

Baxter, Clare

From: Gowdy, Clive
Sent: 13 May 2004 16:33
To: Mulhern, Kevin
Cc: Shannon, Colm
Subject: RE: UTV Line on Lucy Crawford

Kevin,

Yes, happy with that.

-----Original Message-----

From: Mulhern, Kevin
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Secretary

Below is the suggested line to give to UTV tomorrow about the Ministerial interview bid on the Lucy Crawford case.

First Line to Take

The Minister is not available for interview at this time due to her very heavy diary commitments. She has asked me to say to you that she does wish to be as helpful to you as she can. If you put the issues that you have to her she will respond personally to you in writing setting out her views on these issues.

If they push for more we can then issue our second line (see below).

Happy for your comments.

Kevin

Second Line to Take

The Minister has many demands on her time at present and unfortunately cannot spare the time to conduct an interview with you in the foreseeable future. However, to be as helpful as possible to you, she is very willing to deal frankly with the issues surrounding this case which you wish to raise with her and she is prepared to write personally to you in response to any of the issues that you say remain. I do not believe that this is unreasonable and it will facilitate you with your story.