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**Prison Ombudsman**

**Mr. Cox:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many cases have been referred to the prison ombudsman since his appointment. [18083]

**Miss Widdecombe:** The prison ombudsman had received 2,327 letters of complaint by 27 February 1996 of which 620 were eligible for investigation by his office; the eligibility of a further 121 was being considered. Investigations into 463 complaints have now been completed and the complaint upheld on 201 occasions. In a further 42 cases the complaint was resolved or withdrawn during the course of the investigation.

**Open Prison Transfers**

**Mrs. Anne Campbell:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department if a risk assessment is carried out on all prisoners prior to their transfer to open prisons in respect of their contact with the local residential population. [17922]

**Miss Widdecombe:** Responsibility for this matter has been delegated to the temporary Director General of the Prison Service, who has been asked to arrange for a reply to be given.

*Letter from A. J. Butler to Mrs. Anne Campbell, dated 4 March 1996:*

The Home Secretary has asked me, in the absence of the Director general from the office, to reply to your recent Question about risk assessment on all prisoners prior to their transfer to open prisons in respect of their contact with the local residential population.

The arrangements for temporary release on licence, including the criteria for eligibility and risk assessment, are set out in Instruction to Governors 36/1995 copies of which are available in the Library.

Life sentence prisoners must be recommended by the Parole Board and approved by Ministers before they are allocated to open prisons. A full risk assessment is undertaken before life sentence prisoners are approved for release on temporary licence from open prisons into the community.

Prisoners serving determinate sentences who are eligible for release on temporary licence must also satisfy a mandatory risk assessment.

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**Terrorist Incident**

**Mr. Rooney:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department on what dates terrorist incidents ascribed to the IRA have taken place on the British mainland for each year since 1980. [18744]

**Mr. Howard:** The information available relates to acts of terrorism connected with the affairs of Northern Ireland as defined in section 14 of the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1989. Until 1989 only those incidents which caused death or injury were recorded.

Date	Location	Death/injuries
2 December 1980	Princess Louise Regiment Territorial Army Centre, Hammersmith Road, London W6	Device exploded injuring five people
10 October 1981	Ebury Bridge Road, London SW1	Device exploded killing two people and injuring 39
17 October 1981	London SE21	One person injured in an explosion
26 October 1981	Wimpy Bar, Oxford Street, London W1	One person killed in an explosion
23 November 1981	Royal Artillery HQ, Government House, Woolwich New Road, London SE18	Device exploded injuring two people
20 July 1982	South Carriage Road, Hyde Park, London W1 Regents Park, London NW1	Device exploded killing four people and injuring 28 Device exploded killing seven people and injuring 31
10 December 1983	Royal Artillery Barracks, Repository Road, London SE18	Device exploded injuring three people
17 December 1983	Outside Harrods, Knightsbridge, London SW3	Six people were killed and 91 injured in an explosion
25 December 1983	Orchard Street, London W1	Device exploded injuring two people
12 October 1984	Grand Hotel, Brighton, Sussex	Device exploded during the Conservative Party Conference killing five people and injuring 30 others
15/16 August 1987	Various	Postal devices were sent to six senior civil servants. No injuries
1 August 1988	Inglis Barracks, London SW7	Device exploded killing one person and injuring eight others
20 February 1989	Ternhill Barracks, Shropshire	One person injured in an explosion
22 September 1989	Royal Marines School of Music, North Barracks, Deal, Kent	Device exploded killing 11 and injuring 21 others
15 November 1989	Kensington	Device discovered and defused. No injuries
18 November 1989	Married Quarters, Colchester	Device attached to car exploded injuring two people
16 January 1990	Army HQ, SE District, Aldershot	Postal device discovered and defused—No injuries
20 February 1990	Combined Services Recruitment Centre, Rutland Street, Leicester	Device attached to a vehicle exploded nearby injuring two people
25 February 1990	Army Recruiting Office, New Road, Halifax	Device exploded. No injuries
14 May 1990	Service Education Centre, Eltham, S London SE9	Device exploded injuring five people
16 May 1990	Army Recruiting Centre, Wembley, Middlesex	Device exploded killing one person and injuring four others



