

Telephone conversation with Denizil McDaniel  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 10.15

Spoke with Denizil this morning. Stated that I had promised to speak with officials / Minister's office again about date, time and possibility of a place to have interview.

Offered him 3 dates:

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May 3.10.30 down the line from London

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June around 3.0pm down the line from Belfast.

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June around mid afternoon (place to place).

He said that he would probably go for the place to place and I confirmed that it would be in Belfast (Minister's office). He ~~was to~~ confirm later this afternoon, however I agreed to provisionally book the Minister's diary @ this stage.

I then reminded him that he had agreed to think over night about whether he was going to run the story this week. He accepted that he had now got his story but felt he only got it because he complained to Don McAlister.

I reminded him that I had only spoken out to Don and that following the phone call I had looked @ the issue. I accept his was annoyed but I did stress the Minister would have personally answered

~~His~~ his questions but he never put them to her. The problem was the Minister very busy during, however she was always prepared to deal with his questions. I suggested we put the last six weeks behind us and move forward positively & that the Minister would be as open & frank as she could be.

I did say that the Minister would be unable to deal with specific issues which were subject of the Crawford's & current legal case against the Trust.

He said that he had in his possession a copy of legal ~~advice~~ advice which stated that the Trust didn't have liability (not sure of exactly what he meant & didn't push)

We agreed to speak later in the afternoon to confirm a time on 25<sup>th</sup> June & he would advise whether story would run.

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