PPS STATEMENT FOLLOWING PUBLICATION OF SAVILLE REPORT

“The decision whether any individual will face prosecution arising out of the Saville Report is solely for the Public Prosecution Service acting independently in accordance with the Test for Prosecution.

“The Director of Public Prosecutions, together with the Chief Constable, will consider the Report to determine the nature and extent of any police enquiries and investigations which may be required to enable informed decisions as to prosecution to be taken. The undertaking given by the Attorney General in 1999 to witnesses who provided evidence to the Inquiry will also require to be considered.

“It is not practical, at this stage, to say when such decisions will be taken other than to indicate that the matter will be considered as expeditiously as possible.”

Notes to Editors

On 29 February 1999 the Attorney General, the Rt Hon John Morris QC MP (now Lord Morris) responded to a request from the Saville Inquiry that he should give an undertaking to witnesses making evidence available to the Inquiry as to the status of that evidence in the following terms:-

“An undertaking in respect of any person who provides evidence to the Inquiry, that no evidence he or she may give before the Inquiry relating to the events of Sunday 30 January 1972, whether orally or by written statement, nor any written statement made preparatory to giving evidence, nor any document produced by that person to the Inquiry, will be used to the prejudice of that person in any criminal proceedings (or for that purpose of investigating or deciding whether to bring such proceedings) except proceedings where he or she is charged with having given false evidence in the course of this Inquiry or with having conspired with, aided, abetted, counsel procured, suborned or incited any other person to do so.”

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