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21 October 1992 (Cont.)	Princess Louise Territorial Army Centre, Hammersmith Road W6	Device, believed to have been hung on railings, exploded. Three people suffered minor injuries	6 January 1993	Reject Shop, Plaza Shopping Centre, London W1	Incendiary device ignited causing minor damage
	Railway Line, Nr Harrow Road (junction with Furness Road) NW10	Device exploded causing slight damage to the track, but no casualties.		Dillons' Bookshop, Northumberland Avenue WC2	Very small device exploded causing little damage
22 October 1992	Sewage Pipe, Wick Lane E3	Small device exploded causing damage to a sewage pipe. No casualties		C and A, Oxford Street W1	Incendiary device ignited. Very little damage
25 October 1992	London SW1	Device exploded in a doorway causing some damage to the building and to nearby cars. No casualties		Video Shop, 60 Oxford Street W1	Incendiary device ignited. Minor damage
30 October 1992	Whitehall, London SW1 (nr Downing Street)	Small device exploded in a hijacked minicab outside Cabinet Office. No one was injured	7 January 1993	Dillon's Bookshop, Northumberland Avenue W1	Unignited incendiary device found
14 November 1992	Stoke Newington Road, London N16	Van discovered containing a very large improvised explosive device. One policeman was shot and injured confronting two men	14 January 1993	Top Shop, Oxford Circus W1	Unignited incendiary device found
15 November 1992	Canada Tower, Canary Wharf	Large improvised explosive device is made safe after security guards challenged two men	28 January 1993	Harrods, Brompton Road SW1	Small device exploded in a litter bin. Two people slightly injured and 30 ft of shop front damaged
16 November 1992	Collingwood Street, Bethnal Green E1	Device in van made safe	3 February 1993	Train at Kent House Station, Kent	Small device exploded on train stopped and evacuated following warnings. No casualties
1 December 1992	Stephens Street, Tottenham Court Road	Large improvised explosive device in van made safe		South Kensington Tube Station, London SW7	Device exploded in underground passage-way following warning and evacuation. No casualties
3 December 1992	Deansgate and Cateaton Street, Manchester	Two small devices exploded under bushes causing damage to properties and minor injury to 64 people	10 February 1993	London SW1	Small device exploded in doorway of block of flats. Minor damage. No injuries.
9 December 1992	Woodside Park Underground Station, London N12	HME device partially detonated in a van in car park. No injuries	26 February 1993	Warrington, Cheshire	Policeman shot and injured after hijacked; and three devices exploded (and unignited incendiary made safe) at gasworks causing extensive damage and no injuries.
10 December 1992	Wood Green Shopping Centre, London N22	Two devices exploded in litter bins outside shops. Eleven people were slightly injured	27 February 1993	Camden High Street NW1	Small device exploded in litter bin. 18 people injured—two seriously
16 December 1992	John Lewis Department Store Oxford Street W1	Small device exploded in the gents' toilets on the third floor. One person was treated for shock	20 March 1993	Bridge Street, Warrington, Cheshire	Two small devices exploded in litter bins in shopping area. Two children killed and 54 people injured, four extremely seriously
	Cavendish Square W1	Small device exploded in a litter bin. Three people were slightly injured	7 April 1993	Argyle Square, London WC1	Small device exploded in builders skip. Minor damage. No injuries
22 December 1992	Hampstead Tube Station	Small device exploded on emergency staircase	23 April 1993	Esso Oil Refinery, North Shields	Small device exploded next to pipe carrying heavy oil. No injuries. Some damage

