

check their vehicles for booby trap devices and generally undertake a sensible level of protection against attack.

5. Threat risk assessments were carried out solely by the police and not civil servants. We would write to the RUC Security Branch setting out the background to the matter and explaining why the person thought that they were at risk. The police would then, using their own intelligence sources, assess the level of risk to the individual. The assessment was based on police intelligence and an overall assessment of a range of other relevant factors, such as the impact of ceasefire agreements. I was not told and I did not ever ask about any of the specifics relating to the police threat risk assessment. This was the case whether the individual was assessed as under threat or not. In effect, therefore, the police provided the threat risk assessments and the NIO ensured that the security measures recommended by the police were implemented through the KPPS scheme.
6. If an individual was assessed at a risk level 1 to 3, then the next stage was for the police to visit their home and assess the security needed. The police wore plain clothes when carrying out these home visits. Staff from the KPPS branch of the Police Division and a unit from the Department of Environment ("DOE") would go with the police to the individual's home. The member of staff from the KPPS branch would introduce him or herself as the individual's point of contact in relation to any questions or issues that the individual may have in relation to the scheme. They would then explain the nature and purpose of the scheme and introduce and explain the role of the other people present. Essentially, the police were there to assess the individual's home security needs and the DOE technical officer was there to assist by detailing the precise specifications of the security products needed, how they were going to be installed, and so on. There was a particular section within the police that had been set up specifically to carry out these home security assessments. They were very experienced police officers. They worked closely with the DOE to ensure that they were up to speed with the latest security