In response to your question dated 1 April 2010 regarding the current situation with 'On the Runs', the PSNI are engaged in a process to resolve this issue. To date 218 names have been considered with each individual case being evaluated and reviewed. These cases are then referred to the Public Prosecution Service (PPS) if appropriate.

Of the submitted names, 173 are not wanted, 8 have been returned to prison and 11 remain wanted. In the year 2007 to 2008, 3 persons were arrested and referred to the Court Service. Of the 23 remaining names, 10 have been referred to the PPS for direction, 11 are proceeding through Historical Enquiry Team (HET) review and 2 are ongoing live investigations.

These processes are continuing and it would be inappropriate to comment further at this stage.

Yours sincerely

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