



## ***Independent Advisory Panel (IAP) on Deaths in Custody***

### **Deaths in State Custody Parliamentary Log**

This Parliamentary Log provides a summary of all Parliamentary business on issues relating to deaths in state custody since May 2015. The log includes information on Parliamentary Business and Written Ministerial Statements from the UK Parliament and devolved assemblies. Whilst deaths in custodial establishments in Scotland and Northern Ireland fall outside of the IAP's remit, the IAP felt that parliamentary business from these assemblies on deaths in custody would be of interest to readers.

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## Parliamentary Questions and Debate - Deaths in Custody

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**Name of Peer:** The Bishop of Peterborough

My Lords, given the shocking 27% rise in suicides in prisons in the last year, what can the Minister tell us about the provision of psychiatric and psychotherapeutic care for vulnerable prisoners? (Citation: HL Deb, 03 May 2016, cW)

To read the full debate, please use this [link](#):

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**Name of MP:** Mark Pritchard (Conservative, The Wrekin)

**Parliamentary Question:**

To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to reduce the number of non-natural deaths (a) in police custody and (b) on the prison estate. (Citation: HC Deb, 24 March 2016, cW)

To read the full response, please use this [link](#):

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**Name of MP:** Philip Davies (Shipley) Conservative

**Parliamentary Debate:** I beg to move that this House has considered the matter of male suicide and International Men's Day.(Citation: HC Deb, 19 November 2015, c241WH)

To read the debate, please use this [link](#):

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**Name of MP:** Kelvin Hopkins (Luton North, Labour)

**Parliamentary Question:**

To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many deaths in custody are under investigation by police as suspected homicide. (PQ 3874) Citation: HC Deb, 29 June 2015, cW)

To read the response, please use the link [here](#).

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**Name of Peer:** Lord Ouseley (Crossbench)

**Parliamentary Question – Detainees: Death**

To ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Faulks on 10 June (HL139), what assessment they have made of the report by the Institute for Race Relations, *Dying for Justice*, and in particular the finding that, between 1991 and 2014, over 500 deaths occurred in some form of custody, resulting in 10 verdicts of unlawful killing, five prosecutions, and no convictions. HL429 (Citation: HL Deb, 25 June 2015, cW)

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## Parliamentary Questions - Deaths in Prison Custody

**Name of MP:** Luciana Berger (Liverpool, Wavertree) Labour

**Parliamentary Question:** To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the oral contribution of the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Justice of 1 March 2017, Official Report, column 100WH, on suicide and self-harm in prison (England), when will the findings of the inquiry into deaths in custody be published; and whether that inquiry will include deaths in prison custody. (Citation, HC Deb, 09 March 2017, cW)

To read the full response, please use this [link](#):

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**Name of MP:** Luciana Berger (Liverpool, Wavertree) Labour

**Parliamentary Question:** To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the oral contribution of the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Justice of 1 March 2017, Official Report, column 101WH, what proportion of prison staff will take part in the national learning day for prison staff on suicide and self-harm on 14 March 2017; what activities the day will involve; and who is responsible for organising the day. (Citation: HC Deb, 09 March 2017, cW)

To read the full response, please use this [link](#):

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**Name of MP:** Amanda Solloway (Derby North) Conservative

**Parliamentary Question:** What steps the Government are taking to make prisons safer and more secure. (Citation: HC Deb, 07 March 2017, cW)

To read the full response, please use this [link](#):

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**Name of MP:** Alistair Carmichael ( Orkney and Shetland) Liberal Democrat

**Parliamentary Question:** What steps she is taking to ensure that prisoners receive appropriate treatment for mental health problems. (Citation, HC Deb, 07 March 2017, cW)

To read the full response, please use this [link](#):

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**Name of MP:** Yasmin Quereshi (Shadow Justice Minister )

**Parliamentary Question:** To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many (a) self-inflicted, (b) non self-inflicted, (c) other non-natural causes, (d) restraint, (e) homicide and (f) awaiting classification deaths there were in (i) adult male, (ii) adult female, (iii) youth male and (iv) youth female prisons in each year since 2013. (Citation: HC Deb, 06 March 2017,cW)

To read the full response, please use this [link](#):

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**Name of MP:** Luciana Berger (Liverpool, Wavertree) Labour

**Parliamentary Question:** To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what discussions her Department has had with the Department of Health on the number of people taking their own lives in prisons in the last year. (Citation: HC Deb, 28 February 2017, cW)

To read the full response, please use this [link](#):

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**Name of MP:** Luciana Berger (Liverpool, Wavertree) Labour

**Parliamentary Question:** To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State's oral contribution of 24 January 2017, Official Report, column 156, when she plans to publish the findings of her investigation into self-inflicted deaths in prisons. (Citation: HC Deb, 16 February 2017, cW)

To read the full response, please use this [link](#):

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**Name of MP:** Luciana Berger (Liverpool, Wavertree) Labour

**Parliamentary Question:** To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how much the Prisons and Probation Ombudsman has spent on investigations into self-inflicted deaths in each year since 2010. (Citation: HC Deb, 13 February 2017, cW)

To read the full response, please use this [link](#):

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**Name of MP:** Jim Cunningham (Coventry South) Labour

**Parliamentary Question:** To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what estimate she has made of the number of self-inflicted deaths in prisons in England and Wales in each of the last five years; and if she will make a statement. To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps she is taking to reduce the number of self-inflicted deaths in prisons in England and Wales; and if she will make a statement. (Citation: HC Deb, 13 February 2017, cW)

To read the full response, please use this [link](#):

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**Name of MP:** Luciana Berger (Liverpool, Wavertree) Labour

