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Dear Phillip,

UPDATE ON PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS: RECIDIVISM RATES OF TERRORIST OFFENDERS

I am writing to follow up my answers on the on the written questions regarding recidivism rates of offenders convicted under the Terrorism Act 2000 and 2006 you tabled in March last year:

To ask the Secretary of State for Justice:

- 1) How many people convicted of an offence under the (a) Terrorism Act 2000 and (b) Terrorism Act 2006 had previously been convicted of an offence under those Acts in each of the last five years.
- 2) What the highest number of previous offences under the (a) Terrorism Act 2000 and (b) Terrorism Act 2006 was for an offender convicted of committing a further offence under those Acts and not given an immediate custodial sentence in each of the last five years; and what the sentence was for the most recent offence in each of those cases.
- 3) What the highest number of previous offences was under the (a) Terrorism Act 2000 and (b) Terrorism Act 2006 committed by an offender before an immediate custodial sentence for a further offence under these Acts was handed down in each of the last five years.
- 4) What the highest number of previous offences under the (a) Terrorism Act 2000 and (b) Terrorism Act 2006 was for an offender sentenced for a further offence under those Acts in each of the last five years.

I replied on the 30th March 2020 with a response to your first question, but was unable to obtain the data to answer the rest of your questions due to the national lockdown restrictions in place that meant my officials could not access the secure Police National Computer (PNC) system. I am now pleased to say that my officials have been able to get the data as requested to answer your questions.

Regarding the second question, only two people were convicted of an offence under the Terrorism Act 2000 or the Terrorism Act 2006 who did not receive an immediate custodial sentence and had previous convictions under either Act. One, convicted in 2016 under the Terrorism Act 2000, received a fine. In the other case, where the offender was convicted in 2019 under the Terrorism Act 2006, sentence was awaited as the offender had extradition proceedings started against them. Both had only 1 previous conviction under either Act.

Regarding your third question, there have only been two cases in the last five years where a repeat offender was not given a custodial sentence on the first occasion they were convicted of an offence under the Terrorism Act 2000 or Terrorism Act 2006, one in 2015 and one in 2017. In both cases the offender was given an immediate custodial sentence on their second conviction.

In answer to your fourth question, please see the table below:

Highest number of previous convictions under either Act of offenders convicted under the Terrorism Act 2000 or Terrorism Act 2006 by year and Act, England and Wales, 2015 to 2019 ^{1,2}

Year	Terrorism Act	
	2000	2006
2015	1	1
2016	1	0
2017	2	1
2018	2	2
2019	0	1

Source: Ministry of Justice extract of the Police National Computer.

Notes:

- 1 - Previous convictions are counted as at an offender's last conviction under each year and Act.
- 2 - England and Wales includes all 43 police force areas plus the British Transport Police.

Please note that the source for question two onwards is from the Ministry of Justice copy of the Police National Computer.

I am sorry the information was not available to fully answer your questions in March, however I hope these answers provide you with the information you wanted. I will be placing of copy of this letter in the House library.

Yours sincerely



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