

I attended a meeting on Sunday 28th March 1999 with The Chief Constable of The Royal Ulster Constabulary (R.U.C) and the Chairman of The Independent Commission for Police Complaints for Northern Ireland (ICPC) on issues of concern raised in the Appendix to the statement of the ICPC made under Article 9 paragraph (8) of the Police (Northern Ireland) Order 1987 dated 22nd March 1999 and which has now entered the public domain,

I have been asked by them to prepare for publication a full and accurate account of my report submitted to the Chief Constable of the R.U.C. in respect of the Review which I conducted of the original R.U.C. investigations into various allegations made against R.U.C officers by Rosemary Nelson, one of her clients and The 'Lawyers Alliance for Justice in Ireland'. This account follows hereunder. I have included all directly relevant issues which I believe are legally appropriate for publication. Names of those involved have been omitted.

On the 13th August 1998 I was appointed to conduct investigations, into a variety of complaints against police officers, by the Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary (R.U.C). My appointment was approved by the Independent Commission for Police Complaints for Northern Ireland (ICPC). That same day I received Terms of Reference Item number 7 of the Terms of Reference tasked me in the following terms:

'You will review the original R.U.C. investigations into matters, 1, 2 and 3 above. If at any stage you conclude that this aspect requires separate or independent investigation or should be investigated by another officer you will draw this to my immediate attention. Alternatively you will report with any recommendations you feel are appropriate in this regard.'

Items 1, 2 and 3 referred to:

1. The investigation of a complaint made by the 'Lawyers Alliance for Justice in Ireland' on behalf of Rosemary Nelson,
2. the investigation of complaints by Rosemary Nelson and a client, and
3. the investigation of a complaint made by Rosemary Nelson on behalf a client.

My investigations have now all been concluded to the satisfaction of the ICPC and, I understand, are with the Director of Public Prosecutions for consideration.

My Review was the only element of the Terms of Reference which was not, per se, to be supervised by the ICPC. However, the reality is that whilst investigating/further investigating the other allegations inevitably an element of