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Dear Mr McCartney,

Thank you for your letter of 24th February concerning your department's decision not to prosecute Personnel Selection for their role in the events leading to the death of Simon Jones.

I note your statements that your department "does not hesitate to start proceedings whenever it is appropriate to do so" and that legal action has been taken 36 times since April 1997. As you are aware, we are asking Personnel Selection to be prosecuted under the regulations relating to employment agencies' responsibilities concerning the health and safety of their employees, specifically regulations 9(5), 9(6)(a) and 9(7). Please could you let me know how many prosecutions of employment agencies have been made under these regulations since April 1997 - my understanding is there have been none.

Our campaign simply cannot understand your failure to let a court decide - on the evidence available - whether Personnel Selection broke the law, given the overwhelming evidence that they did, other than as part of a cover-up of the dodgy world of low-wage employment agencies. It is a simple fact that Simon was not given written terms and conditions by Personnel Selection detailing what work he was to do on the day he died, in clear breach of the law. If they had done, Simon may very well still be alive. I again ask you to reconsider your decision on this matter,

I note you are looking at revising the current regulations. I would like to know what the point of revising regulations is if they are never enforced?

I look forward to hearing from you,

yours,

Simon Jones Memorial Campaign