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From: martin smith [GRO]
Sent: 26 September 2013 11:22
To: 'Susan Crichton'
Subject: RE: Note of meeting with Sir Anthony Hooper

Susan,

Thank you for your e-mail. I have had a look at the Note of the Meeting with Sir Anthony Hooper and would comment as follows:-

In Para 4(c) it is noted that, "he suggested (quite firmly) that it might be more appropriate for cases that have been through the courts to be referred to the CCRC rather than go through the mediation scheme"

I do not get the feeling that he is suggesting that (all of) the criminal cases should be sent to the CCRC rather than going through the review process which we are presently conducting. I think his suggestion is very much in line with the concerns expressed by Brian Altman QC about the dangers of allowing convicted people into the mediation scheme. Brian's view was that convicted people should instead exhaust such rights of appeal that are open to them. There is of course the possibility thereafter that a case could be referred to the CCRC and Simon has previously advised in relation to that.

Brian expressed a concern that the slightest apology to a convicted person or the payment of compensation could indeed give rise to an appeal. He was concerned that Misra would use the mediation scheme to obtain some sort of concession to allow her to appeal.

I note from paragraph 4(e) Sir Anthony Hooper observed that "sorry was a good word". If he intends to use it in relation to any convicted person allowed into the mediation scheme, the possibility of a successful appeal may well be increased.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or if you wish to discuss matters further.

Kind regards,

Martin.

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Paula, Alasdair, Susan

Here's my note of yesterday's meeting with Sir Anthony, which also captures the next steps as discussed with Susan.

Let me know if you have any further comments.

Thanks,
Martin

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