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Dear Carla,

In my response to your Parliamentary Question 12207 you were promised a written answer to the following question:

To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many veterans from Northern Ireland have (a) received and (b) had an application denied for a Veteran's ID card as of 30 January 2024.

As of 30 January 2024, a total of 1,656 Phase 1 HM Armed Forces Veteran recognition cards have been dispatched to Northern Ireland residents following their discharge from service in 2018.

There is no application process for Phase 1 recipients as the HM Armed Forces Veteran recognition card is issued to Service Leavers as part of their Service Leavers Pack (SLP). Therefore, no Phase 1 applications have been denied.

For Phase 2, a total of 313 HM Armed Forces Veteran recognition cards have been sent to print for Northern Ireland residents following launch at 00:01 on 28 January 2024. These cards will now either already have been received by the applicants or will be in transit via second class postal delivery.

As of 30 January 2024, no HM Armed Forces Veteran recognition card applications from Phase 2 applicants in Northern Ireland have been denied.

I am also placing a copy of this letter in the Library of the House.

Yours sincerely,

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