

PUBLIC STATEMENT SUNDAY 29 JANUARY 1964 NIPGA COMMITTEE

The NIPGA committee met today at Maze Prison to continue with their evaluation of the Hennessy Report. As was indicated in our statement last Friday we have begun our review with an examination of the political constraints on Governors in their day to day management of prisons. Our starting point was the link between the Minister's policy on the restoration of remission to Republican prisoners who had come off the "no work" protest and the pressure brought to bear on the Governor of Maze Prison to find work for them. Amongst the first of the prisoners affected by this was Brendan McFarlane.

Soundings taken from the Governor and others who were charged with implementing this policy have deepened rather than alleviated the Association's concern. Public statements will be issued where appropriate as the analysis of the report continues.

cc Mr Jackson
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