

38. In an exchange of correspondence with Sir Ronnie Flanagan, he implied that my commentary signified that I was retreating from what I had acquiesced to in our agreed statement of March. I disagreed with this **RNI 229.011**.

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39. Chief Inspector was aggrieved at the light in which Ms McNally's and my reports had painted his conduct. He made representations to the Northern Ireland Office and they in response asked John Steele, the retired Head of Security to review the matter on their behalf. Mr Steele asked to meet with me and Ms McNally. I was happy to do so, but Ms McNally refused. The tone of John Steele's conversation with me was along the lines of "I suppose this shouldn't have happened". He asked if GERALYN McNally realised that her job was "to help the police"? I remember replying that I understood that our task was to promote good "policing" not the "police". He implied that GERALYN should not have "rocked the boat" and that the Chief Executive and I should have kept her under control. I think that anyone who actually meets GERALYN McNally would soon realise that, when it came to her doing what she believed to be right, she would not bend to any pressure.

Statement of Truth

I confirm that the contents of this witness statement are true.

Signed: P. A. Donnelly
Paul Donnelly

Dated: 2/04/07