

occupation. Only persons assessed at threat risk level 1 to 3 by the Royal Ulster Constabulary ("RUC") were eligible. A threat risk level assessment at level 4 meant that there was no police intelligence of any risk against the individual concerned. As such they did not qualify for protection under the scheme. Risk level 1 was where there was clear intelligence of a significant threat to a particular individual. I believe, although I am not certain that this meant that it was known from whom, when, where and so on. In contrast, a risk level 3 would be a general threat to a particular individual as a result of who they were or what they were doing, plus some specific intelligence that the individual was at risk, although it was not generally known from whom, when and where. I have no recollection of a time when an individual assessed at a risk level 1 to 3 was refused protection on the grounds of his or her occupation. Indeed, as I recall, the matter of an individual's occupation was irrelevant. It was the threat risk assessment that mattered.

3. An individual who qualified for protection under the discretionary category of the KPPS scheme was entitled to a range of security measures at their home, dependent upon what the police security assessment said was needed. As I recall, they were not entitled to protection at their place of work or second home and so on. In addition, a financial limit was set dependent upon the level of risk. However, the limit was not strict and security measures exceeding it could be agreed, provided they were reasonable and necessary. For example, if the police security assessment concluded that bullet resistant glass was needed in every window, then that work would generally be agreed.
4. It is worth mentioning that a lot of people within Northern Ireland at the time believed that they were under threat. However, in most cases, there was no intelligence to suggest that they were under a specific threat. In general, people who felt particularly at risk, would often take their own security measures, be careful about setting patterns of travel,