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1. In the past, the Northern Ireland Office published statistics that reported on the operation of the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1996 ('EPA') and the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1989 ('PTA'). The Terrorism Act 2000 received Royal Assent on 20 July 2000 and came into force on 19 February 2001. Between 20 July 2000 and 19 February 2001, the provisions of the EPA were maintained by Schedule 1 to the Terrorism Act. The Terrorism Act provides permanent United Kingdom (UK)-wide counter-terrorist legislation and reforms and replaces the EPA, PTA and sections one to four of the Criminal Justice (Terrorism and Conspiracy) Act 1998.
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3. The content of this bulletin will be kept under review and additional information will be included when relevant material becomes available.
4. This bulletin is designed to report on the key Northern Ireland specific Terrorism Act statistics.

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Summary

During 2003:

- There were 175 designated cordons under section 33 (Table 1).
- Under section 37, Schedule 5, there were 278 premises searched under warrant by the Police Service of Northern Ireland (Table 2).
- 359 persons were detained under section 41 of the Act (Table 3).
- There were 23 applications for extensions of detention, all of which were granted (Table 3).
- 121 persons were charged with 284 offences including 62 firearms offences, 36 explosive offences, and 33 offences relating to membership (Table 4 and Table 6).
- 62 persons were charged with 89 offences under the Act, including 34 offences under section 11 (membership), 32 offences under section 57 (possession for terrorist purposes) and 10 offences under section 58 (collection of information) (Table 5).
- There were 167 requests to have someone informed of detention, 1 of which was delayed (Table 8).
- There were 354 requests for access to a solicitor, all of which were allowed immediately (Table 9).
- Applications were made to the Attorney General to have 1,567 offences certified out of the scheduled mode of trial. Applications were granted for 1,331 (85%) offences (Table 10).
- 49% (861) of the 1,775 High Court bail applications in respect of persons charged with scheduled offences were granted (Table 11).
- 78% of persons charged with scheduled offences and 74% of persons charged with non-scheduled offences were on bail at the time of trial (Table 12).
- One young person (14-16 years) was charged with a scheduled offence, and subsequently remanded in custody (Table 13).
- For those defendants remanded in custody for scheduled offences, the average processing times were 44.1 weeks from remand to committal, 7.1 weeks from committal to arraignment, 23.4 weeks from arraignment to hearing, and 12.5 weeks from hearing to disposal. The average processing time from remand to disposal was 81.8 weeks (Table 14).
- Under section 81 of the Act, 63 premises were entered by the Police Service of Northern Ireland (Table 15).
- 39 arrests were made by the Police Service of Northern Ireland under section 82 whilst 5 arrests were made by Her Majesty's forces under section 83 (Table 16).
- A total of 24 premises were entered by the Police Service of Northern Ireland under section 82, all of which were subsequently searched. Under section 83, Her Majesty's forces searched 79 premises (Table 17).
- A total of 565 premises were searched by the Police Service of Northern Ireland under section 84, 486 of which were dwellings (Table 18).
- Under section 84, 2,621 persons were stopped and searched by the Police Service of Northern Ireland, 2,468 of which were in a public place (Table 19).
- Under section 87, documents were examined on 101 occasions by the Police Service of Northern Ireland, 97 of which were subsequently removed (Table 20).
- Under section 89, 1,368 persons were stopped and questioned by the Police Service of Northern Ireland, whilst Her Majesty's forces stopped and questioned 10,921 persons (Table 21).
- No requisition orders or de-requisition orders were made under section 91 (Table 22).
- Compensation payments (including payments under the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1996, and solicitors' and loss assessors' fees) totalled £1,885,697 (Table 23).
- Under section 106, Schedule 13, 107 applications for a licence to supply private security services for reward were received (Table 24). All were issued, including two issued with conditions.

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Table 1

Under section 33 of the Terrorism Act a cordoned area may be designated only if the person making it considers it expedient for the purposes of a terrorist investigation. Prior to the Terrorism Act 2000, this power was contained in section 16C of the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1989.