**Parliamentary Question:** To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many self-inflicted deaths there were of prisoners from HM Prison Woodhill within 14 days of their release in each year since 2010. (Citation: HC Deb, 09 February 2017, cW)

To read the full response, please use this [link](#):

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**Name of MP:** Luciana Berger (Liverpool, Wavertree) Labour

**Parliamentary Question:** To ask the Secretary of State for Health, how many times an ambulance has been called to HM Prison Woodhill for an inmate who has attempted suicide in each year since 2010. (Citation: HC Deb, 09 February 2017, cW)

To read the full response, please use this [link](#):

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**Name of MP:** Dr Roberta Blackman-Woods (Shadow Minister, Housing)

**Parliamentary Question:** To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many prisoners took their own lives by using an upended unsecured bedframe as a ligature point in each of the last five years in (a) HMP Northumberland, (b) private prisons, (c) public sector prisons; if she will take steps to ensure that all bedframes in prisons are securely fixed; and if she will make a statement. (Citation: 09 February 2017, cW)

To read the full response, please use this [link](#):

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**Name of MP:** Luciana Berger (Liverpool, Wavertree) Labour

**Parliamentary Question:** To ask the Secretary of State for Health, with reference to the report, Preventing suicide in England: A cross-government outcomes strategy to save lives, published on 9 January 2017, whether his Department has evidence of an increase in the number of vulnerable individuals in prisons in the last five years. (Citation: 08 February 2017, cW)

To read the full response, please use this [link](#):

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**Name of MP:** Luciana Berger (Liverpool, Wavertree) Labour

**Parliamentary Question:** To ask the [Secretary of State](#) for Justice, how many incidents there were of (a) self-harm, (b) attempted self-inflicted death and (c) self-inflicted death by prisoners on remand in (i) 2015 and (ii) 2016; and what proportion of all prisoners on remand such incidents represented in each of those years. (Citation: HC Deb, 01 February 2017, cW)

To read the full response, please use this [link](#):

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**Name of MP:** Paul Flynn (Newport West) Labour

**Parliamentary Question:** To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many prisoners who died by suicide in England and Wales in 2016 were known drug users. (Citation: HC Deb, 31 January 2017, cW)

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**Name of Peer:** Lord Marks of Henley-on-Thames

**Parliamentary Question: Prisoner Suicides.** To ask Her Majesty's Government how many female prisoners have been placed on 24-hour watch on at least one occasion in each women's prison in each of the last 12 months. (Citation, HC Deb, 13 January 2017, cW)

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**Name of MP:** Diane Abbot – Shadow Home Secretary

**Parliamentary Question: Prisoner Suicides.** To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps she is taking to reduce the incidence of suicide in prisons. (Citation, HC Deb, 13 January 2017, cW)

To read the full response, please use this [link](#):

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**Name of MP:** Luciana Berger (Liverpool, Wavertree) Labour

**Parliamentary Question: Prisons -** To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many safer cells there are; and what proportion of prison cells are safer cells in each prison in England. (Citation, HC Deb, 23 December 2016, cW)

To read the full response, please use this [link](#):

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**Name of MP:** Luciana Berger (Liverpool, Wavertree) Labour

**Parliamentary Question: Prisoners Suicides -** To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 12 December 2016 to Question 52460, (a) which months the years provided run from and to and (b) when the full data for 2016 will be made available.. (Citation, HC Deb, 20 December 2016, cW)

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**Name of MP:** Luciana Berger (Liverpool, Wavertree) Labour

**Parliamentary Question: Prisons** - To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many safer cells were built in prisons in England in each year since 2010; and how many existing prison cells were converted into safer cells in each such year. (Citation, HC Deb, 16 December 2016, cW)

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**Name of MP:** Paul Flynn (Newport West) Labour

**Parliamentary Question: Prisoners Suicide** - To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment her Department has made of implications for its policies of the findings of the report of the Howard League, Preventing prison suicide, published on 28 November 2016. (Citation, HC Deb, 16 December 2016,cW)

To read the full response, please use this [link](#):

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**Name of MP:** Hywel Williams – Shadow PC Spokesman

**Parliamentary Question: Prisoners Self-Harm** - To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the Prison Reform Trust briefing, Prison: the facts, Summer 2016, what assessment the Government has made of the rate of self-harm among prisoners serving sentences for public protection; and what steps her Department is taking to reduce that rate.(Citation, HC Deb, 14 December 2016, cW)

To read the response, please use this [link](#):

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**Name of MP:** Luciana Berger (Liverpool, Wavertree) Labour

**Parliamentary Question: Prisoner Suicide** - To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of suicides which took place in prisons were by people who were not on the Assessment, Care in Custody and Teamwork programme in prison in each year since 2010. (Citation, HC Deb, 12 December 2016, cW)

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**Name of Peer :** Lord Alton of Liverpool

**Parliamentary Question:** To ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the answer by Lord Keen of Elie on 3 November (HL Deb col 770), what estimate they have made of the financial cost of each suicide which occurs in prisons and of the annual cumulative cost. (Citation, HL Deb, 22 November 2016, cW)

To read the response, please use this [link](#):

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**Name of MP:** Fiona Mactaggart (Slough) Labour

**Parliamentary Question:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many deaths occurred in police custody suites in the last 12 months; and who managed the suites in which those deaths occurred. (Citation, HC Deb , 21 November 2016, cW)

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**Name of MP:** Fiona Mactaggart (Slough) Labour

**Parliamentary Question:** To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, in which prisons deaths in custody occurred in the last 12 months; and which such deaths were (a) the result of natural causes, (b) self-inflicted, (c) caused by others and (d) the result of causes as yet unidentified. (Citation, HC Deb, 21 November 2016, cW)

