ROYAL COMMISSION INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF POLICE INFORMANTS

Held in Melbourne, Victoria

On Thursday, 9 May 2019

Led by Commissioner: The Honourable Margaret McMurdo AC

Also Present

Counsel Assisting: Mr C. Winneke QC

Mr A. Woods Ms M. Tittensor Ms P. Neskovcin QC

Counsel for Victoria Police Mr S. Holt QC

Ms R. Enbom

Ms K. Argiropoulos

Counsel for State of Victoria Ms E. Hilliard

Counsel for Nicola Gobbo Mr P. Collinson QC

Mr R. Nathwani

Counsel for DPP/SPP Ms K. O'Gorman

Counsel for Handlers Mr G. Chettle

Ms L. Thies

Counsel for Andrew Hodson

and Mandy Leonard

Dr K. Hanscombe QC

Ms K. Bowshell

COMMISSIONER: Yes. 1 10:23:13

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3 MS NESKOVCIN: Commissioner, I understand the application 10:23:16 10:23:18 4 on behalf of VicPol is proceeding this morning. 5 necessary to close the hearing room. 10:23:22

> COMMISSIONER: Right. So we're dealing with that one I thought there was some suggestion we were going to deal with another matter first involving Mr Chettle.

MR CHETTLE: I'm here, Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER: Look, I thought that that was sorted out between counsel. I didn't know - sorry, there's just some confusion I think as to which we proceed with first.

No, that's fine. I think there are some new MR WINNEKE: faces at the Bar table so perhaps we ought to take appearances.

COMMISSIONER: It might depend on which matter we are dealing with I think because I don't think Mr Chettle is going to be involved in the matters that Ms Neskovcin's involved in.

MR WINNEKE: No, no, he may not be. I'm just wondering, Commissioner, the best way of dealing with a number of different matters. As I understand it there's matters that Mr Chettle wishes to raise concerning access to documents. There's the issue that Ms Neskovcin has to deal with and I think that's an argument that the police have with respect to anonymisation of operations. We have a witness coming shortly but perhaps that can be dealt with in due course but I'm content to deal with it in any order that the Commissioner wishes. It may well - -

COMMISSIONER: As I said I'd rather hoped it had been sorted out but anyway.

MR WINNEKE: It may well be the appropriate - if we can do Perhaps if we can deal with Mr Chettle's it this way. matter first and then he can excuse himself because I don't think he has any involvement in the further matters.

COMMISSIONER: All right. That matter can be dealt with in open court I think, is that correct?

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MR WINNEKE: As far as I'm concerned it can be, 1 10:25:13 10:25:16 2 Commissioner. 3 10:25:16 COMMISSIONER: 10:25:16 4 Yes. 5 10:25:17 6 MR WINNEKE: It concerns the ability of Mr Chettle to 10:25:17 10:25:23 7 assist the Commission, when I say Mr Chettle, his clients 10:25:27 8 to assist the Royal Commission with respect to a 9 significant component of this inquiry which relates to 10:25:31 10:25:37 10 evidence concerning matters around the SDU involvement and the registration of Ms Gobbo in September of 2005 through 10:25:41 11 10:25:46 12 to 2009. 10:25:48 13 I'm just wondering if Ms Neskovcin's matters 10:25:48 14 COMMISSIONER: might be dealt with more quickly because they don't involve 10:25:51 **15** 10:25:54 **16** the taking of evidence. What do you think? 10:26:00 17 MR WINNEKE: Maybe you can hear about that and see how long 10:26:01 18 10:26:05 19 that will take, Commissioner. 10:26:08 20 COMMISSIONER: Yes. 10:26:08 21 10:26:09 22 10:26:09 23 MR COLLINSON: Commissioner, I'm content with everything in 10:26:12 24 terms of order. I wanted to just raise this: I think I'll 10:26:15 25 have some things to say arising from Mr Chettle's application, it will be similar in nature, in the area of 10:26:19 **26** 10:26:25 27 access to documents. 28 29 COMMISSIONER: I expected that. 30 10:26:26 31 MR COLLINSON: I did think that at one point I might be referring to something that would better be said not in 10:26:29 32 10:26:32 33 open court and I simply wanted to leave that with the 10:26:35 34 Commissioner to consider. 10:26:36 35 COMMISSIONER: I would prefer, as you know is my 10:26:36 **36** Right. 10:26:38 37 practice to have as much in open court as we can, perhaps if we get to that point then you can inform me and the 10:26:41 38 10:26:44 39 court can be closed. 10:26:45 40 10:26:46 41 MR COLLINSON: I can find a way to convey it perhaps 10:26:49 42 without having to - - -10:26:49 43 COMMISSIONER: 10:26:49 44 In a more generic way. 45 MR COLLINSON: Yes. 46 47

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representation is - I don't know, is this -yes.

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	4	Andrew Hodson and Mandy Leonard.
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	6	COMMISSIONER: Yes.
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10:28:30	8	DR HANSCOMBE: We have not formally been granted leave and
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10:28:35	11	COMMISSIONER: Right. I thought I had granted leave but
		maybe it wasn't - okay, you have leave to appear in matters
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10:28:46		DR HANSCOMBE: Yes.
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10:28:47	_	COMMISSIONER: Is this one of them?
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		DR HANSCOMBE: There will be
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10:28:51	_	COMMISSIONER: I know the next matter is.
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10:28:54		DR HANSCOMBE: As I understand it there will be a witness
10:28:55		later this morning.
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10:28:56		COMMISSIONER: Yes. And also the application about
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10:29:03		DR HANSCOMBE: Yes.
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10:29:03		COMMISSIONER: This is an application by Mr Chettle in
10:29:05		which I understand Mr Collinson is joining.
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10:29:07	34	DR HANSCOMBE: We have no interest in that, Commissioner.
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10:29:09	36	COMMISSIONER: No, no. But as it is for the moment an open
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10:29:21	41	DR HANSCOMBE: If the Commissioner pleases.
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10:29:23		COMMISSIONER: And leave to cross-examine relevant
10:29:25	44	witnesses to your clients. All right. We'll start in open
10:29:42	45	hearing with Mr Chettle's application.
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	47	MD CHETTLE. There was Commissioner As yould be suggested