Table 2

Section 37, Schedule 5, provides that a constable may apply to a justice of the peace for the issue of a warrant for the purposes of a terrorist investigation. A warrant authorises any constable (a) to enter the premises specified in the warrant, (b) to search the premises and any person found there and (c) to seize and retain any relevant material which is found on a search under part (b). Prior to the Terrorism Act 2000, this power was contained in Schedule 7, part 1 to the Prevention of Terrorism Act (Temporary Provisions) Act 1989.

Tables 3-7

Section 41 of the Terrorism Act provides that a constable may arrest without a warrant a person whom he or she reasonably suspects to be a terrorist, and detain him or her for up to 48 hours. Under Schedule 8, Part III, a police officer of at least the rank of superintendent may apply to a judicial authority for the issue of a warrant of further detention (detention may not exceed seven days in total). Prior to the Terrorism Act 2000, the arrest power was contained in section 14 of the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1989 and further detention was granted by Ministerial authority.

Table 8

Section 41, Schedule 8, paragraph 6, states that a person detained in police custody under the terrorism provisions shall be entitled to have a friend or relative informed of their detention. Requests to have someone informed must be complied with as soon as it is practicable and in any case within 48 hours. Delay in complying with the request can be authorised only in certain clearly defined circumstances. Prior to the Terrorism Act 2000, this power was contained in section 46 of the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1996.

Table 9

Section 41, Schedule 8, paragraph 7, provides that a person detained in police custody under the terrorism provisions shall be entitled to consult a solicitor privately. Such requests must be permitted as soon as is practicable and in any case within 48 hours. However, a delay in complying with such a request may be authorised, but only in strict circumstances defined in the Terrorism Act. Prior to the Terrorism Act 2000, this power was contained in section 47 of the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1996.

Table 10

The Attorney General personally considers each instance where an individual has been charged with an offence that is capable of being certified out, (section 65, Schedule 9). Prior to the Terrorism Act 2000, this power was contained in section 1 of the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1996.

Table 13

Section 70 applies to a young person (aged 14-16 years inclusive) on remand for a scheduled offence. It provides that for security purposes a young person may be held in custody in such prison or other place as specified in a direction given by the Secretary of State. Prior to the Terrorism Act 2000, this power was contained in section 6 of the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1996.

Table 14

Table 14 covers the average periods for those on continuous remand, from remand to committal, committal to arraignment, arraignment to hearing, hearing to disposal and remand to disposal. The periods are treated separately and cannot be totalled as some defendants may change status, (custody to bail and vice-versa) between stages, (section 72). Prior to the Terrorism Act 2000, this power was contained in section 8 of the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1996.

Tables 16 and 17

Section 82 confers on the police a general power of arrest on reasonable suspicion, but without a warrant, for scheduled offences and other offences under these provisions. It also provides an associated power of entry and search and a general power to seize anything which a constable has reasonable grounds to suspect may be used in the commission of a scheduled offence or a non-scheduled offence under this Act. Section 83 confers on a member of the Armed Forces general powers of arrest, entry, search and seizure without a warrant when there is reasonable grounds for suspecting the person of committing an offence or of being a terrorist. Prior to the Terrorism Act 2000, these powers were contained in sections 18 and 19 of the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1996.

Tables 18 and 19

Section 84, Schedule 10, provides that a constable or a member of Her Majesty's forces may enter and search any premises for the purpose of ascertaining whether there are any munitions unlawfully on the premises, or whether there is any wireless apparatus on the premises. An officer may not enter a dwelling under this section unless he is an authorised officer and he reasonably suspects that the dwelling unlawfully contains munitions or contains wireless apparatus. Under paragraph 6 of Schedule 10, an officer may also stop a person in a public place, and search him for the purpose of ascertaining whether he has munitions unlawfully with him or wireless apparatus with him. An officer may search a person who is not in a public place, and whom the

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officer reasonably suspects to have munitions unlawfully with him or to have wireless apparatus with him. Prior to the Terrorism Act 2000, these powers were contained in section 20 of the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1996.

