

Laing SG (Shirley)

From: Ritchie MD (Martin)
Sent: 21 June 2004 09:54
To: Byrñe G (Gerald); Minister for Justice; Minister for Education and Young People
Cc: Deputy First Minister & Minister for Enterprise; Minister for Health and Community Care; Minister for Finance and Public Services; Deputy Minister for Justice; Deputy Minister for Education and Young People; Deputy Minister for Health and Community Care; Deputy Minister for Finance, Public Services and Parly Business; Lord Advocate; PS/Perm Sec; PS/ED; PS/HD Health; Press Education; Press First Minister; Colwell A (Adrian); Ghibaldan S (Sam); Freeman J (Jeane); MacLean CR (Colin); Laing SG (Shirley); First Minister
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Gerald,

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The First Minister has seen Colin MacLean's minutes of 8 and 16 June and Marion MacKay's media handling plan of 18 June.

He has said that to go public on the rejection of an inquiry without proactive media work – especially with the Sunday Mail – is unwise. He has also said that we must be able to say something about support for survivors and that a delay in that will not be helpful.

I note that the short life working group is looking to report to Ministers shortly. Perhaps its conclusions can be brought forward quickly or are there conclusions which can be divulged before the report is finalised?

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From: Byrñe G (Gerald)
Sent: 17 June 2004 16:12
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The attached submission and draft letters have been revised in the light of comments from Ms Jamieson and Mr Peacock.

The Petitions Committee are planning to consider this issue before the end of June, and have asked for a response by 22 June. **It would therefore be extremely helpful to have final clearance from**