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Written replies by the Government of Sweden to the list of issues (CRC/C/OPSC/SWE/Q/1) related to the consideration of the initial report of Sweden submitted under article 12, paragraph 1, of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography (CRC/C/OPSC/SWE/1)*

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Reply to the issues raised in paragraph 1 of the list of issues (CRC/C/OPSC/SWE/Q/1)

Question 1(a)

1. The total number of reported offences regarding the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography is shown below: (Source: National Council for Crime Prevention, Brå)

	2008 ¹	2009	2010
Trafficking in human beings for sexual purposes (against children)	N/A	9	7
Trafficking in human beings for other than sexual purposes (against children)	N/A	7	22
Purchase of sexual act from children	46	150	233
Child pornography	64	93	91
Internet related child pornography	272	252	299

2. Brå is responsible for the Swedish official crime statistics. Brå is currently not able to follow a reported crime through the legal chain, among other things due to differences between crime statistics and convictions statistics. Development work is however being done, aiming to introduce a structured electronic flow of information between the different judicial authorities. Therefore, in the future, it will probably be possible to follow a case through the legal chain.

3. The total number of prosecuting decisions in 2008-2010 is shown below: (Source: Brå):

	2008	2009	2010
Trafficking in human beings for sexual purposes (against children)	N/A	3	12
Trafficking in human beings for other than sexual purposes (against children)	N/A	2	2
Purchase of sexual act from children	16	51	73
Child pornography	39	24	23
Internet related child pornography	46	60	96

¹ The crimes of trafficking in human beings for sexual purposes and trafficking in human beings for *other* than sexual purposes were separated with regard to age in December of 2008. The figures are therefore not entirely comparable.

4. Total number of conviction decisions regarding male offenders, by offence and type of sanction in 2008-2010 is shown below: (Source: Brå):

<i>Purchase of sexual act from children</i>						
	2008		2009		2010	
	total	principal offence	total	principal offence	total	principal offence
In total	15	4	35	6	31	9
Court conviction	14	3	32	5	31	9
Prosecutor fines	1	1	3	1	-	-
Waiver of prosecution	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Child pornography</i>						
	2008		2009		2010	
	total	principal offence	total	principal offence	total	principal offence
In total	115	78	119	83	114	82
Court conviction	91	55	79	44	87	55
Prosecutor fines	23	22	39	38	24	24
Waiver of prosecution	1	1	1	1	3	3

5. Since reporting of convictions decisions is strictly based on the legal structure, it is currently not possible to separate Internet-based child pornography offences from other child pornography offences.

6. For the same reason, it is currently not possible to separate trafficking offences against children from offences against adults. All cases fall under the same provision under the Penal Code.

7. Total number of male offenders found guilty of criminal offences by principal offence and age in 2008-2010: (Source: Brå):

<i>Purchase of sexual act from children</i>									
Year	<i>Age at time for waiver of prosecution, prosecutor fine or court conviction</i>								<i>Total</i>
	15-17	18-20	21-24	25-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-	
2008	2	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	4
2009	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	3	6
2010	-	-	-	-	2	3	1	3	9
<i>Child pornography</i>									
Year	<i>Age at time for waiver of prosecution, prosecutor fine or court conviction</i>								<i>Total</i>
	15-17	18-20	21-24	25-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-	
2008	-	1	4	8	14	29	13	9	78
2009	3	1	3	8	28	23	13	4	83
2010	-	3	8	16	18	18	13	6	82

8. Female offenders: Total number of conviction decisions/Total number found guilty of criminal offences (source: Brå):

Child pornography

2009 – two decisions (one court conviction, one waiver of prosecution), of which one principal offence. Age of the women: 18-20 resp. 60- years.

2010 – one decision (court conviction, principal offence). Age of the woman: 60- years.

Question 1(b)

9. Apart from cases reported to the police, there are no statistics or estimations regarding the number of children being trafficked.

Question 1(c)

10. There is no official statistical information available regarding the number of children given assistance for recovery and social reintegration. For further information see sections 45-52 of the previous Swedish answers sent to the Committee on August 15, 2011.

11. In 2010, 109 900 000 SEK was paid as state compensation to applicants (11 058 applications). In 2 101 cases, the victim was a child. 276 cases concerned sexual crimes against children. In 2009, 119 730 000 SEK was paid (11 058 applications). In 2 333 cases, the victim was a child. 265 cases concerned sexual crimes against children. In 2008, 113 584 000 SEK was paid (10 895 applications). Before 2009, the authority did not present the numbers of child victims. 271 cases concerned sexual crimes against children. (Source: The Crime Victim Compensation and Support Authority)

Question 1(d)

12. The crime codes 0418 (trafficking in human beings for sexual purposes against children) and 0420 (trafficking in human beings for other than sexual purposes against children) were introduced in December 2008. The figures for 2008-2010 are therefore not comparable. "Prosecution rate" below includes cases where prosecutor fines or waivers of prosecution have been issued and prosecution. The crime code 1607 stands for child pornography.

13. Number of suspected crimes regarding trafficking in human beings against children (2009-2010) and child pornography (2008-2010) and types of decision (Source: The Swedish Prosecution Authority):

<i>2010</i>	<i>Crime code</i>		
Type of decision	0418	0420	1607
Police investigation not initiated	0	0	0
Investigation cancelled	3	15	65
No prosecution	0	0	2
Prosecutor fines	0	0	7
Waiver of prosecution	0	0	1
Prosecution	12	2	24
Total	15	17	99

<i>2009</i>	<i>Crime code</i>		
Type of decision	0418	0420	1607
Police investigation not initiated	0	0	1
Investigation cancelled	2	1	60
No prosecution	0	0	9
Prosecutor fines	0	0	16
Waiver of prosecution	0	0	2
Prosecution	3	2	26
Total	5	3	114

<i>2008</i>	<i>Crime code</i>
Type of decision	1607
Police investigation not initiated	0
Investigation cancelled	64
No prosecution	3
Prosecutor fines	12
Waiver of prosecution	1
Prosecution	41
Total	121

14. Due to the fact that the Swedish recidivism statistics have a waiting period of three years, recidivism figures for the years 2008-2010 are not yet available.