Table 20

Section 87 provides that a member of Her Majesty's forces or a constable may examine any document or record found in order to ascertain whether it contains information (a) of a kind likely to be useful to a person committing or preparing an act of terrorism or (b) about a person which is likely to be useful to a person committing or preparing an act of terrorism. If necessary, the authorised person may remove the document or record to another place and retain it there until the examination is completed. A document may not be retained for more than 48 hours unless authorised by a member of the PSNI of at least the rank of chief inspector, and may not be retained for more than 96 hours in any instance. Prior to the Terrorism Act 2000 these powers were contained in section 24 of the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1996.

Table 21

Section 89 empowers the police and Army to stop and question persons as to their identity, movements or knowledge of any recent explosion or another incident endangering life. A person commits an offence if he fails to stop when required to do so, or refuses to answer to the best of his knowledge and ability a question addressed to him under this section. Prior to the Terrorism Act 2000, these powers were contained in section 25 of the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1996.

Table 22

If the Secretary of State considers it necessary for the preservation of peace or the maintenance of order, he may authorise a person to take possession of land or other property, or carry out works on land, which has been requisitioned (section 91). Prior to the Terrorism Act 2000, this power was contained in section 26 of the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1996.

Table 23

Section 102 and Schedule 12 allows for compensation to be claimed from the Secretary of State where property is taken, occupied, destroyed or damaged, or any other private property rights are interfered with as a consequence of action taken under part VII of the Act. Prior to the Terrorism Act 2000, this power was contained in section 55 of the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1996.

Table 24

Section 106 refers directly to Schedule 13, which makes it an offence to provide security services for reward without a licence from the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State is empowered to refuse the issue of a licence (or to revoke an existing licence) where he or she is satisfied that a proscribed organisation would be likely to benefit. Prior to the Terrorism Act 2000, this power was contained in Part V of the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1996.

Table 1: Cordoned areas designated under section 33 of the Terrorism Act.

Year	Number of designated Cordons
2001 ¹	62
2002	239
2003	
Jan - Mar	66
Apr - Jun	25
Jul - Sept	45
Oct - Dec	39
TOTAL	175

Note: 1. Excludes the period 19th February to 31st March.

Source: [Police Service of Northern Ireland](#)

Table 2: Premises searched under warrant under section 37, Schedule 5 of the Terrorism Act.

Year	Number of premises searched
2001 ¹	94
2002	181
2003	
Jan - Mar	62
Apr - Jun	69
Jul - Sept	96
Oct - Dec	51
TOTAL	278

Note: 1. Excludes the period 19th February to 31st March.

Source: [Police Service of Northern Ireland](#)

Table 3: Persons detained in Northern Ireland under section 41 of the Terrorism Act.

Year	Number of persons detained	Applications for extension of detention which was granted by a judicial authority			
		Number of applications for extensions made	Number granted	Number refused	Number withdrawn
2001	179	10	9	1	0
2002	236	12	12	0	0
2003					
Jan - Mar ¹	69	5	5	0	0
Apr - Jun	97	3	3	0	0
Jul - Sept ²	95	13	13	0	0
Oct - Dec ³	98	2	2	0	0
TOTAL	359	23	23	0	0

Note: 1. The five extensions in the first quarter 2003 relate to three individuals.
 2. The thirteen extensions in the third quarter 2003 relate to seven individuals.
 3. The two extensions in the fourth quarter 2003 relate to one individual.

Source: [Police Service of Northern Ireland](#)

Table 4: Charges brought against persons detained in Northern Ireland under section 41 of the Terrorism Act by individual offence.

Offence	Number of charges ¹			
	19 Feb 2001 - Dec 2002	Jan - Jun 2003	Jul - Dec 2003	2003 Total
Murder	3	6	2	8
Attempted Murder	13	8	5	13
Explosives Offences	31	12	24	36
Firearms Offences	68	31	31	62
Conspiracy to Cause Explosion	5	3	3	6
Conspiracy to Murder	8	0	0	0
Membership	5	16	17	33
Burglary	6	1	1	2
Robbery	2	3	4	7
Offences Against the Person	1	2	13	15
Possession of Documents / Information ²	29	2	12	14
Theft	0	0	0	0
Hijacking	0	0	1	1
Criminal Damage	0	0	4	4
Illegal Processions	0	1	0	1
Unlawful Imprisonment	0	0	2	2
Withholding Information	3	2	1	3
Intimidation	2	0	2	2
Arson	0	0	3	3
Conspiracy to pervert Justice	0	0	0	0
Kidnapping	3	0	0	0
Placing Hoax Bomb	2	0	1	1
Assisting Offenders	2	0	0	0
Attempted Hijacking	0	0	4	4
Conspiracy to Rob	0	0	0	0

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Table 4: Charges brought against persons detained in Northern Ireland under section 41 of the Terrorism Act by individual offence.