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**Name of MP:** Luciana Berger (Liverpool, Wavertree) Labour

**Parliamentary Question:** To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people died by suicide within a year of being released from prison in England in each year since 2010. (Citation, HC Deb, 17 November 2016, cW)

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**Name of Peer:** Lord Hoyle (Labour)

**Parliamentary Question:** To ask Her Majesty's Government how many deaths have occurred in prisons in each of the last three years for which figures are available. (Citation, HL Deb, 15 November 2016, cW)

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**Name of MP:** Luciana Berger (Liverpool, Wavertree) Labour

**Parliamentary Question:** To ask the Secretary of State for Health, what the implications for his policy are of the Centre for Mental Health and the Howard League's report Preventing Prison Suicide: Perspectives from the inside; and if he will make a statement. (Citation, HC Deb, 14 November 2016, cW)

To read the response, please use this [link](#):

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**Name of Peer:** Lord Patel of Bradford (Labour)

**Parliamentary Question:** To ask Her Majesty's Government what action they are taking to address reports of increasing levels of violence in prisons. (Citation, HL Deb, 08 November 2016, cW)

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**Name of Peer:** Lord Harris of Haringey (Labour)

**Parliamentary Question:** To ask Her Majesty's Government, in the light of the increase in the number of self-inflicted deaths in prisons in the 12 months to 30 September, what steps they will take to ensure the protection of potentially vulnerable prisoners. (Citation, HL Debate, 03 November 2016, cW)

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**Name of MP:** Fiona Mactaggart, (Slough, Labour)

**Parliamentary Question:** How many deaths have occurred in (a) custody suites operated by G4S and (b) other custody suites in the last three years ? (Citation, HC Deb, 01 November 2016, cW)

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**Name of MP:** Luciana Berger (Liverpool, Wavertree) Labour

**Written Question:** To ask the Secretary of State for Health, how many deaths by suicide have been recorded in England among people within (a) seven days, (b) 14 days and (c) one month of being released from prison for each year since 2010. (Citation: HC Deb, 12 September 2016, c46007)

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**Name of MP:** Caroline Flint MP (Labour, Don Valley)

**Written Question: Prisoners; Self Harm**

To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps her Department has taken to reduce the incidence of self-harm in prisons. (Citation: HC Deb, 09 September 2016, cW) c43953

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**Name of Peer:** Lord Marks of Henley-on-Thames

To ask Her Majesty's Government, in the light of the latest figures on deaths in custody and prison violence, what plans they have to improve prison safety in the short term Citation, HL, 03 May 2016, cW)

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**Name of MP:** Craig Whittaker (Conservative, Calder Valley)

**Parliamentary Question:** To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps his Department is taking to reduce self-harm among female prison inmates. (Citation: HC Deb, 15 March 2016, cW)

To read the full response, please use this [link](#):

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**Name of MP:** Andy Slaughter (Shadow Minister for Justice )

**Written Question: Prisons: Homicide**

To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, in which prisons the eight apparent homicides referred to in the Safety in Custody Statistics, England and Wales: Deaths in prison custody to December 2015; Assaults and Self-harm to September 2015, published on 28 January 2016, took place. (Citation: HC Deb, 05 February 2016, cW)

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**Name of MP:** David Hanson MP (Delyn) Shadow Minister (Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs)

**Written Question:** To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many incidents of attempted suicide there were in prisons in each of the last five years. (Citation: HC Deb, 15 January 2016, cW)

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**Name of MP:** Luciana Berger (Liverpool, Wavertree) Shadow Minister, Mental Health,

**Written Question:** To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many incidents there were of (a) self-harm, (b) attempted self-inflicted death and (c) self-inflicted death by prisoners on remand in each year since 2010; and what proportion of all prisoners on remand such incidents represented in each of those years (Citation: HC Deb, 05 January 2016, cW)

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**Name of MP:** Andy Slaughter (Hammersmith) Labour

**Written Question:** To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many prisoners took their own life in each month of (a) 2010, (b) 2011, (c) 2012, (d) 2013, (e) 2014 and (f) 2015 to date. (Citation: HC Deb, 05 January 2016, cW)

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**Name of MP:** Luciana Berger (Liverpool, Wavertree) Labour

**Parliamentary Question:** To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what (a) number of suicides took place and (b) what this number is as a proportion of the total by individuals who were not on the Assessment, Care in Custody and Teamwork programme in prison in each year since 2010 (Citation: HC Deb, 01 Dec 2015, cw15827)

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**Name of MP:** Steve Rotheram (Liverpool, Walton) Labour

**Parliamentary Question:** To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps he is taking to support suicidal and vulnerable inmates in (a) HMP Liverpool and (b) HMP Altcourse (Written Question 12986) (Citation: HC Deb, 9 November 2015, cW)

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**Name of MP:** Luciana Berger (Liverpool, Wavertree) Labour

**Parliamentary Question:** To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the cause of death was on each occasion when a person took their own life in prison in each of the last five years. (Written Question 14517) (Citation: HC Deb, 6 November 2015, cW)

To read the response, please use the link [here](#):

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**Name of MP:** Luciana Berger (Liverpool, Wavertree) Labour

**Parliamentary Question:** To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what discussions his Department has had with the Department of Health on the rate of people taking their own lives in prisons. (Written Question 14466) (Citation: HC Deb, 5 November 2015, cW)

To read the response, please use the link [here](#):

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**Name of MP** Jess Phillips (Birmingham, Yardley) Labour

