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ANNEX D

**ROISIN McALISKEY: BRIEF BY THE HOME OFFICE**Healthcare

- Ms McAliskey is in good general health; her pregnancy is progressing normally (she is currently 17 weeks pregnant) and she is giving no cause for concern. She is seen daily by the midwife and the duty doctor, and regularly by the gynaecologist. HM Prison Holloway has specialist expertise and interest in caring for pregnant women. The prison, along with all prisons, has the backup of the National Health Service for both inpatient and outpatient facilities. In addition, consultants are contracted by the Prison Service to carry out clinics in the prisons themselves. Where necessary, prisoners are taken under escort to outside hospitals. Pregnant inmates receive the same treatment as do pregnant women in the community.

Daily routine

- Ms McAliskey is constantly supervised by trained prison officers. She is offered full association during the day. The only time she is required to be in her cell is at mealtimes and night-time lockup. At all other times she can associate freely with other prisoners on her unit. She is regularly seen by the Roman Catholic Chaplaincy and a member of the local Board of Visitors. Ms McAliskey has access to the full range of books from the prison library and is also supplied with materials for in-cell activity by the education department.

Exercise

- Ms McAliskey is offered exercise on a daily basis in a secure outside area. She has been unhappy with this arrangement and wishes to take exercise in the main

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exercise area with other prisoners. Her security category does not allow for this.

Detention

Visits

- For security reasons all visits need to be approved under the Approved Visitors Scheme. Under this scheme all visitors are required to provide photographs of themselves and details of their relationship to the inmate for verification by the police. Once this procedure has been completed each application is considered on its own merits. Ms McAliskey has been visited by her partner, mother, father, sister, solicitors and two Members of Parliament. These visits have taken place under closed visits conditions.

Extradition

- An authority to proceed in this case has been signed by a Home Office Minister.
- It is now for Bow Street to set a date for the committal hearing.
- The case will come before Home Office Ministers again after consideration by the courts. There are a number of routes of appeal and Ms McAliskey will have the opportunity to make representations against her surrender to the German authorities before any decision on issuing a warrant for her surrender is made.

If needed

The release of James Corry by the Minister of Justice in the Republic of Ireland is a matter for the Republic of Ireland and Germany. It has no read-across to Ms McAliskey's case.

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BACKGROUND

The German authorities have requested the extradition of Roisin McAliskey in connection with PIRA's mortar attack on the British Army's barracks in Osnabruck on 28 June.

Roisin McAliskey is the daughter of Bernadette McAliskey, a former Republican MP for Mid-Ulster, best known for attacking Reginald Maudling in the Commons in January 1972. She is five months' pregnant.

The Prison Service has assessed Ms McAliskey as a High Risk Category A prisoner. She is currently being held at HMP Holloway (a Category B prison) where on-site ante-natal care is routinely available.

James Corry is also wanted by the German authorities in connection with the Osnabruck attack. He was being held by the Irish authorities pending extradition to Germany but was released by the Irish Minister of Justice on 14 January.

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