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Emailed to: [Marion.Johnson@niassembly.gov.uk](mailto:Marion.Johnson@niassembly.gov.uk)

Dear Stella

**RE: Withdrawal of DAERA and Local Authority staff from Ports**

As agreed during the evidence session on 15 April 2021 to the DAERA Committee, I can confirm the following in relation to the telephone threat made to port staff which was received by the Sunday World:

On 28 January 2021 Police received notification from a journalist from the Sunday World reporting that he had received a threat from an anonymous caller against EU Staff and personnel staffing Border Posts, stating that they were now legitimate targets and to desist from their actions, no grouping was mentioned. This was shared with DAERA officials on 29 January 2021 and was subsequently subject to reporting in the Sunday World on 31 January 2021. An investigation was duly commenced and the circumstances contributed to our continual assessment of threat which remains that there is nothing to substantiate or corroborate the claims being made that paramilitary organisations are either involved with, or behind, such threats/intimidation.

I trust this addresses the Committee's request.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Singleton'.

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