Offence	Number of charges ¹			
	19 Feb 2001 - Dec 2002	Jan - Jun 2003	Jul - Dec 2003	2003 Total
Attempted Robbery	1	0	1	1
Handling Stolen Goods	2	2	0	2
Possession of Petrol Bomb	1	0	0	0
Making Contributions to a Proscribed Organisation	13	6	0	6
Dressing as a Member of a Proscribed Organisation	0	0	0	0
Deception	0	0	0	0
Motoring Offences	0	0	0	0
Drugs Offences	3	5	11	16
Prisons Act	0	0	0	0
Blackmail	8	6	2	8
Acting to Impede an Apprehension	0	0	0	0
Forgery	0	1	0	1
Riotous Behaviour	0	1	0	1
Disorderly Behaviour	1	0	0	0
Escaping from Custody	0	0	0	0
Possession of Offensive Weapon	1	0	1	1
Fraud	0	0	0	0
Possession of Counterfeit Currency	0	0	0	0
Possession of Articles of use to Terrorist	20	16	15	31
Directing Terrorism	0	0	0	0
TOTAL NUMBER OF CHARGES	233	124	160	284

- Note:
1. The charges in this table refer to those brought against the individual after the original period of detention (including extensions). This table does not include any subsequent changes (additions/deletions) to the original charges.
 2. Includes charges under section 58 and section 103 of the Terrorism Act.

Source: [Police Service of Northern Ireland](#)

Table 5: Persons detained in Northern Ireland under any legislation and charged with offences under provisions of the Terrorism Act.

	19 Feb 2001 - Dec 2002	Jan - Jun 2003	Jul - Dec 2003	2003 Total
Section 11 (Membership)	6	17	17	34
Section 12 (Support)	0	0	0	0
Section 13 (Uniform)	0	0	0	0
Section 15 (Fund raising)	13	6	0	6
Section 16 (Use and possession)	0	0	0	0
Section 17 (Funding arrangements)	0	0	0	0
Section 18 (Money laundering)	0	0	0	0
Section 19 (Disclosure of information: duty)	0	1	0	1
Section 54 (Weapons Training)	0	0	1	1
Section 56 (Directing Terrorist Organisation)	0	0	0	0
Section 57 (Possession for Terrorist Purposes)	23	16	16	32
Section 58 (Collection of Information)	24	2	8	10
Section 103 (Terrorist Information)	6	0	5	5
Schedule 4, para 37 (Contravention of restraint order)	0	0	0	0
TOTAL NUMBER OF CHARGES	72	42	47	89
TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS CHARGED	55	31	31	62

Note: 1. Includes all persons charged with offences under the Terrorism Act, regardless of the power of arrest used.

Source: [Police Service of Northern Ireland](#)

Table 6: Persons detained in Northern Ireland under section 41 of the Terrorism Act by length of detention and outcome.

	Length of detention		
	48 hours or less	Over 48 hours	TOTAL
<i>Number charged:</i>			
19 Feb - 31 Dec 2001	45	5	50
2002	74	6	80
2003			
Jan - Mar 2003	29	2	31
Apr - Jun 2003	28	2	30
Jul - Sept 2003	21	4	25
Oct - Dec 2003	34	1	35
TOTAL	112	9	121
<i>Number released:</i>			
19 Feb - 31 Dec 2001	124	5	129
2002	153	3	156
2003			
Jan - Mar 2003	37	1	38
Apr - Jun 2003	66	1	67
Jul - Sept 2003	67	3	70
Oct - Dec 2003	63	0	63
TOTAL	233	5	238
<i>Total</i>			
19 Feb - 31 Dec 2001	169	10	179
2002	227	9	236
2003			
Jan - Mar 2003	66	3	69
Apr - Jun 2003	94	3	97
Jul - Sept 2003	88	7	95
Oct - Dec 2003	97	1	98
TOTAL	345	14	359

Source: Police Service of Northern Ireland

Table 7a: Persons detained in Northern Ireland under section 41 of the Terrorism Act by detailed length of detention and outcome.

