

quality of personnel that were being put forward.

Interviewer Have you had a role in his choice to bring in outside investigators or an outside supervisor of the investigation into the murder of Rosemary Nelson

Donnelly No, we've had no role in that whatsoever. Our mandate is to provide direction and supervision of investigations relating to allegations about police misconduct. The current, very important case, and my view is that it should take precedence over all other considerations, is a very serious murder inquiry.

Interviewer Are you happy with what the Chief Constable has done ?

Donnelly I applaud his efforts to bring a clarity and transparency to this investigation and I think that his choice has been a very good one, yes.

Interviewer But, you know the concerns that there are still, that this should be an investigation that shouldn't be in the hands of the RUC. It should be done by others, totally independently.

Donnelly Well, I can only speak from a personal perspective on this and my view is that the people who are best placed to bring the culprits to justice are those who should be involved in the investigation.

Interviewer And were you satisfied with the Metropolitan Police investigation of the original allegations ?

Donnelly We were satisfied with the Metropolitan Police inquiries, yes.

Interviewer Generally, there's been an upward trend, you say, in complaints against the RUC, since 1995. Why do you think that is ?

Donnelly Well, we don't know. We are at present conducting a research project, looking at the reasons why people make complaints. Looking at the reasons why they withdraw complaints. Looking at the reasons why they cooperate and don't cooperate. So when that research output is