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MR CHETTLE: Thank you, Commissioner. As you'd be aware,

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Commissioner, on 6 May you provided all six of my clients with a Notice to Produce a statement. It is without doubt, and as you'd be aware, a comprehensive and exhausting Simply put, the reason I'm here is to indicate to you, as I have to Mr Winneke prior to today, that we will simply not be able to comply with your notice. impossible to produce the material the Commission want in the time available with the resources that we have been Now, I don't want to sound as if I'm having provided with. a go at the police but the reality is we have been seeking hard copy material since February. They've done what they can, they say, in providing to two of my clients at the moment, the two serving members who are Messrs - I'll refer to them by their pseudonyms, Curry and Bourne have been granted, effectively taken off line and put full-time on this job. They're working originally at Spencer Street, now they're at the Academy. They have been provided with the Loricated database. They have been provided now with hard copies of all of the client's diaries but on a sign in, sign out basis. They're in a safe room at the Academy, they have to be signed in and they have to be signed out and they cannot be photocopied. There are, as the Commission is probably aware, an ongoing series of transcripts in relation to the conversations with Ms Gobbo which are being provided as they get done. We've been listening to tapes, and the Commission would be aware, I'm told there's 180 hours. This is what I'm concerned about, publicity, because of - last time I mentioned tapes it There's 180 hours of tape recorded upset Mr Holt. material. There is more than that in un-tape recorded material, that is conversations that occurred on the telephone that were the subject of both diary entries and then subsequently informer contact reports. To prepare a statement that - - -

COMMISSIONER: A fully comprehensive statement.

MR CHETTLE: To help you.

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COMMISSIONER: Obviously you could prepare a statement of some sort by the time given but to make it a comprehensive statement you'd need - you say these people are full-time police officers and they have access.

MR CHETTLE: They have access to an electronic database in Loricated and they have access to the hard copies but they cannot be copied.

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MR CHETTLE: I have been told as recently as this week that we, the lawyers, can in fact now go to a police station and access the database. We've been given access at Corrs. The trouble with Corrs' database is that it's running on a dongle and it's incredibly slow as far as getting It's a very inefficient way to look at the total number of documents. Can I give the Commissioner some indication of the task. If this morning

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COMMISSIONER: First of all in terms of Curry and Bourne, they're full-time police officers.

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> MR CHETTLE: Yes.

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COMMISSIONER: And they have this access given which is better than the other handlers who have to give evidence. Are they actually working full-time on this task at the moment?

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MR CHETTLE: Yes, absolutely.

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COMMISSIONER: Are they managing it?

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MR CHETTLE: No. They've asked for, and this is the other critical half, it's clear that without Mr Jones, who is the first name on the list, probably the most central of all of the handlers, he's no longer a serving police officer. He's the man who you heard quite significant evidence from Mr Paterson, you might recall, about - well in terms of the sort of security, character, who he is and what he is. he was the prime handler and prime controller and we need without him we just can't do the task so we have been seeking for some time for the police to effectively contract the non-serving police officers back on to the job so that we can do it, and they are Jones primarily.

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MR CHETTLE: Jones.

I just did it again.

COMMISSIONER: Yes, Jones. Tell me, what access does former Detective Senior Sergeant Jones have?

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MR CHETTLE: None.

COMMISSIONER: No access at all?

MR CHETTLE: None. He was told he could go into a police station and view his diaries. He made an inquiry, was told that they would get back to him and six weeks later they Now I understand that there That's what he says. might be movement at the station to get him on board, but I haven't been told officially yet and certainly he hasn't.

Now the others, if we could go through them COMMISSIONER: one by one.

Brennan is also required because he is, you MR CHETTLE: will find Commissioner, he's the second name on the list.

COMMISSIONER: Yes.

He is one of the chief handlers. MR CHETTLE: He spends a lot of time with Ms Gobbo and it is proposed that Klein - -

COMMISSIONER: He is no longer a police officer.

MR CHETTLE: He's no longer a police officer. Anderson is deceased, although his diary is apparently available. I say about diaries too, they take two forms. There's electronic diaries and handwritten diaries. Midway through this, somewhere in about 2007, midway through the term with SDU the police changed, the unit changed from handwritten diaries to electronic diaries. They have got the electronic diaries in the safe, or copies of the electronic diaries, but they do not have the handwritten diaries I'm told. So Mr Klein - - -

COMMISSIONER: Brennan has no access at all.

MR CHETTLE: No, Brennan hasn't.

COMMISSIONER: Detective Sergeant Anderson is deceased but you still expect to have access to material relating to him.

MR CHETTLE: Yes. The stuff that's tape recorded isn't the

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10:36:33	5	COMMISSIONER: Detective Sergeant Klein?
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10:36:35	7	MR CHETTLE: He is a serving police officer. We understand
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10:36:55		COMMISSIONER: Okay.
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10:36:58	15	MR CHETTLE: The only other one is Stanton.
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	17	COMMISSIONER: Stanton, yes.
		COMMISSIONER. Stanton, yes.
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10:37:00	19	MR CHETTLE: He is around, he has no access. He is ready
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		COMMISSIONED. No access has be attempted to have access?
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10:37:08	24	MR CHETTLE: In the sense, yes
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10:37:11		COMMISSIONER: He is allowed to go to a police station to
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10:37:14	29	MR CHETTLE: Yes, as I understand it he would be.
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10:37:20	35	COMMISSIONER: Why is that?
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10:37:21		MR CHETTLE: I don't know the answer specifically to that
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		MD HOLT. Commissioners I would be sale block one as duct.
10:37:34		MR HOLT: Commissioner, I need to ask that we go into a
10:37:35	44	closed hearing. These mistakes, and they're inadvertent
10:37:39	45	mistakes, but they're mistakes which happen all the time at
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and the subject human sources. It's the same problem all With the best will in the world these are the difficulties that arise, Commissioner. I ask that we deal with matters in closed hearing.

COMMISSIONER: No, I'm not prepared to close the proceedings at this time. The name is struck from the I would ask, Mr Chettle, for you to be more Maybe if you just slow down you might be able to be more careful.

MR CHETTLE: I'm acutely aware, I've done it three times I know.

