

- 15.53 I am entirely satisfied that, although he was not the focus of the initiatives, Patrick Finucane came to be included within their scope. In my view, his inclusion in this manner breached the obligations that should have been upheld by the State to ensure that lawyers could operate free from intimidation and not be identified with the causes of their clients.
- 15.54 I am satisfied that the dissemination of this propaganda could have served to further legitimise Patrick Finucane as a target for loyalist paramilitaries. Whilst the aim of these initiatives was to 'unnerve' people such as Mr Finucane (rather than to incite loyalists to attack them), the fact that the propaganda could have such an effect was, in my view, a consequence that should have been foreseeable to the Security Service at the time.