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Monday 12 February 2007

No change in OTR policy or procedure: NIO

Following reports of a proposed amnesty for on the runs (OTRs), an NIO spokesperson today emphasised that there has been no change in policy or procedure in relation to this issue.

The Spokesperson said: "The Secretary of State, Peter Hain MP, has already stated publicly and to Parliament that, while the Government recognises that OTRs are in an anomalous position, there is no intention to reintroduce legislation or to introduce an amnesty.

"Furthermore reports that the Attorney General and the Public Prosecution Service (PPS) are to be asked to drop cases against OTRs, "in the public interest", are entirely incorrect.

"OTR cases are considered by the PPS according to the tests for prosecution. These tests are set out in the statutory code for prosecutors and apply to all cases. Each case is considered individually on the basis of its particular facts and circumstances. There are no exceptions."

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