

Dear Sophie

Thankyou for the fax of today attaching the Custodial Guidelines. I have read them and they do appear to set out an appropriate and detailed set of standards that could apply to the increased period of detention proposed by the Anti-Terrorism Bill 2004.

However, I am not an expert on such Guidelines, and indeed these are the first of their type that I have read. I also believe that such Guidelines should be incorporated into the legislation, such as through the making of protocols or the like, so that they form part of the legal regime itself. It is not sufficient that they suggest a code of conduct that might be followed.

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