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This debate received renewed vigour by the House of Lords decision in **R (on the application of Purdy) (Appellant) v Director of Public Prosecutions (Respondent)** [2009] UKHL 45 which briefly held that the DPP should immediately draw up a policy regarding prosecutions in respect of people assisting the suicide of those who travel abroad to end their life. Anyone who assists a suicide faces the possibility of prosecution under s2(1) Suicide Act 1961. The circumstances in which the offence will be prosecuted require clarification for the DPP chose not to intervene in several recent cases of people travelling to Switzerland to die but his decision was entirely discretionary. The law lords were sympathetic to the dilemma of the applicant, an MS sufferer, who wanted information regarding any future prosecution of her husband should he assist her in her decision to end her life abroad. The DPP has said that he will produce an interim policy document in the Autumn and that a final policy will follow in the near future.