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Dear Gurcharan Singh

Violent Crime down by 41% since 1997

Labour Home Secretary Alan Johnson wrote to your party leader, David Cameron, in November questioning bogus Tory claims on violent crime, as the British Crime Survey shows violent crime down by 41% since 1997.

Unfortunately, David Cameron did not bother to reply but instead, on the release of recent crime statistics, once again claimed that violent crime is rising "significantly".

Conservative Central Office has admitted that they were comparing statistics which they know were calculated in completely different ways. The BBC journalist who questioned David Cameron on this said:

"It emerges that the only way the Conservative leader can back up his claims is to ignore the klaxon warning attached to the statistics following changes in the way police record violent incidents in England and Wales".

http://www.bbc.co.uk/blogs/thereporters/markeaston/2010/01/conservative_estimates_on_viol.ht ml

Incredibly, in an interview on 3rd February, Chris Grayling, Shadow Home Secretary, had the opportunity to come clean and put the record straight but instead ADMITTED he is fully aware of the change in the way the statistics are calculated and then REFUSED to agree to tell Tory candidates and parties to stop using these bogus statistics.

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David Cameron has demonstrated that he cannot be trusted. In his New Year message he said he wanted a clean fight but he is deliberately misleading the public by using bogus crime statistics when the British Crime Survey shows violent crime down by 41% since 1997.

I am giving you the opportunity to be honest with voters in Ealing Southall. Will you confirm that you will not use bogus Tory statistics which the BBC has shown are misleading and inaccurate?

I look forward to hearing from you,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "V Sharma". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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