:

- *Timeliness data* – for each stage, e.g. the number of orders made in a quarter, looking back at the average time taken in weeks from claim/petition being submitted
- *Time elapsed since claim/petition submitted* – over time, on average, how many quarters have passed since each claim/petition submitted

The new measures will be introduced in the Mortgage and Landlord Possession Statistics released on 12 November, the Civil Justice Statistics Quarterly due for publication on 3 December and the Family Court Statistics Quarterly due for publication on 17 December.