**Parliamentary Question:** To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people (a) attempted to take and (b) took their own lives at Foston Hall Prison, Derbyshire, was in each of the last five years. (Written question 12322) (Citation: HC Deb 23 October 2015 cW)

To read the response, please use the link [here](#):

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**Name of MP:** Andrew Smith (Oxford East) Labour

**Parliamentary Question - Bullingdon Prison: Death and Self-harm**

To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many instances of (a) suicide, (b) other death and (c) self-inflicted injuries there have been in Bullingdon Prison in each of the last five years. (PQ8508) (Citation: HC, Deb 14 Sept 2015, cW)

To read the response, please use the link [here](#)

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**Name of MP** Kelvin Hopkins (Luton North, Labour)

**Parliamentary Question: Prisoners: Death**

To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many prisoners have died in each prison in each of the last six months. (PQ 3875) (Citation: HC Deb, 29 June 2015, cW)

To read the response, please use the link [here](#).

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## Parliamentary Debate - Death in Prison Custody

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**Name of MP:** Luciana Berger (Liverpool, Wavertree) Labour

**Parliamentary Debate:** I thank the Minister for very kindly giving way. I can see he is about to conclude, and we still have a few minutes left in the debate. Can I bring him back to two points? First, on the training that may or may not be available to prison staff, I urge him to reflect on the fact that there are people who have served in our Prison Service for decades but have never received any mental health training. It is important that every single one of them receives such training. Secondly, is the Minister's Department looking at how to reduce risk in prisons, in the same way as we reduce the risks from ligature points in mental health settings?

To read the full response, please use this [link](#):

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**Name of MP:** Luciana Berger (Liverpool, Wavertree) Labour

**Parliamentary Debate:** I beg to move, *That this House has considered rates of suicide and self-harm in prisons in England.*

It is a privilege to serve under your chairmanship this morning, Mr Chope. I am pleased to have the opportunity to discuss the record levels of suicide and self-harm in our prisons in this timely debate.

To read the full debate, please use this [link](#):

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**Name of MP:** Elizabeth Truss – The Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice

**Parliamentary Statement:** *Prison Safety and Reform* - The prison system in England and Wales is under serious and sustained pressure. Rates of violence and self-harm have increased significantly over the past five years. In the 12 months to June 2016, there were nearly 6,000 assaults on staff and 105 self-inflicted deaths. Prison staff are responding to



constantly evolving security threats, such as psychoactive drugs, mobile devices and drones. (Citation: HC Deb, 03 November 2016, cW)

To read the full statement, please use this [link](#):

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**Name of Peer:** The Lord Bishop of St Albans

**Prisoners: Suicide ( HL7466)**

To ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the recent increases in the number of non-natural deaths in prisons; and what plans they have to improve mental health support for those in prison who are at risk of suicide.(Citation: HL Deb, 25 April 2016, cW) HL 7466

To read the full response, please use this [link](#):

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**Name of Peer:** Lord Marks of Henley-on-Thames (Liberal Democrats Lords Principal Spokesman for Justice)

To ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to tackle the incidence of deaths, serious assaults and incidents of self-harm in prison. (Citation, HL Deb, 03 March 2016, c938)

To read the full response, please use this [link](#):

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**Name of Peer:** Lord Harris of Haringey (Labour)

**House of Lords Motion to Take Note – Prisons: Young People**

My Lords, I am pleased to have the opportunity to introduce this debate. I should make it clear that this is not out of any sense of self-promotion, but because I believe that the issues raised by the independent review that I led are so important. Indeed, I believe that they are important for the Government, because as they wrestle with the comprehensive spending review, they need to recognise that prison is a hugely expensive intervention and yet the benefits of this spend are questionable. It has a relatively low impact on crime, and indeed rates of reoffending are high, particularly among young adults. (Citation: HL Deb, 29 October 2015, c1375)

To read the full debate, please use the link [here](#):

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**Parliamentary Questions - Deaths in Prison relating to New Psychoactive Substances**

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**Name of MP:** Jim Cunningham (Coventry South) Labour

**Parliamentary Question:** To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment she has made of trends in drug-related deaths of prisoners in England and Wales in each of the last five years; and if she will make a statement.

To read the full response, please use this [link](#):

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**Name of MP:** Emily Thornberry (Shadow Foreign Secretary, Labour)

**Parliamentary Question:** To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to page 1 of the Independent Monitoring Board's Annual Report 2015-16 on HM Prison Pentonville, whether she has met that Board to discuss the conclusion that Pentonville urgently needs a timetable for its replacement or for reducing the population and upgrading the facilities. (Citation, HC Deb, 14 November 2016, cW)

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**Name of MP:** Tom Blenkinsop MP (Middlesbrough South and East Cleveland, Labour)

**Written Question :** To ask the [Secretary of State](#) for Justice, what assessment she has made of the relationship between the use of (a) illegal drugs and (b) legal high in prisons and incidents of violence against prison staff. (Citation, HC Deb, 17 October 2016, cW)

To read the full response, please use this [link](#):

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**Name of MP:** Caroline Flint (labour, Don Valley)

**Written Question:** To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps her Department is taking to tackle access to and use of psychoactive substances in prisons. (Citation: HC Deb, 21 July 2016, c43951)

To read the full response, please use this [link](#):

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**Name of MP:** David Hanson MP (Delyn) Shadow Minister (Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs)

**Written Question:** To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many deaths in prison were caused by the use of legal highs in each of the last five years. (Citation: HC Deb, 19 January 2016, cW)

To read the full response, please use this [link](#):

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**Name of MP:** Paul Flynn (Newport West, Labour)

**Parliamentary Question – Prisons: Drugs**

To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment he has made of the lessons to be learned set out in the bulletin on new psychoactive substances, published in July 2015 by the Prisons and Probation Ombudsman; and what steps he is taking to reduce deaths in prisons linked to the new psychoactive substances. (Citation: HC Deb, 15 July 2015, cW)

To read the response, please use the link [here](#).

