**Annex A**

Changes to published Home Detention Curfew caseload

1 April 2016

**Introduction**

From this edition of Population Bulletin: weekly, as a result of improvements to the administrative data source, we are able refine our figures for the number of prisoners currently held under Home Detention Curfew. HDC allows for the early release of suitable, low-risk offenders, subject to an electronically monitored curfew.

**Changes to reporting of Home Detention Curfew caseload**

**Previous Home Detention Curfew caseload**

Previously these figures included all those where:

* the last movement of the prisoner is recorded as a “Home Detention Release” and
* the expected release date (either Automatic Release Date or Conditional Release Date) is later than data extraction date.

**New Home Detention Curfew caseload**

As of 1st April 2016 these figures will still include all those where the last movement of the prisoner is recorded as a “Home Detention Release” and the expected release date is later than the current date, as previously. However, the new data source allows us to apply further criteria to the extraction process in which to reflect the maximum period that an individual can spend on HDC (135 days).

Any individual where the last recorded movement is a “Home Detention Curfew” release, and the date was in excess of 135 days prior to the extract date, will now be excluded from these figures and no longer considered to be part of the HDC caseload.

**Comparative data**

This change means that we will now show a lower Home Detention Curfew caseload although the trend is expected to be unchanged. Please see table 1 below for comparative data for the past three months.

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| Table 1 | 29/01/2016 | 26/02/2016 | 1/4/2016 |
| Previous HDC caseload data | 2,119 | 2,064 | 2,102 |
| New HDC caseload data | 1,963 | 1,891 | 1,927 |
| Difference (%) | -156 (-7%) | -173 (-8%) | -175 (-8%) |