

31. Chief Inspector **P146** agreed to obtain the relevant statements from the CAJ and to serve a Form 17/ 3 on each of the police officers concerned. The Form 17/3 was not ideal in my view as it provided the officer with all of the information about the complaint in advance of their interview. One of the problems with this was that it encouraged officers to prepare statements in advance of the interview. I detail my concerns of this practice below.
32. Interviews with Mrs Nelson's clients, **[REDACTED]**, Julie Doran and Colin Duffy were all arranged for 15 October 1997 (**RNI 209.007** and **[REDACTED]** **RNI 222.040**).
33. Although I dealt with all of these complaints together, my role was to ensure that each case was investigated thoroughly and each complaint was judged on its own merits. Each part of the jigsaw had to be viewed separately. It was not for me to identify patterns across complaints or express an overall view. Nor was it for me to decide if the allegations made against the RUC had been substantiated or not. This was a decision taken by the DPP at the end of an investigation. My remit was simply to supervise the investigations to ensure that they were properly conducted.
34. Colin Duffy attended an interview with Chief Inspector **P146** on 15 October 1997. Jennifer Mitchell, who also attended, prepared a file note of the meeting which I would have checked and approved (**RNI 222.041**). I cannot recall if this was the first or second interview that I attended with Mr Duffy. I think that this interview took place in the evening in an interview room at Craigavon station next to the custody desk.
35. I have been referred to Jennifer Mitchell's reference to the interview being "*tedious*". I do recall that it did take a long time for Chief Inspector **P146** to get on to the substance of the complaint. Chief Inspector **P146** also omitted to deal with one of the main issues during the interview, namely the timing of Mr Duffy's arrest and his access to a solicitor. I therefore had to remind Chief Inspector **P146** to cover this at the end of the interview.