

address and phone number (both of which are listed in the phone book). Referring to the Special Rapporteur's recommendation that where there is a threat to a solicitor or Barrister the Government should provide necessary protection, the letter requests that we contact Ms Nelson to make proposals concerning her safety and safety at her home and a personal protection firearm for Ms Nelson. The RUC have advised that they are unaware of any specific threat against Ms Nelson and therefore it is unlikely that she would be eligible for protection under the Key Person's Protection Scheme or a personal protection firearm. However, should she apply her application would be considered. It would not be appropriate to communicate details of an individual's security to a third party. The draft refers to the options which Ms Nelson might wish to pursue, without raising false expectations.

3. A draft reply is attached.

*signed: L Foster*

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cc: PS/Secretary of State (B&L)  
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