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Matters of discipline and process under the rules of the party are a matter for the Officers.

We need to speak to AF re line on why he was feared etc

On the witness point I think, subject to the views of others, we keep our powder dry on that for now. Save to say she was accurate in what she said

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Hi Clive,

Hope you're well.

There was a fairly detailed account from Arlene Foster in the BBC show last night attacking Jonathan Bell's character - particularly attacking his 'bullying', 'intimidating' ways.

The question which will arise for many is - if that is so, why was he able to rise through the ranks of the party and of government, and why did the DUP not act to curb his behavior?

Secondly, I wonder, could you tell me as well who the witness was to the confrontation between her and Mr Bell? Or even whether it was a civil servant, party aide, or whomever?

I should also ask this to, finally - since the First Minister has said that any discipline is a matter for party officers, what now is the protocol? Who and when will decide on Mr Bell's fate as a DUP member?

Needless to say, I'm writing this for tomorrow.

Regards,

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