

the Secretary of State that the outcome was unlikely to be good. I wrote to Ronnie Flanagan **RNI 101.276-278** to tell him about my concerns. I guess that I was really saying to those that needed to know 'this is about to happen, help me here or the outcome is not going to be good for the RUC'. The ICPC also warned the Secretary of State and this is noted in the meeting minutes **RNI 222.013-015** and **RNI 222.015.500-502**. I also wrote to Mo Mowlam personally **RNI 106.211-213** **RNI 226.034**). I did receive a written response from Mr Flanagan **RNI 226.034**). However, despite my warnings, I think all concerned actually believed that GERALYN would issue a Certificate of Satisfaction in due course.

20. GERALYN McNALLY's intention to refuse to issue a Certificate of satisfaction divided the ICPC. Some Members implied that the problem was with her: that she had not handled the case well and that the Chief Executive and I had not provided her with adequate supervision (even though there was no mechanism in the statute for us to do this). I think that the ICPC Members generally found the whole thing very difficult to digest. This was the first time in the ICPC's history that a Certificate of Satisfaction was going to be refused. There was little to no support for Ms McNALLY from her colleagues. The ICPC Members were simply not prepared for a conclusion of this nature. Despite an ongoing knowledge of the difficulties with the investigation and my warnings on the matter: I think no one actually believed that this would be the outcome.
21. I had a meeting with the Chief Constable at the ICPC offices to discuss how best to manage the emerging circumstances. Also in attendance at that meeting were the Chief Executive, the Deputy Chairman of ICPC and the acting Assistant Chief Constable for Complaints and Discipline. The way forward proposed by the Chief Constable was as follows. Since the case files had not yet been handed over to ICPC, the investigation had not been fully completed. What he was proposing was that the Metropolitan Police be invited to complete the investigation, but they would effectively re-investigate the complaints from beginning to end. This was accepted as a reasonable way forward and