

Annex 2 - Selected comments and feedback

- It may be too “simplistic” to share these race-based statistics, as the reality is “more complex”.
- It is not good to publicise such statistics, no matter which community is involved, as it would cast a “smear” on the respective races and cause “discontent and dissatisfaction”. Many do not understand that the reasons for committing crime are multi-factorial and it is not as straightforward as they think.

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- At this moment, we should not release such statistics as it could “send us two steps back in terms of the stereotypes that the community has been countering”, and undo the good progress the community has achieved all these years.
- The communities would want their successes to be “celebrated”, instead of their “issues and problems” to be broadcasted publicly – this would only contribute to social disharmony.

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- There should be a purpose in releasing statistics, and it should contribute towards nation building. There is “responsibility involved” in releasing such statistics.
- Releasing race-based statistics may validate existing perceptions about the community. That said, such statistics would be useful for practitioners as it would allow organisations to design effective, evidence-based programmes.