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Dear Jeremy

**FOLLOW UP TO ORAL QUESTION ON SENTENCES OF IMPRISONMENT FOR PUBLIC PROTECTION (IPP)**

I write further to my letter of 28 February 2017, which followed Lord Brown of Eaton-under-Heywood's oral question on IPP prisoners on 20 February, when you asked how many of the 1400 IPPs who were five years post tariff as of September 2016 have since been released. I explained in my previous letter that the figures you requested were not yet available but that I would write again when they were. I am now able to provide the information.

Using data for the latest period available (1 October 2016 to 31 March 2017), I can confirm that 147 of those IPP prisoners who had been 5 years post-tariff on 30 September 2016 achieved release during this period.

The figures have been drawn from administrative IT systems which, as with any large scale recording system, are subject to possible errors with data entry and processing.

Further data on the indeterminate sentenced population is available on gov.uk at the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/offender-management-statistics-quarterly-january-to-march-2017>

I am copying this letter to Lord Brown of Eaton-under-Heywood and the other peers who spoke during the debate. I will also place a copy in the House Library.

Yours sincerely,

**LORD KEEN OF ELIE QC**