January - March 2003			
Length of detention	Number charged	Number released	Total
Less than 2 hours	0	0	0
2 hours and less than 4	0	0	0
4 hours and less than 8	0	6	6
8 hours and less than 12	2	12	14
12 hours and less than 24	3	6	9
24 hours and less than 36	12	7	19
36 hours and less than or equal to 48	12	6	18
48 HOURS OR UNDER	29	37	66
More than 2 days and less than 3	0	0	0
3 days and less than 4	0	0	0
4 days and less than 5	1	0	1
5 days and less than 6	0	1	1
6 days and less than or equal to 7	1	0	1
TOTAL OVER 48 HOURS	2	1	3
OVERALL TOTALS	31	38	69

Source: Police Service of Northern Ireland

Table 7b: Persons detained in Northern Ireland under section 41 of the Terrorism Act by detailed length of detention and outcome.

April - June 2003			
Length of detention	Number charged	Number released	Total
Less than 2 hours	2	0	2
2 hours and less than 4	1	1	2
4 hours and less than 8	1	14	15
8 hours and less than 12	7	14	21
12 hours and less than 24	1	9	10
24 hours and less than 36	12	23	35
36 hours and less than or equal to 48	4	5	9
48 HOURS OR UNDER	28	66	94
More than 2 days and less than 3	1	1	2
3 days and less than 4	1	0	1
4 days and less than 5	0	0	0
5 days and less than 6	0	0	0
6 days and less than or equal to 7	0	0	0
TOTAL OVER 48 HOURS	2	1	3
OVERALL TOTALS	30	67	97

Source: Police Service of Northern Ireland

Table 7c: Persons detained in Northern Ireland under section 41 of the Terrorism Act by detailed length of detention and outcome.

July - September 2003			
Length of detention	Number charged	Number released	Total
Less than 2 hours	0	0	0
2 hours and less than 4	0	2	2
4 hours and less than 8	2	14	16
8 hours and less than 12	4	16	20
12 hours and less than 24	3	19	22
24 hours and less than 36	12	15	27
36 hours and less than or equal to 48	0	1	1
48 HOURS OR UNDER	21	67	88
More than 2 days and less than 3	1	1	2
3 days and less than 4	2	0	2
4 days and less than 5	0	0	0
5 days and less than 6	1	2	3
6 days and less than or equal to 7	0	0	0
TOTAL OVER 48 HOURS	4	3	7
OVERALL TOTALS	25	70	95

Source: Police Service of Northern Ireland

Table 7d: Persons detained in Northern Ireland under section 41 of the Terrorism Act by detailed length of detention and outcome.

October - December 2003			
Length of detention	Number charged	Number released	Total
Less than 2 hours	0	0	0
2 hours and less than 4	0	1	1
4 hours and less than 8	0	8	8
8 hours and less than 12	6	23	29
12 hours and less than 24	7	12	19
24 hours and less than 36	11	12	23
36 hours and less than or equal to 48	10	7	17
48 HOURS OR UNDER	34	63	97
More than 2 days and less than 3	0	0	0
3 days and less than 4	0	0	0
4 days and less than 5	0	0	0
5 days and less than 6	0	0	0
6 days and less than or equal to 7	1	0	1
TOTAL OVER 48 HOURS	1	0	1
OVERALL TOTALS	35	63	98

Source: Police Service of Northern Ireland

Table 8: Requests to have someone informed of detention in Northern Ireland under section 41 of the Terrorism Act (Schedule 8, Paragraph 6).