COMMISSIONER: Yes, all right.

MR CHETTLE: Can I indicate the position, the reason there hasn't been from the non-serving - the people who are no longer police officers have been advised that they should, the task is enormous, they should wait until they're contracted to do it and there's no obligation for them to do it in their private times. It's going to take an enormous amount of time.

Sorry, I'm not following you. First of all COMMISSIONER: let's deal with the police officers who are full-time or are about to be full-time on it. They have access but they have to be on site to have access and they're being paid full-time to access their - - -

MR CHETTLE: They're police officers, yes.

COMMISSIONER: - - - their material and to prepare the statement for the Commission.

MR CHETTLE: Yes.

Mr Winneke, when are they to give evidence, COMMISSIONER: some time in June, isn't it?

MR WINNEKE: In June. The Commissioner requested the statements be provided by 22 May and from what we're hearing that's extraordinary unlikely, and it's extraordinarily disappointing because we've got a very tight schedule.

COMMISSIONER: We do have a very tight schedule.

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COMMISSIONER: All right. I just needed that date for the The full-time police officers who are now working full-time on this material to prepare their statements, are they going to be able to have the statements ready for the Commission by 22 May?

MR CHETTLE: No, Commissioner, none of them will. was that we could get - my instructions are that if effectively the SDU could be put back together as a working unit, there was some hope they could do a statement in six Now the way I envisage this working, and the only way it would work I think, is that there will be what will be called the master statement which will outline all the contacts with Ms Gobbo and SDU. There are some hundreds of In respect of each contact they're preparing a chart which will show who attended, who spoke to her, and who was spoken about in the course of that contact. will also hope to provide you with information about what was disseminated from that contact, whether it was oral, in an oral briefing, or in an ICR. Sorry, an IR. Which would be generated at the end of each meeting if there was anything to convey. A large amount of the material Ms Gobbo provided was never disseminated to anyone but it's So that's been prepared and it's an enormous amount of work for two men.

COMMISSIONER: Soon to be three, isn't it?

MR CHETTLE: It will soon be three, yes, but what's happened is that since the statement notice has been - we knew it was coming. We have been trying to prepare for it They are able to provide answers to ever since February. half, about half the questions you ask. The details in relation to contact with Ms Gobbo would be met at the moment with, "The details of that are contained in the tape recorded and handwritten material on the database which we have not yet been able to get to". Can I tell you, Commissioner - - -

COMMISSIONER: Even the full-time police officers don't have access to the Loricated database, is that what you're saying? Even the full-time police officers don't have

access to the Loricated database? 10:42:05 1

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What don't they have access to? COMMISSIONER:

Does the Commissioner have some idea of the MR CHETTLE: bulk of the material?

COMMISSIONER: Yes, of course I do.

MR CHETTLE: In order just to read it and to find out and isolate what it is we've been getting the transcripts, fortunately, and isolating the bits that are relevant, questions of legal professional privilege, things of that sort, which you raise. I sent this morning to - it's hard when - I can't indicate to you the numbers. In the notice, I'll perhaps do it this way, in the notice that you sent to our clients at paragraph 14, a list of names is covered. So in order to perhaps get some idea of the task I took the first name on that list, the very first, and asked for just an indication of how many entries there are on the Loricated database relating to that name. It is an enormous number and to look at each one of those takes To go through each of the names will take forever. As I understand it the police have had 60 people going through the database, that is not my clients, other police, trying to get from the database the material that relates to those list of names, or people on that list. you say yes, my clients, all of my clients have had access but they simply can't - the task is enormous.

And I suppose they don't have the necessary COMMISSIONER: computer skills to - - -

MR CHETTLE: Some of them do.

COMMISSIONER: - - - to search.

MR CHETTLE: Both Mr Curry and Mr Bourne are very talented I don't know about some of and competent police officers. I certainly don't. The problem for the the others. lawyers is we can't have any copies of things.

That's what we're coming to now. COMMISSIONER: If we deal with first of all the full-time police officers. What more do you want done? Is there material, and I might hear from

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10:44:47	7	MR CHETTLE: We need - can I just put it bluntly, and I've
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10:44:53	9	correspondence, we need to have access to the diaries. I
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10:45:22	26	COMMISSIONER: They want hard copy access.
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Hard copies of the ICRs. COMMISSIONER: 1 2 3 MR CHETTLE: And hard copies of the IRs. Can I refresh 10:45:58 10:46:03 4 your memory, Commissioner, of a line of cross-examination I had with Mr Paterson last time. 5 In order to know what 10:46:06 10:46:09 6 occurred we need to know what she said, which means the transcripts for the conversations head to head. 10:46:13 7 10:46:16 8 the diary notes and the ICRs and the telephone calls. need to know what was disseminated either orally or 9 10:46:20 written, and the IRs tell us that, the information reports. 10:46:23 10 They are a much smaller number of documents. If we have 10:46:30 11 10:46:33 12 those we can deal with - the essence of this inquiry is what did she tell us, was it privileged and did we 10:46:38 13 disseminate it? 10:46:42 14 10:46:44 15 10:46:44 16 COMMISSIONER: Yes. If you get that material are you 10:46:47 17 optimistic you're going to be able to produce some sort of statement, perhaps with qualifications, by 22 May? 10:46:50 18 10:46:53 19 MR CHETTLE: You will have something by the 22nd but you 10:46:53 20 will not have a comprehensive statement for five or six 10:46:56 **21** weeks. 10:47:00 22 10:47:00 23 10:47:00 24 COMMISSIONER: Is that all you're asking for? 10:47:02 25 MR CHETTLE: That's all I need at the moment, yes. 10:47:02 26 10:47:04 27 Are you wanting that hard copy access also 10:47:04 28 COMMISSIONER: for the serving police officers? 10:47:07 29 10:47:09 30 10:47:09 31 MR CHETTLE: The other half is that I want Jones, Stanton and Brennan back in the fold. We need them working with 10:47:19 32 10:47:25 33 the current - - -10:47:25 34 10:47:25 35 COMMISSIONER: Now you're talking about the ones who are no longer serving? 10:47:27 36 10:47:28 37 10:47:28 38 MR CHETTLE: The ones who are no longer police officers. 10:47:31 39 10:47:31 40 I don't know that I can make an order like COMMISSIONER: that, Mr Chettle. 10:47:33 41 10:47:33 42 10:47:34 43 MR CHETTLE: Can I tell you what's happened with it? We've

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been told that that can be done at the stroke of a pen.

