

RNI 106.318

25. **G115** was the Head of KPPS branch of Police Division at the time and he wrote to Lesley Foster on 16 September 1998 suggesting that in the response to Mr Mageean's letter of 10 August 1998 Mrs Nelson should be referred to the police to apply for a personal protection weapon and mentioned that if she wished to apply for protection under the KPPS scheme she should apply to Police Division. Lesley Foster then prepared her submission to the Minister and enclosed a draft response to Mr Mageean's letter. The submission had attached to it Mr Mageean's letter and its enclosures. The submission was signed off by Simon Rogers, Lesley Foster's line manager, before going up to the Minister. The submission was copied to the Secretary of State's Private Office for information. The person who drafted the response decided the distribution list. Presumably Police Division copied the distribution list from the front sheet to the Minister's Case File.

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26. Lesley Foster prepared advice and a draft reply on this case for the Minister's attention. This is attached at **RNI 106.320-323** I cannot recall if I or the Departmental Private Secretary brought these papers to the Minister's attention, nor do I recall discussing it with him. The Minister approved the recommendation in the submission that his Private Secretary respond along the lines in the draft letter. It was immaterial whether I or the Departmental Private Secretary signed the letter. I would have read the draft letter before signing it. However, I do not recall checking the detail of this letter nor would it have been normal practice to do so as I would have assumed that the information contained in it was correct.

27. I have been told by those interviewing me that the police carried out their threat assessment without both the pamphlet and the threatening note to hand. I confirm that I was not aware of this nor, as far as I am aware, was the Minister nor would we have expected to be.