Year	Number of requests to have someone informed	Requests allowed immediately	Number delayed
2001	32	32	0
2002	130	130	0
2003			
Jan - Mar	63	63	0
Apr - Jun	44	44	0
Jul - Sept	23	22	1
Oct - Dec	37	37	0
TOTAL	167	166	1

Source: [Police Service of Northern Ireland](#)

Table 9: Requests for access to a solicitor by persons detained in Northern Ireland under section 41 of the Terrorism Act (Schedule 8, Paragraph 7).

Year	Number of requests for access	Number allowed immediately	Number delayed
2001	125	125	0
2002	232	232	0
2003			
Jan - Mar	73	73	0
Apr - Jun	95	95	0
Jul - Sept	92	92	0
Oct - Dec	94	94	0
TOTAL	354	354	0

Source: [Police Service of Northern Ireland](#)

Table 10: Number of instances in Northern Ireland for which offences are certified out of the scheduled mode of trial by the Attorney General (section 65, Schedule 9)

Year	Total number of offences for which applications made ¹	Number of persons involved	Number of offences for which applications:	
			Granted	Refused
2001	831	601	720	111
2002	1,365	933	1,216	149
2003				
Jan - Mar	525	314	418	107
Apr - Jun	314	229	282	32
Jul - Sept	403	272	348	55
Oct - Dec	325	219	283	42
TOTAL	1,567	1,034	1,331	236

- Note:
1. An 'application' may relate to one person charged with one offence, or one person charged with a number of offences, or a number of persons charged with the same offence.
 2. This table provides figures for applications made to the Attorney General from 19 February 2001 onwards. The alleged offence to which an application relates may have occurred prior to the commencement of the Terrorism Act.

Source: Department of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Table 11: Limitation of power to grant bail: High Court bail applications in Northern Ireland in respect of persons charged with scheduled offences (section 67)¹.

Year	Number of applications	Number granted	% granted ²	Number refused	% refused ²	Other outcomes ³	% other outcomes ²
2001 ⁴	910	488	54	201	22	221	24
2002	1,494	774	52	326	22	394	26
2003							
Jan - Mar	416	188	45	97	23	131	31
Apr - Jun	429	203	47	96	22	130	30
Jul - Sept	455	242	53	79	17	134	29
Oct - Dec	475	228	48	108	23	139	29
TOTAL	1,775	861	49	380	21	534	30

- Note:
1. Figures exclude applications for compassionate home leave, variation of bail conditions, surety discharges and revocation of bail.
 2. Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding.
 3. Figures under 'Other Outcomes' include applications withdrawn, dismissed and adjourned.
 4. Excludes the period 19th February to 31st March.
 5. Scheduled offences are those offences defined by Schedule 9 to the Terrorism Act 2000.

Source: [Northern Ireland Court Service](#)

Table 12: Limitation of power to grant bail: Percentage of persons on bail at time of trial in Northern Ireland (section 67).

Year	Persons charged with	
	Scheduled offences (%)	Non-scheduled offences (%)
2001	77	77
2002	58	73
2003		
Jan - Mar	65	77
Apr - Jun	82	75
Jul - Sept	71	69
Oct - Dec	86	73
TOTAL	78	74

Source: Northern Ireland Court Service

Table 13: Young persons (14-16 year olds) charged with a scheduled offence: custody on remand (section 70).

Year	Number charged	Number remanded in custody ¹
2001	0	0
2002	2	1
2003		
Jan - Mar	0	0
Apr - Jun	1	1
Jul - Sept	0	0
Oct - Dec	0	0
TOTAL	1	1

Note: 1. Figures reflect initial decision of the court. Individuals may be subsequently remanded on bail prior to sentence.

Source: Police Service of Northern Ireland

Table 14: Time limits for preliminary proceedings: Average processing times in Northern Ireland for scheduled defendants remanded in custody and dealt with by the Crown Court (Section 72)(1)(2)(3).

