

query in relation to whether or not a person was at risk came into the Command Secretariat, it was passed on to E Department and to the appropriate region. This would result in officers in the relevant region having input into the response to the Command Secretariat as well as officers from E division HQ.

23. I have been asked if it is therefore conceivable that local Special Branch officers may have relevant information that is not on the intelligence records at E division and if there is intelligence information held by Special Branch officers that is not recorded on the formal record system. I have also been asked to explain how Special Branch officers run agents in relation to gathering terrorist intelligence. At that time, 1998/90, local Special Branch officers in the regions would run agents in relation to gathering intelligence on terrorist related matters. Local CID officers would run agents in respect of obtaining criminal intelligence. Officers in the Command Secretariat Department were not required to have DV clearance. I did not have such clearance until much later on in my career and so I would not have known the details about agent handling at the time. I would not have had access to any Special Branch material other than sanitised reports forwarded to me and my knowledge of how Special Branch operated at that time would have been very limited. Therefore, I cannot comment on whether or not relevant officers in the regions or HQ had information that was or was not kept on a central system.
24. I have been referred again to **RNI 101.206-207** and I have been asked to explain what was meant by the note that appears to be written on the report in relation to an offer of crime prevention advice. **P157** wrote this following a conversation with me as to whether we should offer Rosemary Nelson crime prevention advice given the fact that she and others had raised concerns about her safety. Overall, I had suggested that we offer her Crime Prevention advice by a local officer on two occasions but this suggestion had not been taken up. In terms of the handwriting on the note stating "discussed with CC on 1.4.98". This is my note of a further conversation with **P157** after he had