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11 February 1992	Telephone box, Parliamentary Street, London SW1 (outside the Treasury)	Small device discovered and made safe. No injuries	6 September 1992	London Hilton Hotel, Park Lane, London W1	Small device exploded in the gents' toilets in the foyer of the hotel. Little damage and no casualties
28 February 1992	London Bridge Railway Station, London SE1	Device exploded injuring 29 people	17 September 1992	Madame Tussaud's, Marylebone Road, London NW1	Two incendiary devices caused a small fire
29 February 1992	Crown Prosecution Service, London EC4	Device exploded injuring two people		The Planetarium, Marylebone Road, London NW1	A small device exploded causing minor damage
1 March 1992	White Hart Lane BR Station Tottenham, London N17	Small device discovered and defused		Imperial War Museum, Lambeth Road, London SE1	Two incendiary devices discovered and extinguished. Minor damage caused
10 March 1992	Near Wandsworth Common Railway Station, London SW18	Small device exploded beside railway line. No injuries	7 October 1992	Junction of The Haymarket and Panton Street, Piccadilly SW1	Small device exploded in a litter bin. Five people suffered minor injuries. Minimal damage
6 April 1992	Bridle Lane, near Piccadilly Circus, London W1	Device exploded outside a building housing various offices		Near Centre Point, Flitcroft Street, London WC2	Small device exploded behind a BT junction box. Slight damage and no casualties
10 April 1992	St. Mary Axe, City of London EC3	Large improvised explosive device exploded killing three people and injuring 91. Many properties damaged	8 October 1992	Tooley Street, London SE1	Device exploded under a car causing damage to two other cars. One person slightly injured
11 April 1992	Staples Corner, Junction of M1 and North Circular Road	Large improvised explosive device exploded causing serious damage to roads and nearby buildings		Melcombe Street, London NW1	Small device exploded under a car, causing little damage and no injuries
9-10 May 1992	Metro Centre, Gateshead	A number of incendiary devices ignited causing minimal damage	9 October 1992	Royal British Legion, Nursery Road, Southgate N14	Small device exploded under a car in the car park. No injuries
7 June 1992	Royal Festival Hall, London SE1	Device exploded causing blast damage. No injuries		Car Park, Arnos Grove Underground Station	Small device exploded under a car. No injuries
8 June 1992	A64 Leeds-York near Tadcaster, North Yorkshire	Constable Goodman was shot and killed and a PC seriously injured by two gunmen	10 October 1992	Paddington Green Police Station, Harrow Road, Paddington W2	Device exploded in a phone box outside the police station. One person injured
10 June 1992	Wilcox Place, Victoria Street	Small device exploded in a litter bin near the Army and Navy Dept. Store. No injuries	12 October 1992	Sussex Arms Public House, Long Acre, Convent Garden	A device exploded in the gents' toilets killing one person (who died the following day as a result of injuries) and injuring four others
15 June 1992	St. Albans Street, near Piccadilly Circus	Device exploded in a cab, which had been hijacked. No injuries	19 October 1992	Novotel Hotel, Shortlands, Hammersmith W6	Small device exploded under the wheel arch of a coach parked outside the Hotel. No casualties
25 June 1992	Coleman Street, City of London EC2	Device exploded hidden in a brief case under a car. Limited damage. One police officer suffered shock		Oxenden Street, London SW1	Device exploded under a car. Two people treated for shock
30-31 July 1992	Milton Keynes (Shops, Library)	Two incendiary devices discovered—only minimal damage caused		Railway Line, Nr Silver Street Station Edmonton	Device exploded on the track as a train was passing, causing little damage. Two people were treated for minor injuries
25 August 1992	Shropshire Regimental Museum and two furniture shops, Shrewsbury	A small device exploded at the museum and incendiary devices ignited in the shops. Some damage caused in the museum			



