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**MATTER RAISED BY THE NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE:
MS ROSEMARY NELSON**

The Northern Ireland Office are in receipt of reports that members of the security forces in the Lurgan area have, allegedly, made threats about Colin Duffy's solicitor, Ms Rosemary Nelson.

It is alleged that at 10.30 pm on 7 October, members of an RIR unit at a checkpoint on the Portadown Road, Lurgan made abusive and threatening remarks about Ms Nelson while carrying out what appears to have been a very aggressive interview of a Miss Christine McAuley. It is believed that Ms Nelson reported the matter to the RUC Duty Officer at Lurgan and that complaints will be lodged with the ICPC.

The Northern Ireland Office have asked that the above incident be investigated and a full account provided. They have also highlighted ongoing concern at the alleged threats directed at Ms Nelson and would be grateful for reassurance that steps are being taken to deal with this matter, including offering some form of reassurance to Ms Nelson.