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PRISONS: MAZE ESCAPE

Mr Lakes, a senior member of the Hennessey Inquiry team, informed the Governor of the Maze on Saturday that the team were now aware that a member of the Probation Service working in the Maze

() had been an active member of the PIRA.

has worked in the Maze as part of the Probation Service team there since early 1983. Mr Lakes also stated that earlier involvement with the PIRA was known to senior officers of the Probation Service but that this information had not been passed on to the Governor nor to anyone else with responsibility for prisons.

had been on sick leave for some time but was working in the prison during the week prior to the escape. At present he is again on sick leave.

The Inquiry team will be following up this matter as part of their continuing investigations and the police have also been informed.

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