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TRANSFER OF PRISONERS TO NORTHERN IRELAND: SEAN McNULTY

Lines To Take

- The transfer of prisoners to Northern Ireland is in accordance with long standing statutory provisions. Requests are considered individually on their own merits under criteria announced to Parliament on 23 November 1992.
- The Home Secretary has approved the transfer of Sean McNulty to Northern Ireland.
- Sean McNulty has been granted a temporary transfer for an initial period not exceeding 6 months.
- While temporarily transferred to Northern Ireland he remains under the jurisdiction of the Home Secretary. His release date will not be affected by the move.
- The transfer took place when operationally possible to ensure that all the appropriate security measures were in place.

If needed:

- This is not a reward for terrorism. The request was granted because he met the criteria applicable to all prisoners seeking such a transfer.
- The location of prisoners temporarily transferred is an operational matter for the receiving jurisdiction.
- McNulty's transfer will take the number of PIRA prisoners temporarily transferred to Northern Ireland to twelve.

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