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The Life Sentences (Northern Ireland) Order 2001

Part III

LIFE SENTENCES

Release on licence

Power to release life prisoners on compassionate grounds

7.—(1) The Secretary of State may at any time release a life prisoner on licence if he is satisfied that exceptional circumstances exist which justify the prisoner's release on compassionate grounds.

(2) Before releasing a life prisoner under paragraph (1), the Secretary of State shall consult the Commissioners, unless the circumstances are such as to render such consultation impracticable.