**Parliamentary Debate - Deaths in Prison relating to New Psychoactive Substances**

**Name of Peer:** Lord Bates - The Minister of State, Home Office

**Parliamentary Debate:** Psychoactive Substances Bill [HL] Commons Amendments  
My Lords, I beg to move that this House agree with the Commons in their Amendment 1.

Noble Lords will recall the debate on Report in this House on 14 July, on the use of psychoactive substances in prisons. The noble Lord, Lord Rosser, then argued that the supply of psychoactive substances in prisons was of such concern that it should be made a

statutory aggravating factor under Clause 6 of the Bill. (Citation: HL Deb, 26 January 2016, c1156)

To read the full debate, please use this [link](#):

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**Name of Peer** Lord Harris of Haringey (Labour):

**House of Lords Debate: Psychoactive substances Bill (HL) - Report**

My Lords, I support the amendment of my noble friend Lord Rosser. As some of your Lordships know, I have spent a certain amount of time in the last year or so visiting prisons in respect of the review that I have carried out for the Ministry of Justice on self-inflicted deaths of young people in prison. Psychoactive substances were not a prime element of our report, although the Prisons and Probation Ombudsman's report issued in the last few days highlighted their increasing significance. I was struck by a discussion with the head of healthcare in an establishment who, when I asked about the level of drug use in the prison, said instantly one word, "Rife", to the embarrassment of the deputy governor accompanying us. That goes to the point made by the noble Lord, Lord Blencathra, about the prevalence of drugs in prisons, and the growing proportion of them which are these new psychoactive substances. The reason they are a growing proportion is because of their undetectability and the fact that it becomes more difficult to identify and prevent them. That is why it is important to have an aggravating factor with regard to the supply of these substances in prisons. (Citation: HL Deb, 14 July 2015, c511)

To read the full debate, please see the link [here](#).

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**Name of Peer:** Lord Bates (Conservative)

**House of Lord Debate: Psychoactive Substances Bill (HL) – Report**

..... the debate on these amendments distils down to whether we deal with everything in statute—in other words, we turn the clock back to before the Sentencing Council, before the guidelines, before the coroners' board and before the 2005 Act—or we take robust action to ensure that the guidelines are updated and reformed to reflect the concerns that have been drawn to our attention, not least by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Prisons, as we heard this morning, by the Prisons and Probation Ombudsman, by the Children's Society and others. Of course, the report of the noble Lord, Lord Harris, on deaths in custody, was published a couple of weeks ago, and I am sure the Justice Secretary is considering it.

All these things have to be taken into account, and I undertook to explore this issue with my [right honourable friend](#) Mike Penning, who leads on this policy area and is a [Minister](#) not only in the Home Office but in the Ministry of Justice. In the days when the Home Office used to deal with everything to do with prisons, some of these decisions were slightly easier to make;

however, in Mike Penning we have someone who is a Minister in both departments.  
(Citation: HL Deb, 14 July 2015, c513)

To read the full debate, please see the link [here](#).

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### **Parliamentary Debate - Deaths in Police Custody**

**Name of Peer:** Lord Patel of Bradford (Lab)

#### **Parliamentary Debate on young adult in police custody**

..... I raised concerns about 17 year-olds taken into custody by the police and treated as adults rather than children. I highlighted the case of Joe Lawton, who in 2012 took his own life. His father found him dead with a police charge sheet at his feet. Two days earlier, Joe had been held in a police cell overnight on suspicion of drink-driving. Joe was 17. (Citation: HL Deb, 2 June 2015, c382)

To follow the full debate, please use the link [here](#).

### **Written Statement - Deaths in Police Custody**

**Name of MP:** Mrs Theresa May (The Secretary of State for the Home Department)

#### **Written Statement: Independent Review of Deaths and Serious Incidents in Police Custody**

I announced on 23 July my intention to commission an Independent Review of Deaths and Serious Incidents in Police Custody

I am pleased to announce to the House that the Review will be led by Dame Elish Angiolini DBE QC.

I said that the Chairman would be someone with the ability to work closely with victims, families and the police alike, and with a proven track record of being willing to ask difficult questions.

Dame Elish has all of these qualities. She was installed as Solicitor General for Scotland on 5 December 2001, and Lord Advocate on 12 October 2006. Since September 2012 she has been Principal of St Hugh's College, Oxford. In June 2015, she concluded an independent review for the Metropolitan Police Service into how they and the Crown Prosecution Service investigate and prosecute rape cases. I am grateful to Dame Elish for agreeing to take on this important work. -HCWS256 (Citation HC Deb, 21 Oct 2015, cWS)

To read the full statement, please use the link [here](#):

### Parliamentary Questions - Deaths in the Secure Youth Estate

**Name of MP:** Alberto Costa (Conservative, South Leicestershire)

**Parliamentary Question:** To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what recent assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of the ratio of staff to young people at HMP Glen Parva in 2016; and what the adequacy of such ratios is up to 2020. (Citation, HC Deb. 07 November 2016, cW)

To read the response, please use this [link](#):

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**Name of MP:** Luciana Berger (Liverpool, Wavertree) Labour

**Written Question: Suicide, Children:**

To ask the Secretary of State for Health, how many deaths by suicide have been recorded in England among children aged under 18 within one month of being released from youth custody in each year since 2010. (Citation: HC Deb, 12 September 2016, c46008)

To read the response, please use this [link](#):

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**Name of MP:** John Pugh (Liberal Democrat, Southport)

**Parliamentary Question: Youth Custody**

To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many young offenders in custody (a) committed suicide and (b) self-harmed in each of the last 10 years. (PQ 6765) (Citation: HC Deb, 20 July 2015, cW)

To read the response, please use the link [here](#).