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1 June 1990	Lichfield Railway Station, Staffordshire	One person was killed and two others injured in a shooting incident	28 June 1991	Beck Theatre, Hayes, Middlesex	Device discovered and defused outside the theatre. No injuries
9 June 1990	Honourable Artillery HQ, City Road, London EC1	19 people were injured in an explosion	30 June 1991	Royal Navy and RAF Recruiting Office, Fishergate Centre, Preston	Device discovered. Detonated in controlled explosion. No injuries
12 June 1990	Hampshire	Device discovered and defused. No injuries	5 August 1991	Cambridge Public House, Charing Cross Road, London	Fire caused by incendiary devices. No injuries
21 June 1990	RAF Stanmore Park, Uxbridge	Device exploded. No injuries	29 August 1991	London Underground Depot, Hammersmith W6	Three incendiary devices discovered under a seat. No injuries
25 June 1990	Carlton Club, St. James, London SW1	Bomb exploded injuring 20 people	31 August 1991	Bargain Bookshop, Charing Cross Road, London WC2	Incendiary device discovered. No injuries
6 July 1990	The Strand, London WC2	Small device exploded in a litter bin. No injuries	15 November 1991	Old Barclays Bank, St. Peters Street, St. Albans, Hertfordshire	Device exploded killing two members of the Provisional IRA. A member of the public was injured
20 July 1990	Stock Exchange, London EC1	Device exploded—no injuries	1 December 1991	The Discount Furniture Store Habitat, The World of Leather, The Reject Shop, Tottenham Court Road	A number of incendiary devices ignited causing damage to property but no injuries
30 July 1990	Pevensey	Ian Gow MP was killed when a device exploded under his car	2 December 1991	Littlewoods, Oxford Street, London W1	Incendiary device ignited. No injuries
6 August 1990	London NW8	Device discovered and defused at the former home of Lord Armstrong. No injuries	7-8 December 1991	Various locations in Blackpool	A number of incendiary devices were discovered in locations around Blackpool. No injuries
13 August 1990	Didcot	Device discovered and defused at the home of Sir Anthony Farrar-Hockley. No injuries	8 December 1991	Arndale Centre, Manchester	Seven incendiary devices ignited. No injuries
10 September 1990	Army and Navy Recruiting Office, Derby	Bomb exploded—no injuries	14 December 1991	Brent Cross Shopping Centre	Four devices found in shops. No injuries
17 September 1990	Army Information Centre, Finchley, London	Army colour sergeant shot and injured as he sat in a car outside the office	15 December 1991	Sainsbury Wing, National Gallery, London WC2	An incendiary device partially ignited. No injuries
18 September 1990	Staffordshire	Air Chief Marshall Sir Peter Terry was shot and injured at his home. His wife suffered minor injuries	16 December 1991	Railway line near Clapham Junction	Bomb exploded on the railway line. No injuries
27 September 1990	Royal Overseas League, Park Place, London WCI	Device discovered and defused. No injuries	23 December 1991	Ilford Underground Depot Neasden	Incendiary device ignited. No injuries
24 January 1991	Territorial Army Firing Range, Cannock Chase, Staffordshire	Small explosion and a shot was fired. No injuries		Underground Depot Train at Harrow on the Hill	Incendiary devices ignited. No injuries
7 February 1991	Downing Street, London SW1	Three mortar bombs fired. One minor injury	10 January 1992	Whitehall Place, London SW1	Small device exploded. No injuries
18 February 1991	Paddington Station, London W2	Device exploded. No injuries	17 January 1992	Marquis of Granby Public House, Shaftesbury Avenue, London W1	Two incendiary devices discovered. No injuries
25 February 1991	Victoria Station, London SW1	Device exploded. One man killed and 38 people injured	30 January 1992	Elephant and Castle Underground Depot, London SE17	Incendiary device found. No injuries
25 February 1991	Napsbury Lane, St. Albans	Device exploded on a railway line. No injuries	3 February 1992	Neasden Underground Depot	Incendiary device found under seat. No injuries
3 April 1991	Preston Railway Station, Preston, Lancashire	A number of incendiary devices were found on a platform. No injuries	7 February 1992	London Underground Sidings between Barking and Upney Stations	Incendiary device ignited. No injuries
5 April 1991	Arndale Shopping Centre, Manchester	A number of devices were discovered in shops, some of which caused fires. No injuries			

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24 April 1993	Bishopsgate, London EC2	Large improvised explosive device exploded killing one person and injuring 44 more. Extensive damage to properties	4 October 1993 (Cont.)	Highgate High Street, London N6	One device exploded. No injuries, some localised damage. A second device discovered and made safe
	Manor House Tube Station, London N22	Small device exploded in hijacked minicab. No injuries	8 October 1993	Junction of Coles Green Road and Humber Road near the North Circular Road junction of Staples Corner NW2	One device exploded. No injuries, some localised damage
	Judd Street, St. Pancras, London WC1	Small device exploded in hijacked minicab. No injuries		Outside the Black Lion Public House at 295 West End Lane NW6	One device exploded. No injuries, some localised damage
9 May 1993	Galleries Shopping Centre, Bristol	Two incendiaries ignited, in the Reject Shop and Waterstone Bookshop. No injuries	23 October 1993	Wooton Underwood, Brill, Buckinghamshire	Device exploded, damaging footbridge over railway
12 May 1993	Reject Shop, Cornmarket, Oxford	Incendiary device malfunctioned. No injuries	24 October 1993	Reading Station	One device in toilets made safe. Another device later exploded by the tracks; no injuries and little damage
9 June 1993	Gas Installation, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear	Small explosive device detonated causing fire and damage to gas storage tank. No injuries	24 October 1993	Basingstoke Station	One device in toilets made safe
	Esso Oil Refinery, North Shields	Two small explosive devices detonated on pipes leading to storage tanks. Little damage, no injuries	29 October 1993	Edwardes Square W8	Small device exploded beside a car. Extensive damage to car, no injuries
13 August 1993	Locations in Bournemouth	Six incendiary devices in retail outlets in Bournemouth. Some ignited causing damage. Two small devices on the pier. One exploded. No injuries	14 December 1993	Railway line near Woking station, Surrey	Small device exploded on railway line. Slight damage to line. No injuries
			16 December 1993	Railway line, near Brookwood and Farnborough stations, Surrey	Two devices discovered. Disrupted by controlled explosion
28 August 1993	Wormwood Street, London (City) EC2	Small device discovered containing semtex. Disrupted by controlled explosion. No damage. No injuries	20 December 1993	Sorting Office, London EC1	Postal device discovered. Made safe. No damage. No injuries
				Travellers Tavern, Elizabeth Street, Victoria, London SW1	6 devices discovered in a holdall. At least one ignited. No injuries, minor damage
16 September 1993	Curzon Phoenix Cinema, Charing Cross Road WC2	Two small incendiary devices found. Had malfunctioned, no damage, no injuries		Mount Pleasant Sorting Office, London EC1	Package ignited. No injuries, minor damage
	MGM Cinema, Shaftsbury Avenue WC2	One small incendiary device found. Had malfunctioned, no damage, no injuries		Northfields Tube Station, London W13	Small device ignited in a litter bin. No significant damage and no injuries
2 October 1993	Finchley Road, London NW8	Three devices exploded. Five people injured some localised damage. One device found and made safe	27 January 1994	C and A, Oxford Street W1	Incendiary device ignited; little damage
				Mothercare, Oxford Street W1	Incendiary device ignited; little damage
				Silverdale Travel Goods, Oxford Street W1	Incendiary device ignited; some damage
4 October 1993	Tottenham Lane, London N8	Two devices exploded. No injuries. Some localised damage	28 January 1994	C and A, Oxford Street W1	Incendiary device ignited; little damage
				Mothercare, Oxford Street W1	Incendiary device made safe
	Archway Road, London N19	Two devices exploded. No injuries. Some localised damage	29 January 1994	Nightingales, Oxford Street W1	One incendiary device ignited and another made safe; little damage



