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Dear Secretaries of State,

The Macur Review

You asked me to consider whether particular redactions should be made to Lady Justice Macur's report before publication. Lady Justice Macur set out a clear expectation in her report that redactions would need to be considered in respect of various categories of material. You asked me to assist in this matter as the Director General at the Cabinet Office responsible for Government Propriety and Ethics and therefore in a position to give a wholly independent view from that of the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) / Welsh Office.

The following categories have been drawn to the attention of the MoJ by Lady Justice Macur and have been considered in terms of the appropriateness of either disclosure or redaction:

1. The names of individuals subject to ongoing prosecutions or police investigations and any material which may be prejudicial to those investigations or proceedings
2. The names of contributors to the Review
3. The names of complainants and contributors to the Tribunal of Inquiry identified in the material made available to the Review

4. The names of police informants and other informants
5. Material relating to CPS prosecution decisions
6. Names of individuals subject to rumours and speculation but against whom there is no, or no reliable, evidence,

I asked the Director of Public Prosecutions to take responsibility for category 1, that is, redactions to avoid compromise to ongoing investigations and prosecutions. The Director has now provided a schedule of redactions together with an explanation of the approach that she has taken.

In relation to numbered paragraphs 2 – 5 above, MoJ officials have made recommendations to me based on legal advice provided by the Government Legal Department. In that regard, I have been provided with a list of proposed redactions together with an explanation of the approach taken.

Having considered the advice in relation to the proposed redactions, I am satisfied that these are appropriate and therefore accept the recommendations made by MoJ officials. Consequently, I would advise incorporating the redactions before the report is published.

In response to your separate request to him, the Treasury Solicitor has considered redactions under category 6, that is, names of individuals subject to rumours and speculation but against whom there is no, or no reliable, evidence, and you have accepted his advice.

Yours sincerely



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