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During Oral Questions on the Police Intellectual Property Crime Unit (PIPCU) on 28 February you asked how many prosecutions PIPCU has carried out in the past year and what proportion of those prosecutions was directed at producers and wholesalers of fake goods, as opposed – simply and more easily – to those caught trading in counterfeit goods. At the time I did not have these statistics to hand but promised to write with the information. The information you requested is below.

Since April 2016, PIPCU has made 11 arrests, broken down as follows:

- 3 relating to IPTV offences which resulted in a caution
- 6 are still in progress (2 relate to Torrent sites, 3 for IPTV offences and 1 for blackmail)
- 1 on counterfeit clothing - no further action is being taken
- 1 for distributing counterfeit clothing has resulted in a charge

There have been no prosecutions in relation to people actually producing counterfeit items but there is one case pending.

I trust that this provides the information that you were seeking. I will also be placing a copy of this letter in the House library.

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