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OFFICE OF THE FIRST MINISTER AND DEPUTY FIRST MINISTER

URGENT - CORRESPONDENCE

Reference: COR/529/2002

Raised By: Jane Kennedy MP

Subject: COR 529/02 - LETTER TO FM & DFM ABOUT CCTV FOR EAST BELFAST

Referred To: MARY BUNTING

Date Referred: 12/09/2002

ACTION REQUIRED

Please provide advice and a draft reply for signature by the First Minister and Deputy First Minister.

To be with Private Office not later than 19/09/2002 before Close of Play

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12 September 2002

Dear Mr Trimble

Thank you for your letter of 28 August 2002 regarding CCTV for East Belfast.

The terrible and almost nightly violence in East Belfast over recent weeks and months has been of great concern to all of us. I am acutely aware of the devastation that has been visited on this area as a result of this unacceptable situation and I know that we have all been working tirelessly to bring normality back to the area.

As part of a series of security works which we have undertaken in the area, I am currently considering the provision of CCTV for East Belfast. As you are aware, CCTV has provided a great deal of benefit in north Belfast. I have no doubt that it can also have a positive impact on the situation in the East. As we have seen, CCTV can provide the ability to deploy resources intelligently, record evidential quality footage of incidents and provide an overview of public order disturbances. Police have found this to be most useful in the safe and efficient policing of these volatile and unpredictable situations.

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I am writing, as I did last April, to seek your co-operation with the installation of CCTV in East Belfast. As with the installation of the camera at Ardoyne/Alliance and with the wider matrix, your co-operation, and that of Peter Robinson as Minister for the Department of Rural Development, will be crucial for its speedy and effective delivery. You will appreciate that I should like to move with some speed on this issue and I would hope, in the circumstances, you will be able to offer assistance in this latest initiative.

I have written to the Deputy First Minister and Peter Robinson MP in similar terms.

Yours
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JANE KENNEDY MP
Minister of State for Northern Ireland

(Agreed by the Minister and signed
in her absence)