Year	Average processing time - weeks									
	Remand to Committal		Committal to Arraignment		Arraignment to Hearing ⁴		Hearing to Disposal		Remand to Disposal	
	Average processing time	Number of defendants	Average processing time	Number of defendants	Average processing time	Number of defendants	Average processing time	Number of defendants	Average processing time	Number of defendants
2001	31.2	48	6.6	18	13.3	15	7.1	15	57.6	15
2002	42.3	94	7.0	47	8.7	46	4.1	46	61.8	46
2003										
Jan - Mar	41.0	18	8.5	8	12.3	8	11.2	8	67.9	8
Apr - Jun	47.5	38	5.3	10	46.0	9	17.8	9	112.9	9
Jul - Sept	45.3	6	8.4	2	17.1	2	16.0	2	84.0	2
Oct - Dec	36.2	11	8.0	5	3.1	5	3.8	5	47.2	5
TOTAL	44.1	73	7.1	25	23.4	24	12.5	24	81.8	24

- Note:
1. The table is based on defendants disposed of within the time period. It includes only those in custody in each separate remand stage and where a waiting time has been recorded. (Not all defendants experience a waiting time between arraignment (plea entry) and hearing). Figures include defendants with bench warrants and court recesses.
 2. The five periods are treated separately and cannot be totalled as some defendants may change status (custody to bail and vice-versa) between stages.
 3. In the expansion of this table to include the stages Hearing to Disposal and Remand to Disposal, some previously published figures have been subject to minor revision. All figures are sourced to an administrative database and may be subject to revision due to late returns.
 4. Hearing: 1st day of trial (i.e. commencement of trial at court).

Source: Northern Ireland Court Service.

Table 15: Arrest of suspected terrorists: Number of premises entered and searched under section 81 of the Terrorism Act 2000.

Year	Number of premises entered	Number of premises searched ²
2001 ¹	47	19
2002	34	-
2003		
Jan - March	4	N/A
Apr - Jun	12	10
Jul - Sept	32	29
Oct - Dec	15	15
TOTAL	63	54

- Note:
1. Excludes the period 19th February to 31st March.
 2. Data on premises searched not available from April 2002 to March 2003.

Source: Police Service of Northern Ireland

Table 16: Persons arrested in Northern Ireland by members of the Police Service of Northern Ireland and Her Majesty's forces under section 82 and 83 respectively of the Terrorism Act 2000.

Year	Section 82		Section 83
	Persons arrested by the PSNI ¹	Persons subsequently charged by the PSNI ²	Persons arrested by Her Majesty's forces
2001	11	-	44
2002	31	-	23
2003			
Jan - Mar	6	-	4
Apr - Jun	12	1	0
Jul - Sept	9	4	1
Oct - Dec	12	5	0
TOTAL	39	10	5

- Note:
1. 2001 total excludes the period 19th February to 31st March.
 2. Data not available prior to April 2003.

Source: [Police Service of Northern Ireland](#)
[Her Majesty's forces Headquarters Northern Ireland](#)

Table 17: Number of occasions on which premises in Northern Ireland were entered and searched by members of the Police Service of Northern Ireland under section 82; Number of occasions on which premises were searched by Her Majesty's forces under section 83 of the Terrorism Act 2000

Year	PSNI (section 82) ^{1, 2}		Her Majesty's forces (section 83) ³
	Entered	Searched	Searches
2001	40	40	6
2002	31	25	106
2003			
Jan - Mar	7	7	7
Apr - Jun	0	0	38
Jul - Sept	8	8	7
Oct - Dec	9	9	27
TOTAL	24	24	79

- Note:
1. The majority of searches by the Police Service of Northern Ireland are conducted in conjunction with Her Majesty's forces. Therefore Her Majesty's forces and Police Service of Northern Ireland figures should not be aggregated.
 2. 2001 total excludes the period 19th February to 31st March.
 3. Building searches carried out by Her Majesty's forces under section 83 are no longer disaggregated by occupied or derelict status.

Source: [Police Service of Northern Ireland](#)
[Her Majesty's forces Headquarters Northern Ireland](#)

Table 18: Munitions and transmitters: search and seizure (section 84, Schedule 10).

