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PRISON ADJUDICATION

The Home Secretary proposes to announce a review of the present system for dealing with disciplinary offences in prisons. He would like to do this next Monday, 24 October at the Annual Conference of Boards of Visitors.

The present system of adjudication, under which decisions rest with prison Governors and in the more serious cases with Boards of Visitors, has been subjected to some cogent criticism and no longer commands the full confidence of all Board members.

The Home Secretary proposes an external committee of enquiry with the terms of reference at Flag A.

Although his letter does not say so, I have checked that he intends to make a written statement to the House on 24 October, if his proposals are agreed.

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MR. D. BARCLAY

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