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COMMISSIONER:

MR CHETTLE: Not yours. But as of recently I've been told 10:47:43 1 10:47:45 2 that a very high police officer is considering it. 3 know why they haven't ticked the line. 10:47:51 4 I don't know why either. 5 COMMISSIONER: 6 7 It would be a very simple thing to do. 10:47:57 8 said that, can I go back to Jones. His diary alone is thousands of pages. 9 Thousands. Because this went over 10:48:00 10:48:03 10 five years. 11 12 COMMISSIONER: Yes. 13 MR CHETTLE: And without him we're really in strife and 10:48:04 14 we've been trying to get him back on board all the way 10:48:11 15 10:48:14 **16** I'm told that there might be some movement in 10:48:17 17 that regard, that they may in fact be contracting him. But if they contract the non-members back with the original 10:48:19 18 10:48:23 19 members we'll get you something and hopefully something 10:48:27 20 worthwhile. But we can't do it at the moment, that's why Really to alert you to the fact we can 10:48:31 21 I'm here today. 10:48:32 22 only do what - - -10:48:32 23 10:48:32 24 COMMISSIONER: In terms of orders that I might be able to 10:48:34 25 make, what about - so the serving police officers also want hard copy access to their diaries? 10:48:43 26 10:48:46 27 MR CHETTLE: 10:48:47 28 Yes. 10:48:47 29 10:48:49 30 COMMISSIONER: And transcripts of tape recordings? 10:48:51 31 10:48:51 32 MR CHETTLE: The transcripts are coming. I don't need an order about transcripts. 10:48:54 33 10:48:55 34 10:48:55 35 They're coming anyway. COMMISSIONER: 10:48:58 36 I believe they're being provided as and when 10:48:58 37 MR CHETTLE: 10:49:01 38 they get prepared. 10:49:02 39 10:49:02 40 COMMISSIONER: It's just the diaries, the ICRs and the IRs. 10:49:06 41

MR CHETTLE: Yes.

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COMMISSIONER: Why do these current serving police officers

need access to those when they've been working full-time on

MR CHETTLE: To do it electronically takes forever. 1 10:49:11 2 3 COMMISSIONER: Yes. 4 To do it efficiently, we are all old school 5 10:49:14 perhaps but if we can skim through documents, we can annex 10:49:18 6 7 documents, we can refer to documents. 10:49:21 10:49:22 8 COMMISSIONER: Actually I was pleased to hear some recent 9 10:49:22 studies that showed it's not just those of us who didn't 10:49:25 10 grow up with computers who find it difficult to absorb 10:49:30 11 10:49:34 12 complex information electronically, but books are returning 10:49:38 13 to schools currently because even the young ones who have grown up with computers actually find it easier and more 10:49:42 14 efficient to absorb information from hard copy. 10:49:45 15 10:49:48 16 10:49:49 17 MR CHETTLE: When you think about it, Commissioner, there's two lawyers, six clients and thousands and thousands of 10:49:50 18 10:49:55 19 pages of material all interlinked and cross-referenced. To 10:49:59 20 do it, we can do it but if we have the hard copies we can have a team approach and get you what you want, which is 10:50:04 21 all we're trying to do. 10:50:08 22 10:50:10 23 10:50:10 24 COMMISSIONER: I think I understand your application and 10:50:11 25 your position. 26 27 MR CHETTLE: Thank you. 28 29 COMMISSIONER: I might hear from you next, Mr Collinson. 10:50:12 10:50:15 30 10:50:15 31 MR COLLINSON: If that's convenient, Commissioner. 10:50:17 32 COMMISSIONER: 10:50:17 33 Yes. 10:50:18 34 10:50:18 35 MR COLLINSON: In one sense our situation is more urgent because I think I can say this much, commencing 14 May the 10:50:21 36 Commission has scheduled a large number of witnesses, 11 in 10:50:28 37 number. Now we have - - -10:50:33 38 10:50:36 39 10:50:36 40 COMMISSIONER: That's next week. 10:50:37 41 10:50:37 42 MR COLLINSON: Yes. Mr Nathwani and I have not sought to 10:50:41 43 over reach with any of our position in relation to

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documents hitherto because the witnesses who have been

of the relationship between Ms Gobbo and the police.

getting to quite critical periods in terms of the history

But we're now

called relate to quite an earlier period.

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we want essentially, we have been offered access through a police station to documents on a certain basis but picking up the point the Commissioner made, anyone who cross-examines knows that you just can't cross-examine unless you have hard copy. So our proposal is that a hard copy of categories of relevant documents be given to our instructors.

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COMMISSIONER: So the relevant documents are the same that have been requested by Mr Chettle?

MR COLLINSON: It's the same categories but because it will pertain perhaps initially to the 11 witnesses next week, it might be more focused around them rather than the class that Mr Chettle represents. But can I mention this.

COMMISSIONER: Those documents would be being prepared, if they haven't already, for counsel assisting the Commission.

MR COLLINSON: Yes, and it might be the Commission makes this material available. We have been writing letters since the beginning of April to Corrs, copying in the Commission and we haven't had a substantive response although more recently Mr Holt and ourselves have had some discussions. Can I mention this which I haven't yet said. I've been in this matter one way or another for Ms Gobbo since 2016 and in connection with the issues that arose in the court proceedings there were obviously incredibly confidential documents that were made available to the In order to serve that purpose safes were made available at secure locations and documents were accessed. There were just the kinds of documents that Mr Chettle is So we're happy to have limits on copying, referring to. just one set that's not copied, but - and we would seek also to have access through the computer that might be available at a police station because that means of access gives us an overview of matters, but we actually want categories of documents that are relevant, ICRs, transcripts, diary notes of police officers in sufficient time that we can conduct realistic cross-examination and we would propose that we give undertakings that that material be kept in a safe and not copied. And given that that process worked so well during the currency of the litigation we see no reason why it wouldn't work satisfactorily in this Commission. That's the essence of our proposal.

