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Dear Alistair,

You may recall that you tabled a Parliamentary Question in December last year (PQ 306905) requesting information regarding lost or stolen Laptop computers in the last ten years.

Unfortunately, one part of information provided in the response to your request was incorrect. I regret that this has happened and apologise for any inconvenience caused. I have instructed my officials to correct the error and provide the correct data in response to your request.

For ease of convenience, I have set out below the original response given to your Question.

"The Home Office group only holds the information requested from 2005 onwards. The following table sets out the IT equipment that was recorded as lost (or missing) and stolen:

Year	Laptops		Desk Top Computers		Memory Sticks	
	Lost	Stolen	Lost	Stolen	Lost	Stolen
2005	3	11	0	12	0	0
2006	4	10	0	0	0	0
2007	3	12	0	0	2	1
2008	3	26	0	2	5	0

However, the figure for lost and stolen laptops from the Home Office in 2008 is incorrect. The correct figure should have been 2 lost and 20 stolen. It was caused by a factual error in collating the information in preparing the response to your PQ.

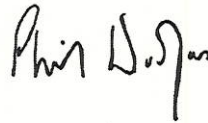
The correct information, which includes the revised figures for 2008, is set out below:

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In order to introduce a more systematic process for reporting future IT equipment losses, the Home Office is looking to record information about IT equipment losses on the Home Office website through the 'Make Public Data Public' initiative. This will allow enable MP's and members of the public to refer to the website in the first instance as a source of published information.

A copy of this letter has been sent to the Editor of the Official Report and a copy has been placed in the House Library.

Yours Sincerely,



Phil Woolas MP