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EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS: REFORM

Lord Molloy asked Her Majesty's Government:

What is their policy towards reform of the European Court of Human Rights.

Earl Ferrers: Her Majesty's Government recognise the need for reform of the control mechanisms under the European Convention on Human Rights and they are contributing fully to the work which is currently being undertaken by the Council of Europe.

RAPE AND VIOLENT ASSAULT: COMPENSATION CHANGES

Lord Molloy asked Her Majesty's Government:

Whether their plans to change the rules governing compensation for victims of rape and violent assault will result in changes in the amounts paid to victims.

Earl Ferrers: In moving from a scheme which is based on common law damages, in which each case is assessed on its individual merits, to one which is based on a tariff of payments, it is inevitable that there will be some changes in the amounts paid. The precise details of the new scheme, including injury groupings and corresponding tariff payments, have yet to be determined. They will be set out in a White Paper in the summer.

LIFE SENTENCES FOR TERRORISM: LOCATION OF PRISONERS

Lord Marlesford asked Her Majesty's Government:

Whether they will indicate which of the 33 persons currently serving sentences of life imprisonment for terrorist offences committed in England and Wales are currently serving their sentences in prisons in Great Britain and in Northern Ireland respectively, indicating the date of conviction in each case.

Earl Ferrers: Responsibility for the subject of this question has been delegated to the Prison Agency and its Director General, Mr. Derek Lewis. The agency has therefore responded to the question, and its letter is given below.

Letter from Mr. Derek Lewis, Director General, Prison Agency, dated 20th May 1993:

Lord Ferrers has asked me to reply to your recent Question requesting information about those serving sentences of life imprisonment for terrorist offences in England and Wales.

I can confirm that of the 33 prisoners currently serving life imprisonment for such offences, four are presently being held in prison establishments in Northern Ireland.

The table below, which I hope you will find helpful, sets out the details by year of conviction.

Table showing those serving sentences of life imprisonment for terrorist offences committed in England and Wales, who are currently serving their sentences in Great Britain and in Northern Ireland

Year of conviction	England and Wales	Northern Ireland
1973	—	3
1976	5	1
1977	5	—
1979	2	—
1980	3	—
1981	2	—
1985	4	—
1986	6	—
1988	1	—
1993	1	—
TOTAL	29	4

TERRORIST INCIDENTS SINCE 1971

Lord Marlesford asked Her Majesty's Government:

Whether they will list those terrorist incidents in Great Britain since 1971 which have resulted in loss of life indicating in each case the date and location of the offence, the number of lives lost, whether or not there have been convictions of those responsible and which of those convictions were overturned on appeal.

Earl Ferrers: The available information is listed below and refers to terrorist incidents which are connected with the affairs of Northern Ireland or with international terrorism.

Date of terrorist incident	Number of people killed as a result of incident	Location of incident	Number of people convicted of murder as a result of incident ¹	Date convictions were quashed following referral under 17 of the Criminal Appeals Act 1968
22 February 1972	7	Officers Mess, Parachute Brigade HQ, Aldershot, Hampshire	1	
8 March 1973	1	Old Bailey, London	—	
17 September 1973	1	Bilton House, 21 Highfield Road Edgbaston Birmingham	—	
4 February 1974	12	M62 Motorway near Leeds	1	Cleared on Appeal 4 June 1992

