

or the requirements of justice.”¹¹⁶

24.183 I have examined documents held by the Attorney General’s Office which outline the Attorney General’s discussions with the DPP(NI) and prosecuting Counsel on this issue. A note of that meeting records that the DPP(NI) emphasised that his approach had been to avoid any suggestion of plea bargaining on his part. He was, however, bound to consider any approach from the defence, and such an approach had been made.¹¹⁷