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Dear Andrew,

Indeterminate Sentenced Prisoners Parole Reviews PQ Reply

On 26 January, I promised to write to you with a response to your questions regarding how many prisoners who received indeterminate sentences of imprisonment for public protection (IPP) at each tariff length have been received into custody in each month since the sentence was introduced and how many indeterminate sentences for public protection have been handed down for each type of offence in each month since December 2008.

I advised ^{my} that the information requested is currently being collated by officials in the National Offender Management Service. This work has now been completed.

The number of prisoners serving an IPP sentence, broken down by length of tariff and month of sentence is shown in table 1 below.

As the Public Protection Unit Database (PPUD), which is the NOMS case management system from which the data on the table has been derived, calculates tariff from the date of sentence, the data excludes from the tariff calculation the amount of time the prisoner may have spent on remand together with any time served between conviction and sentencing. The data includes those cases where the sentence was later quashed or reduced to a determinate sentence at appeal. The figures also include those prisoners serving detention for public protection sentences (DPP). A DPP is given in respect of those under 18 years of age at the time of sentence.

Table 1 IPP sentences and tariffs by month (DOS is “date of sentence”)

DOS	0-1yrs	1+- 2yrs	2+- 5yrs	5+- 10yrs	10+yrs	Totals
May-05	0	2	1	0	0	3
Jun-05	2	5	7	0	0	14
Jul-05	2	6	19	0	0	27

Aug-05	3	15	22	4	0	44
Sep-05	11	36	32	2	0	81
Oct-05	8	40	42	2	0	92
Nov-05	12	42	39	3	0	96
Dec-05	8	23	42	4	0	77
Jan-06	6	22	50	6	1	85
Feb-06	2	31	68	8	1	110
Mar-06	8	53	80	7	0	148
Apr-06	5	33	54	9	0	101
May-06	3	42	62	8	1	116
Jun-06	11	47	78	18	0	154
Jul-06	10	36	90	12	0	148
Aug-06	5	34	68	8	0	115
Sep-06	10	40	84	13	2	149
Oct-06	12	28	59	14	0	113
Nov-06	11	52	101	13	2	179
Dec-06	8	40	111	18	0	177
Jan-07	13	31	81	17	0	142
Feb-07	9	44	79	17	1	150
Mar-07	9	53	105	15	1	183
Apr-07	7	23	87	13	0	130
May-07	10	35	93	13	0	151
Jun-07	11	50	82	11	1	155
Jul-07	10	37	83	19	0	149
Aug-07	8	35	56	13	0	112
Sep-07	9	34	86	20	0	149
Oct-07	4	41	76	16	0	137
Nov-07	7	40	104	17	2	170
Dec-07	12	31	81	14	0	138
Jan-08	8	36	67	21	5	137
Feb-08	12	39	97	21	2	171
Mar-08	5	36	75	15	6	137
Apr-08	7	41	74	20	2	144
May-08	15	38	70	20	2	145
Jun-08	8	31	71	17	4	131
Jul-08	4	21	52	16	0	93
Aug-08	1	5	45	7	0	58
Sep-08	1	20	47	13	1	82
Oct-08	0	20	51	13	0	84
Nov-08	0	9	50	16	2	77
Dec-08	0	12	50	18	2	82
Jan-09	1	15	53	14	0	83
Feb-09	1	16	39	14	1	71
Mar-09	0	15	49	15	0	79
Apr-09	1	12	42	19	1	75
May-09	1	16	42	16	1	76
Jun-09	1	15	51	24	1	92
Jul-09	1	16	49	27	1	94
Aug-09	1	11	34	13	0	59
Sep-09	1	12	44	16	0	73
Oct-09	0	6	31	26	3	66
Nov-09	1	8	35	24	1	69
Dec-09	2	5	31	21	2	61
Totals	318	1536	3371	760	49	6034

There have been 980 indeterminate sentences recorded from 01 December 2008 to 31 December 2009. Table 2 below breaks these down by the month of sentence and type of offence.

Table 2 Month and Type of Index Offence 2009

DOS	Type of Offence					Total
	Arson	Robbery	Violence or other offences against the person	Sexual	Firearms	
Dec-08	6	24	36	14	2	82
Jan-09	4	20	31	20	8	83
Feb-09	11	8	28	20	4	71
Mar-09	6	23	29	19	2	79
Apr-09	1	13	39	15	7	75
May-09	5	20	27	23	1	76
Jun-09	7	15	40	29	1	92
Jul-09	3	28	32	30	1	94
Aug-09	3	14	23	19	0	59
Sep-09	4	16	30	23	0	73
Oct-09	0	16	24	24	2	66
Nov-09	5	13	24	24	3	69
Dec-09	5	11	21	19	5	61
Totals	60	221	384	279	36	980

These figures are taken from PPUD and, as with any large scale recording system, it is subject to possible errors arising from either data entry or processing.

The data used to answer this question was taken from PPUD on 27 January 2010. The PPUD is a live database, updated on a regular basis. As a result, snapshots taken in consecutive days will contain differences reflecting updates. At present, we are considering taking regular snapshots from PPUD for archive purposes, to which we will refer when answering questions of this kind.

A copy of this reply will be placed in the Library of both Houses.

Best Wishes,



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