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                 MR COLLINSON:
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                 Police or the Commission once the Commission gets those
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which are confirmed in correspondence which has been with the Commission in relation to our learned friend Mr Chettle's clients. As his instructor has confirmed to the Commission by letter dated 8 May 2019 each of his clients has been granted access to hard copies of their electronic and official diaries made available to them at the Police Academy. I can confirm that to be the position.

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COMMISSIONER: Each of them has access to electronic and hard copy?

MR HOLT: Yes. What they have, Commissioner, is access to the Loricated database itself with the search facility that sits over the top of that, together, up until recently and that continues, hard copies of their diaries and electronic and in fact where the original version was a hard copy also.

COMMISSIONER: Whereabouts do they have access?

MR HOLT: The offer was made at effectively any police The arrangement has been made at the Police station. Academy because that's the most convenient for two of our learned friend's clients. That was done by arrangement in Those documents in electronic form, that is on the effect. Loricated database together with hard copies of the diaries, both electronic and written, are available to all of those clients, that is both current and former members at the Police Academy and have been now for a significant number of weeks. So when my learned friend says - - -

COMMISSIONER: Does that include hard copy access to, there's a hard copy of all the diaries, the IRs and the ICRs?

MR HOLT: There are hard copy access to the ICRs and the Not presently the IRs because that was only diaries. requested in the last few days. We've immediately indicated by correspondence which was also copied to the Royal Commission that we would facilitate that and IRs would be provided in hard copy at that facility as well. Mr Chettle's clients who are present police members have, as he has indicated, been taken off other duties for these purposes to have that access at the Academy on a full-time His former clients have been permitted that access at the Police Academy or if they wish at another - - -

COMMISSIONER: Former police officers?

Former police officer, yes, I'm sorry, at another location if they wish to take that up. And that includes again hard copies of those documents so that they can be reviewed together with the database. So I'm bound to say it appears, well I'm not entirely sure and I might need clarification precisely what our learned friend is requesting in respect of those clients. Can I indicate this, there have been requests to - my learned friend puts it as bringing the former members back into the fold, in terms of re-employing them, as the Commissioner will I'm sure appreciate immediately, in the context of former police officers giving evidence in a Royal Commission where Victoria Police is in a position that it is in by virtue of the Commission, it is a relatively complex process. decision on how they might be remunerated for what is a very significant period of time related to their former employment without any indication or hint of conflict in that sense, is something which is being considered, as our learned friend says, as it should be at a very high level. I think that is likely to be a positive outcome and that will be decided in the next few days, probably this week I would expect.

COMMISSIONER: The fact that is all open in public and not hidden is something that shows the transparency and appropriateness of the proceeding.

MR HOLT: Precisely so, Commissioner. But notwithstanding that, those witnesses have had that access available to them for a significant period of time. Whether they have chosen to take it because of their concern about remuneration or their others jobs is completely understandable at one level but nonetheless not something at that point within the control of Victoria Police.

COMMISSIONER: They have obligations to the Commission under the *Inquiries Act*.

MR HOLT: So that's the position.

COMMISSIONER: Is there only one copy, one hard copy at the Police Academy?

MR HOLT: I don't believe anyone has been restricted from having hard copy, I don't think there's been more than one

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We'll check, Commissioner, but given the security arrangements available at the Academy my expectation would be that if two people wanted access to the same set of documents at the same time, those hard copies could be made There is no difficulty in that sense. concern is around the security arrangements for the documents.

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COMMISSIONER: But these are all either full-time police officers or honourably discharged full-time police officers.

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MR HOLT: Yes.

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COMMISSIONER: Who would obviously be prepared to give confidentiality guarantees if at their home or even at the home of one of them they had a safe installed, why couldn't they work there?

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MR HOLT: Commissioner, we may be getting to the point where I need to call Assistant Commissioner Paterson to assist the Commissioner with the security concerns. foreshadow that in this way, the body of documents that we're talking about, as the Commissioner well knows, are extraordinarily sensitive and carry very substantial risks It's not a question of trust and are entirely unredacted. in terms of the people involved, it's a question of security management. As the Commission knows those unredacted documents have been provided to the Royal Commission and those assisting it with very comprehensive security arrangements negotiated between the Commission and Victoria Police, which the Commission has of course undertaken and Victoria Police has done so as well and that was done in order to ensure that this very sensitive body of documents were maintained in terms of their security.

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MR HOLT: Again, Commissioner, the point is not that there's any lack of trust in those police officers. there was we wouldn't be giving them access to the documents at all. That just isn't the issue.

from a document and security management perspective when dealing with very highly sensitive documents, plainly protocols are ordinarily in place, as they are with an agency such as the Public Interest Monitor or anywhere else, to ensure the security of documents. Very high risk documents are dealt with in particular ways. submission is and I'll call Assistant Commissioner if we need to, but our submission ultimately is, and Victoria Police's position I should be clear is, that those documents can be dealt with with that level of security arrangement in place, that is those which the Commission has and otherwise in those secure police locations and not otherwise, and that is the way that body of documents with the very substantial risks that are associated with them because just reading them creates, I'm being coy intentionally, but just reading them creates positive risks to people who are actually named. The risks of those going outside of properly secured locations are, we're instructed, profound. So Victoria Police has done in my respectful submission everything it can to get to the point of providing access, including substantial resources being deployed at different police stations, where it's convenient to people and, for example, for our learned I understand the practical difficulty, but providing them with access not just to the database but also again to hard copies documents at a police station to be able to review that material.

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COMMISSIONER: But as Mr Collinson said, in the EF case these types of documents were provided to counsel involved in that case.

