

Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 6 April 2010

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To ask the Minister for Social Justice and Local Government

Eleanor Burnham (North Wales): What contribution is the Welsh Assembly Government making to the Howard League for Penal Reform's inquiry into the number of former armed service personnel in prison. (WAQ55797)

Answer issued on 19 April 2010

The Welsh Assembly Government has not made a contribution to the Howard League for Penal Reform's inquiry into the number of former armed service personnel in prison. Responsibility for prisons and for sentencing is not devolved to the Welsh Assembly Government, but we believe that there should be sufficient capacity for all Welsh prisoners to serve their time in Wales and we recognise that rehabilitation and resettlement for all prisoners is vital. We lobby the Ministry of Justice regularly for additional prison accommodation to be located in Wales.