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18 February 1994	Record shop, 157 Charing Cross Road WC2	Incendiary device discovered and made safe	13 June 1994	Railway line, one mile from Stevenage station	Device exploded on embankment by railway line. Little damage
19 February 1994	Record Shop, 157 Charing Cross Road WC2	Very small high explosive device exploded; minor damage	12 July 1994	Heysham port, Lancashire	Lorry found to contain approximately two tonnes of improvised explosive device
	Top Shop, Oxford Circus W1	Two incendiary devices ignited; little damage	21 July 1994	Reading railway station	Stolen suitcase found to contain two incendiary devices along with component parts for six high explosive devices
19 February 1994	Hennes Oxford Circus W1	Incendiary device ignited; little damage			
	Newsagents, Great Cumberland Place W1	Incendiary device ignited destroying shop	13 August 1994	Shopping centre, Bognor Regis	Explosive device, left in a bicycle, detonated damaging 15 shops but causing no injuries
	Burtons, New Oxford Street WC1	Incendiary device ignited; little damage. A further device was discovered		Brighton pier, Sussex	Explosive device found in bicycle. Made safe by controlled explosion
	Burtons, Regent Street W1	Incendiary device ignited and very small high explosive device detonated; little damage	22 August 1994	Regent Street W1	High explosive device found in litter bin outside Laura Ashley shop. Device defused—no injuries and no damage
	Liberty's, Regent Street W1	Incendiary device ignited; little damage			
	Mr. Byrite, Oxford Circus W1	Incendiary device made safe	9 February 1996	South Quay, Canary Wharf, London	Two people killed and some 40 injured in an explosion
22 February 1994	Mr. Handy, Edgware Road W2	Incendiary device made safe	15 February 1996	Junction of Charing Cross Road and Litchfield Street, London WC2	High explosive device in telephone kiosk disrupted by controlled explosion
9 March 1994	Heathrow Airport, London	4 mortars launched from a car parked at the Excelsior Hotel, landing on or near the northern runway. None exploded and there was no damage	18 February 1996	Wellington Street, London WC2	Improvised high explosive device detonated prematurely on a bus, killing the driver and injuring eight other people
11 March 1994	Heathrow Airport, London	4 mortars launched from waste ground, landing on an aircraft parking area near Terminal Four. None exploded and there was no damage			
13 March 1994	Heathrow Airport, London	5 mortars launched from waste ground, landing in the vicinity of Terminal Four. None exploded and there was no damage			
15 March 1994	Railway line near Sevenoaks, Kent	IED discovered. Believed to be left over from the series of attacks in December but had failed to detonate			
21 March 1994	Railway line Orpington, Kent	Timer of IED discovered. Believed to be left over from series of attacks in December but had failed to detonate			
6 June 1994	Sevenoaks railway station, Kent	Device made safe in controlled explosion			
10 June 1994	Liberty's Oxford Street, London W1	Two incendiary devices discovered and made safe			
11 June 1994	Mr. Byrite's, Oxford Street, London W1	Incendiary device ignited causing little damage. A further device had failed to detonate			