## Parliamentary Debate - Deaths in the Secure Youth Estate

**Name of MP:** Judith Cummins (Bradford South) Opposition Whip, Commons

**Debate:** I beg to move, that this House has considered safety in youth custody. Thank you, Mr. Wilson, for allowing time for this most important of debates. I am most grateful. The safety of our children and young people is of great and continuing interest to many Members of this House, and has been for many years. The question of safety has been discussed in numerous debates here and in the other place.

To read the full debate, please use this [link](#):

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## Parliamentary Questions - Harris Review

**Name of MP:** Amanda Solloway MP (Conservative, Derby North)

**Parliamentary Question:**

Following the release of Lord Harris's report last year on self-inflicted deaths in custody of 18 to 24-year-olds, will the Department be looking to implement any of its recommendations? (Citation: HC Deb, 08 March 2016, c126)

To read the full response, please use this [link](#):

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**Name of Peer** Lord Judd (Labour)

**Parliamentary Question - Deaths in Custody Independent Review**

To ask Her Majesty's Government what arrangements they are making to evaluate and respond to each of the recommendations in the report of the Harris Review *Changing Prisons, Saving Lives*; when they plan to publish any response; and in the light of that review, what immediate action they are taking. (HL1267) (Citation: HL Deb, 21 July 2015, cW)

To read the response, please use the link [here](#).

**Name of MP:** Andy Slaughter (Hammersmith) Labour

**Parliamentary Question: Self-inflicted Deaths in Custody of 18-24 Year Olds  
Independent Review – Written Question: 34422**

To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to his contribution of 8 March 2016, Official Report, column 126, in response to the hon. Member for Derby North, which recommendations of the Harris review (a) have been implemented, (b) are under consideration and (c) have been rejected. (Citation: HC Deb, 21 April 2016, cW)

To read the full response, please use this [link](#).

**Parliamentary Statements - Harris Review**

**Name of MP:** Michael Gove (The Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice)

**Written Statement:** I will today publish the government's response to the Harris Review into self-inflicted deaths in custody of 18-24 year olds. (Citation: HC Deb, 17 December 2015, cWS)

To read the full response, please use this [link](#).

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**Name of MP:** Michael Gove (The Lord Chancellor and the Secretary of State for Justice)

**Ministerial Statement: Self-inflicted Deaths in Custody (The Harris Review Report)**

We are today publishing the independent review report into self-inflicted deaths of young adults aged 18-24 in National Offender Management Service (NOMS) prison custody. The review, announced to this House on 6 February 2014 by the Coalition Government, was carried out by the Independent Advisory Panel on Deaths in Custody under the leadership of Lord Harris of Haringey.

I wish to thank Lord Harris of Haringey and the Independent Advisory Panel for their work on this important review. Every death in custody is a tragedy. I thank the families of those who have taken their own lives, who gave evidence to this review in order to help avoid this happening to another family. The independent report makes wide-ranging recommendations about the care and management of vulnerable young adults in custody to reduce the risk of future deaths. We will consider these carefully and respond to the report in the Autumn. **(HCWS75)** (Citation: HC Deb, 1 July 2015, cWS)

To read the full statement, please use the link [here](#).



## Parliamentary Debate - Secure Youth Estate

**Name of MP:** Lucy Allan (Telford) Conservative

**House of Commons Debate:** I beg to move, that this House calls on the Government to take steps to help reduce the number of children entering the care system by bringing forward measures to support more children to remain safely at home with their family or extended family. (Citation: HC Deb, 07 January 2016, c515)

To read the full debate, please use this [link](#):

## Parliamentary Questions - Safety in Prisons and Secure Training Centres

**Name of MP:** Derek Twigg MP (Halton, Labour)

**Parliamentary Question:** To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, when she plans to update the safety in custody statistics.

To read the full response, please use this [link](#):

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**Name of Lord:** Lord Ramsbotham (Crossbench)

**Parliamentary Question:** To ask Her Majesty's Government what is their response to the call by the Prison Governors Association for an independent public inquiry into the state of prisons in England and Wales. (Citation, HL Deb, 20 October 2016, cW)

To read the full debate, please use this [link](#):

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**Name of MP:** Caroline Flint MP (Labour, Don Valley)

**Parliamentary Question:** To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment she has made of the causes of recent increases in violent incidents towards staff in prisons; and what steps she plans to take to reduce such incidents. To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment she has made of the causes of recent increases in violent incidents between prisoners; and what steps she plans to take to reduce such incidents. To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of a minimum safety standard for staff in public and privately-run prisons. (Citation: HC Deb, 09 September 2016, cW) Grouped Questions 43952, 43954, 43955

To read the response, please use this [link](#):

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**Name of MP:** Jo Stevens (Labour, Cardiff Central)

**Parliamentary Question:** To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, (a) on how many occasions, (b) in which prisons and (c) for what incidents the (i) Tornado Team was called, (ii) Gold Command was opened and (iii) National Tactical Response Group was called in each month since January 2016 (Citation: HC Deb, 07 September 2016, c45566)

To read the response, please use this [link](#):

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**Name of MP:** Andy Slaughter (Labour) Shadow Justice

