

## Message

**From:** Melanie Corfield [GRO]  
**on behalf of** Melanie Corfield [GRO]  
**Sent:** 14/12/2014 11:10:19  
**To:** Jarnail Singh [GRO]; Patrick Bourke [GRO]; Belinda Crowe [GRO]; Tom Wechsler [GRO]; Mark Underwood [GRO]; Rodric Williams [GRO]; 'andrew.parsons' [GRO]  
**CC:** Mark R Davies [GRO]; Chris Aujard [GRO]; Jessica Madron [GRO]  
**Subject:** Re: Additional briefing for BIS - subject to LPP

Thanks Jarnail. I am working through these today and will reflect the advice.

Mel

Mel Corfield

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**From:** Jarnail Singh  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 14, 2014 11:01 AM  
**To:** Patrick Bourke; Belinda Crowe; Tom Wechsler; Mark Underwood; Melanie Corfield; Rodric Williams; Parsons, Andrew [GRO]  
**Cc:** Mark R Davies; Chris Aujard; Jessica Madron  
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My comments on Nick Wallis' one show email dated 12/12/14 to MC by numbered paragraphs as relevant to criminal law are as follows;

3. Here there are more options for the SPM;

- . SPM removes surplus cash.
- . Any short fall can be settled in cash, cheque or settle it centrally with financial services in chesterfield.
- . SPM can use the helpline to express concerns if anything has gone wrong so that FSC can investigate these.

4. POL cannot comment on individual cases. We don't know which case this is. Maybe it is someone who said one thing in interview under caution, which entailed admission of offence of dishonesty, but later chooses to misrepresent the facts purposely. Without knowing who it is and what she says we cannot respond further. May be it is somebody, who we prosecuted recently i.e. file still exists and if the BBC provides the information, we may then be able to verify this or otherwise.

Green investigation file will show what was lifted – audit report what was said to the auditor and what was said in interview under caution. So BBC needs to name names and give details, otherwise POL is deprived of investigating that point.

If she was legally represented then she chose to plead guilty with benefit of legal advice. This means complete admission of a particular offence, unless qualified by basis of plea. POL needs name of the offender to establish whether she admitted to the offence or basis of her admission.

5. Not correct.

- . When the Interview is with a contract manager SPM to have a friend present.

. Interview under caution is always carried out in accordance with code of practice of PACE 1984, Which means interviews are recorded on tape and suspect given the opportunity to seek legal advice. On numerous occasions POL has allowed suspects to defer interview, in order to give them opportunity to have their legal representative present.

Investigation officers at the outset of interview under caution will go through a form with the suspect to remind him or her to have a legal representation present in interview. The suspect is then required to sign a form as confirmation of the position.

6. POL has duty to investigate and it takes serious view of theft and other dishonest acts committed by employees, SPM or their staff. Especially where vulnerable people are targeted and exploited. POL has prosecuted in accordance with legislation and POL complies with current legislation. POL has investigated and prosecuted as other organisations have done so under the same legislation. For example Local authority may investigate child truancy and prosecute parents for child's nonattendance. Environment agency may investigate failure to have licence and prosecute. Royal mail may investigate theft from course of post i.e. gifts and greeting cards etc. and prosecute.

This was the view before birth of CPS. Before CPS, Police used to prosecute their own cases, numerous people said this is unsatisfactory. However, present government's position/proposal are to move back to police investigating and conducting their own prosecutions for some offences (i.e. presently low level traffic offences are prosecuted by ex-police officers)

Need to request files in relation to these cases.

A qualified lawyer would have considered the evidence and only if there was sufficient evidence, he/she then would have considered if prosecution was required in the public interest.

8. Prosecution decisions are taken on case by case basis, considering the available evidence and public interest test as required by the prosecutors test.

POL- asked to seek and get expert report, but for reasons unknown have delayed the process.

9. Mediation – Convicted applicants to the scheme may have implications for POL, which may include appeals to court of appeal against conviction or sentence (floodgate).

Hope the above help. If you need any clarification, let me know.

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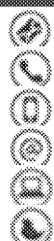
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**From:** Jarnail Singh  
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**Cc:** Mark R Davies; Chris Aujard  
**Subject:** RE: Additional briefing for BIS - subject to LPP

Morning All  
I working on this and will let you have my comments/view from criminal perspective ASAP this am.  
Thanks.  
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**From:** Patrick Bourke  
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Yes, will be done.

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**From:** Belinda Crowe  
**Sent:** 14 December 2014 08:00  
**To:** Patrick Bourke; Tom Wechsler; Mark Underwood; Melanie Corfield; Rodric Williams; Parsons, Andrew  
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With thanks to Tom,  
This could also be sent to BIS – I have tracked some changes. The reference to criminal cases and miscarriages of justice would also need to be checked with Jarnail/CK. It is consistent with Paula's letters to JA, both of which BIS have.  
It is a good robust approach.  
Best wishes  
Belinda

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