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Subject: North Belfast - letter from Jane Kennedy

+ CCTV file

Further to my note of yesterday evening I attach some further information.

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North Belfast note to Ministers 16.01.

FROM: Mary Bunting
16 January 2002

TO: Wesley Shannon
Bill Smith

cc PS/First Minister
PS/Mr Loughran
Will Haire
Derek Wheeler
OFMDFM Advisors

North Belfast

CCTV

1. Further to my note of yesterday evening, I have spoken again to the NIO concerning consultation on CCTV in North Belfast.
2. I have been advised that consultation on community policing needs was undertaken with both communities. This consultation was not precisely about any specific measure but related to the broad policing needs of the community.
3. It has been confirmed that on the Nationalist side, letters and an offer of a follow up meeting were issued to Alban Maginness MLA, Father Troy and Gerry Kelly MLA amongst others. Meetings and constructive discussion took place with Alban Maginness MLA and Father Troy. Gerry Kelly MLA did not respond to the letter. I have been advised that the police called to see Gerry Kelly and he confirmed he had got the letter. He refused to have any discussion and said that he would talk to the Secretary of State and not the police concerning policing matters. There has been no specific meeting between Gerry Kelly MLA and the Secretary of State to discuss policing needs. At a meeting last week with Minister Jane Kennedy, the Minister advised Gerry Kelly MLA of her intention to introduce a temporary CCTV camera at the Everton Complex and he offered no opinion.

4. I have asked the NIO to provide me with a plan marking the proposed locations referred to in Minister Kennedy's letter of 15 January and further details of how the consultation exercise was conducted with both communities. I have asked for this information to be provided urgently today.

Alliance Avenue/Glenbryn security fence

- 5 The NIO has advised that the fence is entirely complete about $\frac{1}{2}$ way from the lower end, holes for the foundations have been dug the entire length of the planned fence and foundations have been laid around $\frac{3}{4}$ way towards the upper end. It is anticipated that the foundations will be laid fully by early next week and the cladding inserted soon after. At this time the expected timescale for completion of the work on the security fence is the end of the month. I have asked Derek Wheeler to relay this information to the Ardoyne community interests who we met yesterday.

Statements by loyalist paramilitary groups

- 6 Ministers will also be aware from media reports of statements by the UFF and Red Hand Defenders (I understand that EIS will obtain copies of these for Ministers). I have asked the NIO to provide me with a security assessment of these statements for the information of Ministers.

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