Commissioner, I'll need to take instructions MR HOLT: about precisely the quantity and body and nature of those I understand it to be a very different proposition to the provision of what would essentially be the entirety of the material which carries risks of naming certain persons. Some parts of that are obviously more sensitive than others. So yes, of course there are times when sensitive documents, particularly sensitive documents can be handled in those types of ways, but as I'm instructed the nature of this body of material overall, which is the entirety of the database in fact, is dramatically wider than that which was an issue in the AB proceeding. One only needs to imagine what would occur if there was a break-in or inadvertent disclosure or a leaving of a document or anything of that kind which occurs here,

and it's simply not something which we're instructed on the basis of very careful consideration by those who are expert in document management and understand that there's tiers and categories of these issues, that this is the way in which we need to deal with those documents. Commission will recall, the reason why we're talking about this at all of course is because a decision was made which with respect we think remains a sensible decision, that to attempt to redact the Loricated database or those documents before provision to the Royal Commission for the purposes of public interest immunity would simply have brought everything grinding to a halt. And so it has been provided on that very strict basis, we're dealing with documents that would overwhelmingly be the subject of public interest immunity claims with respect to parts of them. No doubt of the highest order and of the highest kind. So we have provided those documents unredacted to the Commission with those kinds of security arrangements which the Commission has adopted and implemented. And we've attempted to do the same with others in what I hope has been explained in quite a comprehensive way.

But can I just remind you here, as I COMMISSIONER: Yes. understand it the only people asking for access to the unredacted documents to prepare their statements for the Commission are the police officers who were intricately involved in preparing these documents. Mr Collinson is content to have the redacted documents, documents after they have been redacted for PII and delivered to the Commission as I understand it.

I don't think that's Mr Collinson's position. MR HOLT: think he wants the unredacted documents and we've indicated we're prepared to give him those at a police station. That's the point, Commissioner, that's what we're offering. We can't go further than that and say yes, take them home or to chambers or anything unredacted. That's the line from Victoria Police.

COMMISSIONER: He says he had that sort of access in the EF litigation why should he not have it now?

MR HOLT: I think it was a much more limited document, Commissioner, because it was a much more learned piece of The body of this is much more substantial. litigation. The point again in terms of the police officers is not that they shouldn't be able to see it but, for example, as the

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Commissioner says, and we apprehend that was never positively put, that those officers former and current wish to be able to effectively take large quantities of the Loricated database to their home addresses. That, with respect, we're instructed is an extraordinary security risk not because of any lack of trust in those officers but by taking that to a domestic address that carries with it significant risk that simply can't be taken with documents We will take within that security of this significance. arrangements, as we've continued to do so, whatever steps are necessary with whatever resources are necessary, to give whatever time and hours are necessary to those persons to review those documents in a police station.

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MR HOLT: I'm almost certain of that, Commissioner, and I can probably get those instructions. Yes, Commissioner. think that's what's been provided at the Academy. understand that it is easier to have hard copy documents, I'm desperate for them from a personal and selfish perspective as well, Commissioner, it's just the nature of Does the Commissioner wish to hear from the documents. Assistant Commissioner Paterson?

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COMMISSIONER: If you want to call him, it's up to you.

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It is really to support the submission that there's a very significant security risk associated with I think I ought, Commissioner. these documents. sorry, I think I ought. I call Assistant Commissioner As I indicated, Commissioner, there may be a Paterson. point where Assistant Commissioner Paterson indicates that he doesn't feel he can say something I'll raise that issue

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MR HOLT: We've discussed this, Commissioner, and the Assistant Commissioner understands.

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COMMISSIONER: You're still on your former affirmation, thank you, Mr Paterson.

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Just tell us your full name please, Assistant Commissioner?---Commissioner, my full name is Neil John Paterson.

Your present role and your responsibilities in respect of that role, please?---Yes, I'm the Assistant Commissioner for the Intelligence and Covert Support Command in Victoria That oversees a number of intelligence and covert functions within the organisation but I have specific corporate responsibility for our Human Source Management Program.

In that role and as a result of your training and experience can you just assist the Commissioner with your knowledge of and expertise in relation to the handling and security arrangements for sensitive or secret documents, and I probably got that language wrong so correct me if you need to?---Certainly, Commissioner. In context of these actual documents they are typically only ever kept within the Human Source Management Unit. That unit sits within a, I won't go into great detail, but it sits within a very highly rated floor within the building complex that I am Not every floor is rated to the same security level in the complex. And in turn inside that area they are stored within class C safes within that area.

Is that the highest state of COMMISSIONER: It's a very - for instance I can give an security?---Yes. example of an external agency that we deal with often that has the same level of security, and that would be the office of the Public Interest Monitor where we provide certain documents as required to them, and they have that Commissioner, obviously as you're same level of security. are aware we came to an agreement with the Royal Commission in terms of the security that was required on the provision of these documents to the Royal Commission. The documents do contain highly sensitive information. It is not sensitive information that relates to Ms Gobbo, it is sensitive information that relates to other people and if that information was to be disclosed, I can give a guarantee that significant human lives are at risk. Ms Gobbo's life, I think she already is at significant I'm talking about other individuals. As Mr Holt has suggested, this is not in any way a question over the character of the current serving officers or the former

serving officers, they are trusted individuals and we have made full access to these documents available to those members. This is about the security of those documents should they be stolen, lost, put aside inadvertently or something like that, the risk to human life is extreme.

MR HOLT: Thank you, I'll just make the Assistant Commissioner available for cross-examination.

COMMISSIONER: Mr Chettle.

<CROSS-EXAMINED MR CHETTLE:</pre>

That risk to human life, predominantly I assume you're talking about the diaries, the unredacted diaries?---No, the unredacted diaries can of course, the hard copy diaries, they can all be given to your clients at a secure location as they are. They just can't be taken to a home address because of the secure nature of the information that is in both the diaries, the IRs, the ICRs and the electronic diaries.

Let me break that down, Mr Paterson. I can understand the diaries because they would have reference to other informers and other people who provided information to the unit, wouldn't it?---Yes, that's correct.

But the redacted diaries, and my instructions are that in that safe out at the Academy are only the redacted, sorry, that on Loricated is only the redacted copies of the diaries?---They have hard copies of the electronic diaries out there.

Stop just there. That's exactly right. Stop just for a minute. Only the electronic diaries, not the original handwritten diaries?---That's correct. They have not been asked for prior to today, that I'm aware of.

I don't want to argue about what we've asked for and the letters we've written. Mr Holt made the point to the Commissioner that all the diaries are there. The original handwritten diaries that preceded the electronic diaries are not in those safes, are they?---I don't believe they are, but there is no document that your clients cannot access in hard copy format at the facility that they are currently accessing those documents.

