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MEMORANDUM

TO: Richard Stubbings, Assistant Deputy Minister, Public Safety Division

FROM: Christopher Johns
A/Assistant Deputy Minister, Data Insights and Strategic Initiatives Division

DATE: May 5, 2023

SUBJECT: **Uniform Crime Reporting Survey (UCR2.4 & 2.5)
Implementation and Feedback Request**

I am writing to inform you of enhancements being made to the Uniform Crime Reporting Survey (UCR) to address data gaps within the Criminal Justice Sector, and to gather information on police services' plans to implement the latest version of the UCR.

Context

Statistics Canada collects police-reported crime statistics using the UCR. The UCR2 is an incident-based survey comprised of five versions, UCR2.0 through UCR2.4. Each new version expands the survey by adding specialized content incrementally.

In the latest version, UCR2.4, the collection of information relating to firearms, as well as enhanced hate crime and cybercrime variables, were introduced.

The UCR2.5, currently in development, will include variables on the Indigenous and racialized identities of all victims and accused persons. The need for quality data about the experience of Indigenous peoples and racialized individuals with Canada's criminal justice system has been identified as a priority area for the ministry and across the justice sector.

Action Requested

Using the attached template, Ontario police services are requested to compile feedback or concerns with respect to transitioning to UCR2.4, and in future, to the version currently in development (UCR2.5). Police services are asked to identify potential barriers to adopting the latest versions of the UCR, plans to remedy any barriers, and timelines for implementation.

Due Date

Police services are asked to submit the completed template to Gunawardana Balasuriya, Senior Economist, Analytics Unit, Business Intelligence and Insights Branch at gunawardana.balasuriya@ontario.ca by **May 19, 2023**.

This information will inform the development of a national roadmap to close gaps in data collection and survey participation across Canada, led by the Liaison Officers Committee (LOC) of the National Justice Statistics Initiative. This information will be shared with Federal, Provincial, Territorial Justice and Public Safety Deputy Ministers at a future tri-lateral meeting.

Ministry Contact

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact **Jeanette Gorzkowski**, Senior Manager, Analytics Unit, Business Intelligence, and Insights Branch, SOLGEN at Jeanette.Gorzowski@ontario.ca.

Thank you for your continued support.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Johns', written in a cursive style.

Christopher Johns

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