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Why are we using the term "whistleblower" when she was not?

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The First Minister had asked for a copy of the whistleblower correspondence some weeks ago. Whilst other correspondence around the whistleblower was identified, it was only after a broadcast interview by the whistleblower that officials were able to source the original email.

Minister Hamilton and the First Minister previously discussed this whistleblower email in error as there was a misunderstanding as to its content. This is another example of why the PAC and other investigations should be allowed to do their work rather than becoming engaged in a trial by media where facts are rushed to air rather than being properly tested.

Department for the Economy officials contacted the whistleblower yesterday (14-12-16) and gained her permission to publish the original email to Mrs Foster provided her name and company name were redacted. The Department for Economy Permanent Secretary has sought to further clarify this matter with the whistleblower today but has been unable to get in touch with her.

John Robinson

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