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Done 1.2
See Mr. Smyth

<i>Date of terrorist incident</i>	<i>Number of people killed as a result of incident</i>	<i>Location of incident</i>	<i>Number of people convicted of murder as a result of incident¹</i>	<i>Date convictions were quashed following referral under 17 of the Criminal Appeals Act 1968</i>
17 July 1974	1	White Tower, Tower of London, London	—	
5 October 1974	5	Horse and Groom Public House, North Street, Guildford	4	Cleared on Appeal 19 October 1989
7 November 1974	2	Kings Arms Public House, Francis Street, Woolwich, London	2	Cleared on Appeal 19 October 1989
11 November 1974	1	GPO Telephone Exchange Salt Lane, Greyfriars, Coventry	—	
18 November 1974	1	Kings Road, London	—	
21 November 1974	21	The Mulberry Bush and the Tavern in the Town Public Houses, Birmingham	6	Cleared on Appeal 14 March 1991
17 December 1974	1	GPO Telephone Exchange, Chemes Street, Tottenham Court Road, London	—	
26 February 1975	1	39 Fairholme Road, London	1	
29 August 1975	1	K Shoe Shop Ltd., Kensington, Church Street, London	4	
5 September 1975	2	Hilton Hotel, Park Lane, London	2	
9 October 1975	1	Near Green Park Tube Station, Piccadilly, London	4	
23 October 1975	1	Campden Hill Square, London	4	
12 November 1975	1	Scotts Restaurant 20/21 Mount Street, London	4	
18 November 1975	2	Waltons Restaurant Walton Street, London	4	
27 November 1975	1	50 Village Road, Enfield Middlesex	3	
15 March 1976	1	London Underground Train	1	
27 March 1976	1	Olympia London	—	
10 April 1977	3	London	—	
4 January 1978	3	London	—	
4 February 1978	1	London	1	—
20 August 1978	1	London	1	—
30 March 1979	1	Palace of Westminster, Westminster, London	—	—
11 April 1980	1	Regents Park Mosque, London	2	—
25 April 1980	1	Kensington, London	—	—
30 April 1980	7	Iranian Embassy, London	21	—
17 May 1980	1	Queens Garden Hotel, Bayswater, London	—	—
10 October 1981	2	Ebury Bridge Road, London	2	—
26 October 1981	1	Wimpy Bar, Oxford Street, London	2	—
13 December 1981	2	Connaught Square, London	—	—
20 July 1982	4	South Carriage Road, Hyde Park, London	—	—
20 July 1982	7	Regents Park, London	—	—
17 December 1983	6	Harrods, Knightsbridge, London	—	—
3 February 1984	1	Birmingham	2	—
17 April 1984	1	St. James' Square, London	—	—
17 August 1984	1	London	—	—
12 October 1984	5	Grand Hotel, Brighton	1	—
29 November 1985	1	London	—	—
23 January 1986	1	London	1	—
19 August 1986	1	Kensington, London	—	—
22 July 1987	1	Chelsea, London	—	—
2 October 1987	2	Wembley, London	—	—
11 November 1987	3	Southall, Middlesex	2	—
20 January 1988	2	London	—	—
1 August 1988	1	Inglis Barracks, London	—	—
21 December 1988	270	Lockerbie, Scotland	—	—
3 August 1989	1	Beverley Hotel, London	—	—
22 September 1989	11	North Barracks, Royal Marines School of Music, Deal, Kent	—	—
16 May 1990	1	Army Recruiting Centre, Wembley, Middlesex	—	—
1 June 1990	1	Lichfield Railway Station, Staffordshire	—	—
30 July 1990	1	The Dog House, Hankham, Nr. Pevensey, East Sussex	—	—

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18 February 1991	1	Victoria Station, London	—	—
15 November 1991	2	Old Barclays Bank, St Peter's Street, St Albans, Hertfordshire	—	—
10 April 1992	3	St Mary's Axe, City of London	—	—
15 April 1992	1	Army Careers Information Office, Derby	—	—
8 June 1992	1	A64 Leeds-York, Tadcaster, North Yorkshire	1	—
12 October 1992	1	Sussex Arms Public House, Long Acre, Covent Garden, London	—	—
20 March 1993	2	Bridge Street, Warrington, Cheshire	—	—
24 April 1993	1	Bishopsgate, City of London	—	—

¹ Those convicted of offences in respect of more than one incident are recorded separately against each incident.

² Convicted of manslaughter.

LIFE SENTENCE PRISONERS CONVICTED OF TERRORIST OFFENCES

Lord Marlesford asked Her Majesty's Government:

Whether they will list by name those who were sentenced to life imprisonment for terrorist offences since 1973 and who have been subsequently released on licence or who have escaped, indicating in each case the nature and location of the offence, the date of conviction and the date of release or escape.

The Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Northern Ireland Office (The Earl of Arran): Since 1973 none of the prisoners who have been sentenced to life imprisonment in England and Wales for terrorist offences has been released on licence in England and Wales, or has escaped from prison custody. Particulars about prisoners, sentenced to life imprisonment for terrorist offences since 1973, who have been released on licence or have escaped from prison custody in Northern Ireland are presented in the following table. It would not be appropriate to name those concerned:

Year of Sentence	Murder	Attempted Murder	Explosives Related Offences	Man-slaughter	Other	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993
1973 Licensees	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	4	2	2	2	—
Licensees	—	—	(4)	—	—	(1)	(1)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(1)	(1)	—	—
1974 Licensees	20	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	6	1	5	5	3	1	—
1975 Licensees	44	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	3	7	11	15	3	2	—	—
1976 Licensees	37	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	5	5	17	3	6	1	—	—
Escapes	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1977 Licensees	38	5	1	1	4	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	3	—	4	13	5	12	9
Escapes	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1978 Licensees	19	6	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	2	4	2	8	—
Escapes	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1979 Licensees	18	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	4	2	11	2
Escapes	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1980 Licensees	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1981 Licensees	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—
Escapes	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1982 Licensees	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
1983 Licensees	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—
Escapes	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1985 Licensees	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
1986 Licensees	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
1987 Licensees	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—

Notes:

- The bracketed figures provide particulars of prisoners whose offences were committed in England and Wales, all others relate to offences committed in Northern Ireland.
- Multiple murders are reflected as a single entry against the year of the first murder conviction.
- Where a life sentence has been imposed for offences in more than one of the defined categories a single entry only is recorded against the year in which the principal offence, either murder or attempted murder, was committed and for this purpose murder takes precedence over attempted murder.
- The column headed *Explosives Related Offences* includes convictions for causing an explosion and sending explosive substances.
- The column headed *Other* includes convictions for wounding with intent and possession of firearms with intent.