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Sorry, Mr Paterson, they're not there at the moment, are they?---Only the hard copy diary is not there. electronic diaries are in hard copy format and that request I'm only aware of as of today.

You would understand that the hard copy, original blue diaries I call them, before they went electronic, deal with a substantial and relevant period of time that the unit dealt with Ms Gobbo, don't they?---Yes, they do, and we are more than happy to provide them to your clients in hard copy format, the actual diaries.

COMMISSIONER: Can that be done fairly quickly?---Absolutely Commissioner.

Within 24 hours?---Yes.

MR CHETTLE: We're talking about a lot of material, an amount of material that's almost impossible to imagine, it requires a lot of work?---There are many thousands of pages of material, Commissioner.

That have to be correlated and put in usable form for the Commission?---They are in quite usable format already in context of they are sequential in date and in terms of They are not ordered in terms of relevance. contact.

Can I go back to your final statement where you say that the information on it is a threat to life?---Yes.

The information reports compiled as a result of conversations with Ms Gobbo that were disseminated by the unit relate to information from her, don't they?---They won't always just relate to information only from her, just as the source contact reports won't only contain information to her.

subsequent number. They can be readily identified, can't they?---Yes, they are, yes.

Have you looked at them?---No, I haven't.

My instructions are that that's, everything that's in them came from her, so we need to know what's in them, don't

Leave the source contact reports alone, please. information reports were prepared and disseminated - we're only interested in the ones that came from 3838 or her

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Will their lawyers be able to see that anywhere other than at a police station?---The information in them is highly sensitive, as I've said. Victoria Police operates at many sites, 24/7 across the State. We can make it available at various premises, we have a number in the CBD, and we can make them available to you, both the Loricated database and the hard copy materials at any time that you need access to those materials at a secure site.

I understand that Loricated is electronic and a matter of turning on a computer. But the hard copy, if I go into the Geelong police station it won't be there, will it?---No, but if that is the location, Mr Chettle, where you wish to access it I can have a copy made available in an appropriate facility and safe at the Geelong police station and we can have that access made available for you.

No copies can be made?---No, that's right because of the risk to life of other individuals is at an extreme level.

COMMISSIONER: Mr Paterson, is it possible that in the IRs relating to Ms Gobbo there's also information about other human sources?---That's exactly the point I'm getting at, I can't - in an open hearing I don't want to Commissioner. take that matter much further, that's correct.

That's enough to say that. That's the issue that you're concerned about?---Yes, exactly.

MR CHETTLE: You say that without having looked at them?---No, I haven't personally looked at them but I've had full analysis done over them in context of that issue.

So in closed court you could indicate any IR that related to somebody other than her?---No.

You couldn't?---No, that's right, I couldn't.

COMMISSIONER: He personally couldn't. It could be done if you went through it but that's a process.

MR CHETTLE: All right. The decision in relation to employing the three non-members, is that going to be made

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soon?---That's my understanding. I believe that there was a number of original considerations in context of a potential conflict of interest, and then there's always having a look at the best method of engaging our former police veterans in order to do this work and that's proceeding and I understand that we'll have something in place very shortly.

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He was contracted nonetheless back into the Police Force.

COMMISSIONER: Mr Chettle, we might move on. I think, to help you in this respect. I will say this, as Mr Holt foreshadowed in his comments, if police officers are required to spend weeks of their lives working on something that arises from their time as a police officer, there is a certain justice, certain fairness in the State paying for their services and I think that's recognised by the comments made by Mr Holt and no doubt by this witness.

MR CHETTLE: Thank you. Can I move to one other topic?

COMMISSIONER: And indeed even if they did it before an agreement was reached there'd be a fairness in them being paid retrospectively?---Yes.

The other police officers, and particularly MR CHETTLE: can I - yes, Mr O'Brien and Mr Biggin have been provided with hard copies of their diaries?---Yes. Their diaries contain very different information and not to the sensitivity of the diaries and source contact reports of your clients.

The line is this though, isn't it, you've got a line, if it's on Loricated it can't be copied, that is the line, isn't it?---No, the line is about human safety, Commissioner. Victoria Police owes a duty of care to a number of individuals and that duty of care is ongoing. is an extreme risk to expose these documents in a way that is not managed securely. It is a serious risk to various people's lives.

COMMISSIONER: Can I just follow up from Mr Chettle's question then. There would be no problem with having hard

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copies of documents on Loricated, you say, provided that they stayed at the secure police station?---Absolutely. The same applies to Mr Collinson, we can provide the same access to those documents at a secure facility.

And currently it's being provided to the handlers at the Police Academy?---At their request.

Is that a 24/7 venue?---It is a - well, At their request. it's not open to the public 24/7 but it is a 24/7 venue from our perspective, yes, we are on site 24/7.

MR CHETTLE: Is there any issue for the lawyers for the handlers, that is myself, Ms Thies and Mr Hargreaves, going to a police facility to access material?---Not at all. That offer has, to my understanding, already been made to you, Mr Chettle. We are able to do that at any time that you request.

I'll digest that, Commissioner.

Mr Collinson. COMMISSIONER:

<CROSS-EXAMINED BY MR COLLINSON:</pre>

Assistant Commissioner, are you aware of the kinds of documents that were made available to Ms Gobbo and her counsel in the course of the legal proceedings known as AB, CD, EF?---Mr Collinson, yes, I am aware of the broad categories of documents. I haven't looked at each one of them but I certainly am aware of the categories.

I'll avoid mentioning any names, I'll be very careful but I want to suggest to you that almost every document relating to one particular informer was included in those materials, and by every document I mean police diary notes, ICRs, transcripts of recordings and so on. Do you have any knowledge about that?---I don't specifically and I'm not aware of which informer you're referring to.

You're also aware I take it that - - -Yes.

COMMISSIONER: Is it an informer who has been given a pseudonym in these proceedings?

MR COLLINSON: Yes.

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COMMISSIONER: You can refer to him by the pseudonym.

MR COLLINSON: Person ?---I'd need to have a look at the list. Commissioner.

I'll hand this sheet to you. It's the very bottom of the sheet.

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> WITNESS: Thank you. Sorry, could you say the number again?

