

very wide and I would not have had time to investigate a particular individual's circumstances, such as Rosemary Nelson's. My own knowledge, therefore, in relation to Rosemary Nelson's connections with the Republican movement would be solely that contained in Detective Sergeant **B123**'s report.

13. In paragraph 4 of Detective Sergeant **B123**'s report, he states that "in the absence of any threat ... [Rosemary Nelson] ... would be at a degree of risk whilst working and residing in this area". I have been asked what was normally done if a person was at a degree of risk in Lurgan at that time. This is an impossible question. Everyone was at some risk from something or another. An ordinary member of the public in Lurgan at the time would be at risk from a terrorist incident at any time. By saying that Mrs Nelson would have been at some risk, Detective Sergeant **B123** is only speculating or guessing. Anyone would have been able to make that assessment from the facts available.
14. Having received this report, I then responded to my Divisional Commander's memo on 11 March 1998. In paragraph 2 of this memo I state that "Police at Lurgan do not have details of any threat there may be against Rosemary Nelson". By this, I meant both general police and also Special Branch. If any information had been available, it would have been in Detective Sergeant **B123**'s report. RNI 101.204
15. In paragraph 3 of my memo I state that I had not seen any complaints made by Mrs Nelson in relation to RUC threats and state that "perhaps it is a reference to comments she made to the press". I have been asked to comment on this. I cannot recall what press articles I would have been referring to. However, there would commonly have been newspaper articles at the time which related to her. For example, there was a Sunday Times article published on 29 April 2007 which concerned her.
16. In the fourth paragraph of my memo, I state that I did not consider Detective Sergeant's **B123** report as sufficient "to base personal security and advice on". This was because we had no knowledge of the threat against Mrs Nelson. As such, it is impossible to provide advice on a threat which we had no knowledge of. If we had information that