

DRAFT PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION

To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when he will make decisions on outstanding applications from prisoners convicted of terrorist offences for repatriation to the Republic of Ireland and if he will make a statement?

DRAFT REPLY

I have recently approved three applications for repatriation to the Republic of Ireland submitted by prisoners convicted of terrorist offences. These were approved on the basis that the Republic will continue to enforce the sentences imposed by the courts here in accordance with the provisions of the Council of Europe Convention on the Transfer of Sentenced Persons. This Convention was brought into UK law by the previous administration on 30 April 1985 in accordance with provisions of the Repatriation of Prisoners Act 1984. Remaining repatriation applications are at various stages of consideration either here or in the Republic and will be determined as soon as possible.