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Dear Mr Hinchliffe

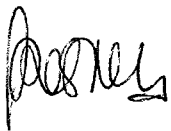
RE: FRANK WILKINSON R60852

Thank you for your letter of 8 June 2009 concerning the above named prisoner.

We are aware of the range of views about risk assessment tools and the evidence of the effectiveness of programmes. Members receive guidance about the strength and limitations of standard risk assessment tools. It will be for each individual Parole Board panel to assess each prisoner's case on its merits.

You may be interested to know that the Ministry of Justice is conducting a consultation exercise about the future of the Parole Board covering such matters as its independence. The consultation is due to begin during July for 4 months and members of the public will have the opportunity to comment.

Yours sincerely



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