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REPATRIATION OF PRISONERS TO THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND - STATISTICS

i. Terrorist prisoners

There are currently 21 prisoners convicted of terrorist related offences held in England and Wales.

Of these 1 has requested transfer to Northern Ireland;

1 has not requested transfer to any other jurisdiction;

19 have requested repatriation to the Republic of Ireland;

Repatriation to the Republic

3 applications (Wood, Kinsella and Hayes) were recently approved and the prisoners will shortly be transferred to the Republic.

4 (Butler, Duggan, O'Connell, Doherty) are awaiting notification of tariffs.

9 applications (Magee, Sherry, Quinn, Rafferty, Morrow, Crawley, Taylor, Gannon & Hanratty) are under consideration by the Republic.

2 (Donnelly, O'Duibhir) have been agreed by the Republic and referred back here for consideration. (Donnelly's application has been agreed, a final decision on O'Duibhir must await new Irish legislation)

1 application (Kinsella (J)) suspended owing to renewed appeal

ii. Non terrorist applications

102 requests received

9 prisoners repatriated

43 under consideration by the Irish Government

14 under consideration by the Home Office

37 requests withdrawn/refused, or prisoner released

As with all repatriation applications every attempt is made to process cases as quickly as possible in this jurisdiction and the majority are dealt with at official level. There were inevitably some delays in dealing with cases when the Republic first brought the Convention into force given the very large number of applications received at that time. However, except in a few individual cases there has been no particular pressure for progress (either in terms of speed or of numbers) in respect of non-terrorist applications. Indeed the Republic authorities have refused repatriation to several non-terrorist Irish prisoners and this does not appear to have attracted any attention or criticism in the Republic.

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