

Close Paul

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Subject: [Code A] Close Paul
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Nasrin,

I understand that you have discussed the above matter with R [Redacted]

As you know a number of letters have been sent on this matter to the AG all of which have been copied to OGDs, the Prime Minister and the Director. I believe that you have requested draft replies and background notes in relation to those letters sent to your office. In addition this office has received a number of letters directly - whilst we have acknowledged receipt of these letters, we have sent them to Casework Directorate for substantive reply in accordance with the Complaints procedure.

To ensure a consistency of approach and to prevent the AG becoming involved in matters which, given the current state of progress, need not trouble him as yet, I think all letters on this matters received in your office should be transferred to the CPS for substantive reply. We will acknowledge receipt and pass to Paul Close, the reviewing lawyer for reply. Involving the AG at this time will simply reduce the lines of appeal open to these complainants in the future.

For your information the police are still investigating most of the cases and as such we have not reached any decisions as to their future.

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