

LAI complaint when the police refused it. He could not understand why the ICPC could not accept the complaint and categorise it at a serious level or just get on and do the investigation itself. He found it hard to believe that we did not have the powers to do such a thing, particularly given our supposedly 'independent' function. I tried to explain to him that the ultimate decision as to whether to accept a complaint lay with the police. He found that hard to accept, but then I guess I always did too. However, I found his efforts to hold me accountable for systemic flaws impinging on the case unhelpful.

17. Mr Cumaraswamy also spent a great deal of time in our meeting challenging my credentials for my position because I was not a lawyer. I think that our meeting ended at cross purposes; he concluded that I was being obstructive because I could not deliver what he wanted when actually I was trying to get him to help us and take up the cause to give the ICPC more power.
18. Mr Cumaraswamy clearly had information from other solicitors who had been subject to various levels of threat and intimidation. I certainly shared his concerns about the dangers and difficulties that defence lawyers were facing, but there was simply nothing that I could do about it. Mr Cumaraswamy could not understand why Rosemary Nelson was not being treated seriously by the right people and I think that he included me in that. I was glad that even though he had many misconceptions about the ICPC, at least there was someone out there in the international arena who had Rosemary Nelson's case in his sights. Following his visit to Northern Ireland, Mr Cumaraswamy drafted a report on his visit setting out his findings and conclusions. I remember communicating to the Secretary of State that we needed to be seen to be doing the right thing and that prompt action needed to be taken following his report. I don't think anything was done though, certainly not to my knowledge.
19. As the investigation into Rosemary Nelson's complaints was drawing to a close, Ms McNally was making it clear to me that she was far from satisfied with Mr P146 conduct of the case. I did send out warning signals to the NIO, the Chief Constable and