Year	Number of premises searched by PSNI ¹			Number of premises searched by Her Majesty's forces ²
	Dwellings	Other	Total	
2001	241	25	266	359
2002	469	122	591	374
2003				
Jan - Mar	171	34	205	-
Apr - Jun	125	21	146	-
Jul - Sept	96	10	106	-
Oct - Dec	94	14	108	-
TOTAL	486	79	565	-

- Note:
1. 2001 total excludes the period 19th February to 31st March.
 2. Figures for 2003 are not available from Her Majesty's forces at time of print.
 3. The majority of searches by Her Majesty's forces are conducted in conjunction with the Police Service of Northern Ireland. Therefore Her Majesty's forces and Police Service of Northern Ireland figures should not be aggregated.

Source: [Police Service of Northern Ireland](#)
[Her Majesty's forces Headquarters Northern Ireland](#)

Table 19: Number of persons stopped and searched under section 84, Schedule 10 of the Terrorism Act.

Year	In public place	Not in public place	Total
2001 ¹	159	7	166
2002	3,769	188	3,957
2003			
Jan - Mar	732	42	774
Apr - Jun	584	48	632
Jul - Sept	501	26	527
Oct - Dec	651	37	688
TOTAL	2,468	153	2,621

Note: 1. Excludes the period 19th February to 30th September.

Source: [Police Service of Northern Ireland](#)

Table 20: Examination of documents under section 87 of the Terrorism Act.

Year	Number of occasions that documents were examined by PSNI	Number of occasions that documents removed by PSNI
2001 ¹	46	42
2002	51	43
2003		
Jan - Mar	28	22
Apr - Jun	23	23
Jul - Sept	28	28
Oct - Dec	22	24
TOTAL	101	97

Note: 1. Excludes the period 19th February to 31st March.

Source: [Police Service of Northern Ireland](#)

Table 21: Number of persons stopped and questioned under section 89 of the Terrorism Act.

Year	Number of persons stopped and questioned	
	PSNI ¹	Her Majesty's forces ²
2001	99	6,223
2002	2,448	9,873
2003		
Jan - Mar	282	2,952
Apr - Jun	294	1,763
Jul - Sept	360	3,366
Oct - Dec	432	2,840
TOTAL	1,368	10,921

Note: 1. 2001 total excludes the period 19th February to 30th September.

2. 2001 total excludes the period 19th February to 30th June.

Source: [Police Service of Northern Ireland](#)
[Her Majesty's forces Headquarters Northern Ireland](#)

Table 22: Number of requisition orders and de-requisition orders under section 91 of the Terrorism Act.

Year	Number of Requisition Orders	Number of De-Requisition Orders
2001	2	13
2002	1	3
2003		
Jan - Mar	0	0
Apr - Jun	0	0
Jul - Sept	0	0
Oct - Dec	0	0
TOTAL	0	0

Source: [Northern Ireland Office](#)

Table 23: Compensation (Northern Ireland) (section 102, Schedule 12)⁽¹⁾.

Year	Amount (£)		
	Compensation Payments ²	Agency Payments ³	Total
2001 ⁴	1,832,635	325,944	2,158,579
2002	4,026,921	542,640	4,569,561
2003			
Jan - Mar	496,186	116,587	612,773
Apr - Jun	802,268	85,391	887,659
Jul - Sept	322,498	76,904	399,402
Oct - Dec	264,745	34,727	299,472
TOTAL	1,885,697	313,609	2,199,306

- Notes:
1. Figures relate solely to claims paid during the relevant period.
 2. Includes payments under the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1996, and solicitors' and loss assessors' fees.
 3. Comprises loss adjusters' fees (employed by The Compensation Agency).
 4. Excludes the period 19th February to 28th February.

Source: [The Compensation Agency.](#)

Table 24: Private Security Services: Applications for licence to provide private security services for reward (Northern Ireland) (section 106, Schedule 13).

Year	Number of applications for licence ¹	Number of licences issued	Number issued with conditions	Number of appeals against conditions	Number of licences refused	Number of refusals appealed
2001	81	80	0	0	1	0
2002	99	99	0	0	0	0
2003						
Jan - Mar	33	33	0	0	0	0
Apr - Jun	30	30	0	0	0	0
Jul - Sept	22	21	1	0	0	0
Oct - Dec	22	21	1	0	0	0
TOTAL	107	105	2	0	0	0

- Notes:
1. Includes application for renewal of existing licences and applications for new licences.

Source: [Northern Ireland Office.](#)

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