**Parliamentary Question:** To ask the Secretary of State if he will make a statement on safety in prisons and secure training centres. (Citation: HC Deb, 11 January 2016, c574)

To read the full debate, please use this [link](#):

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**Name of MP:** Paul Flynn (Newport West) Labour

**Parliamentary Question:** Wandsworth Prison: Inspections

To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what implications the report of the unannounced visits by HM Chief Inspector of Prisons to HMP Wandsworth will have for his policies on (a) making prisons safer, (b) protecting minority groups in prisons, (c) addressing staff shortages in prisons and (d) providing educational and vocational opportunities in prison. PQ8689 (Citation: HC, Deb 15 Sept 2015 cW)

To read the response, please use the link [here](#)

## Parliamentary Debate - Safety in Prisons and Secure Training Centres

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**Name of MP:** Robert Neill MP (Bromley and Chislehurst) Conservative

### **Parliamentary Debate on Prison Safety Debate**

I beg to move, that this House has considered prison safety.(Citation: HC Deb, 15 September 2016, vol 614)

To read the full debate, please see the link [here](#):

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### **Name of MP**

Andrew Selous (The Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Justice (Conservative))

### **Parliamentary Debate on Safety in Custody: Prison**

The number of people sentenced to prison for violent offences has increased by 40% in the last 10 years. In addition, the illicit use of new psychoactive substances—lethal highs such as Spice and Black Mamba—has been a significant factor in fuelling violence in prisons. Last year alone, staff responded to nearly 26,000 self-harm incidents, and they frequently prevent deaths through timely intervention. (Citation: HC Deb, 17 June 2015, c102WH)

To read the full debate, please see the link [here](#)

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## Parliamentary Questions - Transgender Prisoners

**Name of MP:** Cat Smith (Shadow Minister for Women and Equalities, Shadow Minister for Voter Engagement and Youth Affairs, Shadow Deputy Leader of the House of Commons)

**Parliamentary Question:** To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what progress her Department has made on implementing the recommendations of the review on the care and management of transgender offenders, published in November 2016 on the safeguarding of transgender prisoners on the prison estate.(Citation: HC Deb, 23 Jan 2017, cW)

To read the full response, please use this [link](#):

**Name of MP:** Cat Smith (Lancaster and Fleetwood) Labour

**Parliamentary Question:** To ask the Secretary of State for Justice if he will make a statement on trans prisoners.

To read the response, please use this [link](#):

### Parliamentary Debates - Transgender Prisoners

**Name of MP :** Carolyn Harris (Shadow Minister, Home Affairs)

**Debate Question:** What support and resources the Government are providing to transgender prisoners.

To read the full debate, please use this [link](#):

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**Name of MP:** Cat Smith (Lancaster & Fleetwood) Labour

**Adjournment Debate :** I am pleased to have secured my first Adjournment debate on the issue of transgender prisoners. It is not a topic that I knew much about before my election in May, but in my seven months in this House it has certainly gained my attention. (Citation: HC Deb, 15 Dec 2015, c1542)

To read the full debate, please use this [link](#):

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**Name of Peer:** Baroness Barker (Liberal Democrats)

**House of Lords Debate:** To ask Her Majesty's Government, in the light of the death of Vicky Thompson, whether they will review the Prison Service's treatment of trans prisoners. (Citation: HL Deb, 24 November 2015, c569)

To read the debate, please use this [link](#):

## Parliamentary Questions - Section 136 Mental Health Act

**Name of MP:** Luciana Berger (Liverpool, Wavertree) Labour

**Written Question:** To ask the Secretary of State for Health, pursuant to the Answer of 13 September 2016 to Question 45664, what data his Department holds on adult mental health service inpatients that have taken their own life in the most recent period for which figures are available. (Citation: HC Deb, 10 October 2016, cW)

To read the full response, please use this [link](#):

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**Name of Peer:** Lord Harris of Haringey (Labour)

To ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the number of deaths amongst child and adolescent patients in psychiatric units, in the light of the investigation conducted by the charity Inquest. (Citations: HC Deb, 13 April 2016)

To read the full response, please use this [link](#):

**Name of MP:** Sarah Woolaston MP (Totnes) Conservative, Chair Health Committee

**Written Question:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, for how long people under the age of 18 who were transferred to a place of safety under section 136 of the Mental Health Act 1983 were detained on average in (a) a police cell and (b) a police vehicle in England and Wales in each of the last 10 years (Citation: HC Deb, 13 January 2016, cW)

To read the full response, please use this [link](#):

## Parliamentary Debate - Section 136 Mental Health Act

**Name of MP:** Sir Paul Beresford (Mole Valley) (Con)

**Debate:** Detention under Mental Health Act- As an ethnic minority immigrant to this country, I am intrigued by the way the House works. We have had two days of a deeply serious international debate, and now an ethnic minority immigrant has an opportunity to put a point on a small but important issue that is almost local by comparison. I am referring to the possibility of a small change in the Mental Health Act 1983 to enable our policemen and women to act somewhat more promptly in the care of any person they find to be in need of mental health assessment and immediate care. (Citation: HC Deb, 14 July 2016, c519)

To read the full debate, please use this [link](#):

**Name of MP:** Norman Lamb (North Norfolk) Shadow LD Spokesperson (Health)

**Adjournment Debate:** I want to raise an issue of profound importance. It is a practice which I think is intolerable but which carries on every week of the year and probably every day of the year: the shunting of people around the country, sometimes a long distance away from home, at a moment of mental health crisis. Typically, someone at a moment of acute crisis would be taken into hospital but there would be no bed available for them, so they would be taken away somewhere else in the country. There are numerous stories of people being taken hundreds of miles away from home on a regular basis. (Citation: HC Deb, 03 Dec 2015, c591)

To read the full debate, please use this [link](#):

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### Parliamentary Questions - Coroners Inquests / Services

**Name of Peer :** Lord Ouseley (Crossbench)

**Parliamentary Question: Detainees deaths - families access to coroners service**

To ask Her Majesty's Government what plans they have to ensure that the families of individuals who have died in custody or detention have access to justice. (Citation: HL Deb, 10 June 2015, cW)

To read the response, please use this link [here](#).

