

Rt Hon Stephen Byers MP  
Secretary of State for Trade and Industry  
Department of Trade and Industry  
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Dear Mr Byers,

**Failure to prosecute employment agency for a clear breach of the law**

I am writing to you concerning the failure of the Department of Trade and Industry to prosecute the employment agency Personnel Selection in relation to the death of Simon Jones on 24th April 1998. Personnel Selection clearly broke the law that day by failing to give Simon written terms and conditions of employment outlining the nature of the work he would be doing and ensuring that the place he would be sent to work was safe - legal obligations employment agencies have under the Employment Agencies Act 1973. Despite previous pleas from Simon's family and friends your department has failed to prosecute Personnel Selection for these failures.

You may have heard of the recent judicial review into the Crown Prosecution Service's failure to prosecute over Simon's death. The judges conducting this review described the CPS's refusal to prosecute Euromin, the company owning the dock where Simon was killed, or its manager James Martell over Simon's death as "irrational" and instructed the CPS to urgently reconsider its failure to prosecute. In the light of this decision I would ask you to reconsider your department's failure to prosecute Personnel Selection over this matter.

I look forward to hearing from you,

yours,

Simon Jones Memorial Campaign