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### Parliamentary Questions - Immigration Detention

**Name of Peer :** Lord Ahmed (Non-affiliated)

**Parliamentary Question - Immigration: Detention Centres - Detainees' Welfare**

To ask Her Majesty's Government what is their assessment of the standard of the services provided by the private outsourcing group MITIE at Harmondsworth and Colnbrook Immigration Removal Centres. (HL606) Citation: HL Deb, 30 June 2015, cW)

To read the response, please use the link [here](#).

**Name of Peer :** Lord Ahmed (Non-affiliated)

**Parliamentary Question: Harmondsworth Immigration Removal Centre - Detainees' Welfare**

To ask Her Majesty's Government what is their assessment of the hygiene and stability of conditions of the Harmondsworth Immigration Removal Centre; and what actions, if any, they have taken to ensure the hygiene and stability of the Centre. (HL609) Citation: HL Deb, 30 June 2015, cW)

To read the response, please use the link [here](#).

**Name of MP :** Caroline Lucas (Brighton, Pavilion,) Green

**Parliamentary Question: Tinsley House Immigration Removal Centre - 3178**

To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what measures she plans to take to implement the recommendations of the most recent report on Tinsley House Immigration Removal Centre by HM Chief Inspector of Prisons; and if she will conduct a review of the operation of (a) the families unit and (b) alternatives to detention at that centre. (Citation: HC Deb, 25 June 2015, cW)

To read the response, please use the link [here](#).

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**Parliamentary Question - Use of Restraint**

**Name of MP:** Jenny Chapman (Darlington) Labour

**Parliamentary Question: Youth Custody: Restraint Techniques**

To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many times force has been used on children for good order and discipline at (a) HM Young Offender Institution Feltham, (b) HM Young Offender Institution Wetherby, (c) HM Young Offender Institution Werrington, (d) HM Young Offender Institution Cookham Wood and (e) Parc Young People's Unit in each of the last three years. (HC Written Question 11257 (Citation: HC Deb, 19 Oct 2015, cW)

To read the response, please use the link [here](#).

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**Name of MP:** Kate Osamor (Edmonton)

**Parliamentary Question - Police Custody: Restraint Techniques**

To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what information her Department holds on the (a) number of instances where restraint was used against people in police custody, (b) age, ethnicity and gender of those people so restrained and (c) number of such people who were experiencing mental ill health when so restrained in the last five years. (PQ 4566) (Citation: HC Deb, 7 July 2015, cW)

To read the response, please use this link [here](#).

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**Name of MP:** Dan Jarvis (Barnsley Central) Labour

**Parliamentary Questions: Secure Training Centres: Restraint Techniques**

To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what estimate he has made of the number of incidents in which restraint was used in each secure training centre in each year since 2010. (Citation: HC Deb, 16 June 2015, cW)

To read the response, please use this link [here](#)

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**Name of MP:** Dan Jarvis (Barnsley Central) Labour

**Parliamentary Questions: Young Offender Institutions: Restraint Techniques**

To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what estimate he has made of the number of incidents where restraint was used in each young offender institution in each year since 2010 (Citation: HC Deb, 11 June 2015, cW)

To read the response, please use this link [here](#)

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**Parliamentary Question - Use of Tasers**

**Name of Peer:** Lord Condon (Crossbench)

**Parliamentary Question: review on the publication of taser data**

To ask Her Majesty's Government what progress has been made in the review of the publication of Taser data and other use of force by police officers. HL442 (Citation: HL Deb, 19 June 2015, cW)

To read the full response, please use this link [here](#).



**Name of MP** : Kate Green (Stretford and Urmston) Labour

**Parliamentary Question: Police use of Stun Guns: Medical Equipment**

To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the risks to people fitted with medical electronic devices of the use by police of tasers; and what steps she has taken to mitigate those risks? (Citation: HC Deb, 16 June 2015, cW)

To read the full response, please use this link [here](#).

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**Written Ministerial Statement - Police Use of Taser Statistics**

**Name of MP** :Mike Penning (Minister of State for Policing, Criminal Justice and Victims)

**Ministerial Statement: Statistics on police use of firearms 2013-14 & Statistics on police use of Taser 2014 in England and Wales**

On 23 March 2015, the Home Secretary announced the suspension of the Police Use of Taser and Police Use of Firearms statistical publications due to data quality concerns, which has previously resulted in incorrect data being published and reported to Parliament. Following an internal review of the reporting process, officials, statisticians and the National Armed Policing Secretariat carried out a data validation exercise together with forces to address these concerns. In addition, the Home Office Chief Statistician wrote to forces' commissioners / chief constables asking them to confirm figures for their force. The Home Office Chief Statistician is now satisfied that the figures provided by forces are of sufficient quality to publish. I am today publishing official statistics on police use of firearms in England and Wales for 2013-14 (financial year) and on police use of Taser in England and Wales for 2014 (calendar year). This release also includes revisions to previously published figures and covers all 43 forces in England and Wales. (Citation: HC Deb, 9 July 2015, cWS)

To read the full statement, please use the link [here](#).