Person at the foot of the MR COLLINSON: document?---Sorry, tha \overline{t} 's the wrong side, I was looking at the numbers on the thing. Yes, I am aware of that person. I'm not aware of the extent of the documents provided in context of that person.

I'm able to tell you that that matter being treated as a test case for the purpose of the issues in that litigation, as I understand it every relevant document from Operation Loricated relating to that particular informer was made available to the parties to the litigation. Are you in a position to confirm that or deny it?---No, I'm not in a position to confirm or deny, Mr Collinson. What I can say is I certainly am aware of the provisions of documents relating to that person. I probably can't take that matter much further in a public hearing.

COMMISSIONER: Could I say as I understood it, Mr Collinson and Mr Paterson, Person was more in the category of a witness than an informer, would that be right?---Um, Commissioner, I'm hesitant to answer. Certainly that person was given a witness identifier through the court proceedings.

I think both capacities were relevant, MR COLLINSON: Commissioner, in court proceedings. Can I ask you this question, Assistant Commissioner: I understand that the concern of Victoria Police relates to the safety of many informers, that's the basal concern, isn't it?---The safety of both many human sources and people who have been Crown witnesses that have subsequent suppression orders in context of their names.

Yes. Now, from that perspective you don't have any

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difficulty, as I would understand it, in legal representatives for Ms Gobbo having access at a police station to all of the documents on the Operation Loricated database?---That's correct, Mr Collinson. We are very happy to provide both the Loricated database as an electronic format for you to examine and interrogate at a secure facility, as we are hard copies of all of the documents from that database.

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You're happy for it to be treated the same way as Mr Chettle's legal representatives for the police handlers?---Absolutely, Commissioner. We run 24/7 buildings in the CBD and can make that access available.

You're aware that in the court proceedings class C safes were made available in secure locations?---Yes. The difference here is that the sheer volume of aware. documents and the sheer volume of people put at extreme risk is very different to the matters that were litigated in 2016/17/18. The risk is exponentially increased.

The arrangement there involved the legal representatives giving quite detailed undertakings about times of access to the class C safe, maintaining documents in their personal possession, putting the documents back in the safe when they weren't being used and so on?---Yes, I'm certainly aware of the undertakings, I'm less aware of the exact nature of the documents that were provided.

But you would agree that Victoria Police consented to those arrangements in the context of those proceedings?---Yes, that's correct.

And I appreciate the point you make about quantity but would there be any difficulty in your view, Assistant Commissioner, if access were given through the police station to unredacted documents in the way you've described, electronic and hard copy, but that as one moved through the phases of the Royal Commission dealing with particular witnesses, unredacted, one set of unredacted documents be made available to the legal representatives for Ms Gobbo to be placed in safes under the same kinds of arrangements?---Absolutely not. As I've indicated - - -

I meant to say redacted, I might have misspoken I think. I'm very sorry. I meant to say redacted versions of the documents be placed in safes?---Yes, I should imagine that

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1 if they were agreed redactions, subject to the Royal 11:26:33 11:26:39 Commission's agreement, then I could imagine that that could occur. 11:26:42

Yes.

It ought to be able to because if they're COMMISSIONER: agreed redactions?---Yes, that's right.

You would be prepared for them to be in the public sphere. So there's certainly no problem with Mr Collinson having them ahead, it's desirable.

MR COLLINSON: Yes. With the redaction process can I ask this question, Assistant Commissioner: is it the case that where the documents refer to a particular individual, one uses the code or reference or anonymous name for the particular person?---That's an ongoing discussion at the moment between counsel for Victoria Police and counsel for the Royal Commission so I know that we have an agreed process to date, however the complexity of these matters is that as you continue into this very complex area you put the jigsaw pieces together and we will end up identifying individuals just by the nature of the biographical data that is accompanied with a question about person whatever number they are.

One last question. The material that was made available to the legal representatives for Ms Gobbo in the court proceedings from Victoria Police's records at Operation Loricated database, I suggest to you that was unredacted material?---I don't - I'm not aware, Commissioner.

No further questions.

COMMISSIONER: Mr Winneke.

MR CHETTLE: Commissioner, before Mr Winneke does can I leave one more question that arises out of that in relation to my client?

COMMISSIONER: Yes Mr Chettle.

MR CHETTLE: Mr Paterson, the concession that if appropriately redacted material could be provided to the lawyers for Ms Gobbo, I assume appropriately redacted materials could be provided to the lawyers for the SDU

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handlers?---That's exactly correct. I guess the complexity of that, Commissioner, is on the basis, as you would understand, we have provided that material to the Royal Commission under a broad PII claim. We have not had any request for the reliance of any one particular document from the Loricated database and it would be at that point that we would go back and redact a document for its use. We have not commenced any form of redaction of the documents that exist in Loricated. That would take, if it was the whole lot it would take many months to complete such a process.

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> COMMISSIONER: I understand. So what's been happening so far, Mr Chettle, is the Commission is only getting the redacted documents which then have to be sorted out between counsel for the Commission and counsel for the police days - the night before the relevant witness is called. we're trying to speed up that process by giving the police more notice of who is to be called but once we get to that point there would be no problem with the redacted documents being shown but it is happening very late in the piece and it's not really going to help you get your handler's statements ready.

MR CHETTLE: That's the point. You're aware, Mr Paterson, that my clients offered to do some redaction for you if they wrote the stuff. Take the IRs that we talked about before, if they go through them and redact anything that might possibly relate to something not Gobbo and somebody from the police department checked it, they could then be provided to the lawyers in a secure safe?---Yes, that's absolutely possible, Commissioner. We haven't had that process in place.

COMMISSIONER: It wouldn't be necessary to have them in a secure safe once they were redacted, they would be public documents.

MR CHETTLE: I'll try work on that basis, Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER: Thanks Mr Chettle.

WITNESS: Commissioner, it may assist, I know there was some reference made earlier on. It was as of 25 March, that Curry has had access to documents, Loricated and hard copy and hard copies have been provided since then. been the following day, 26 March, that Bourne was provided

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> Since what time?---Since 25 and 26 March COMMISSIONER: respectively.

Since that time. Full-time?---Yes, full-time. other member, Klein, has been on long service leave and I only received a request this week to make the same arrangements for them once they return next week from long service leave and those arrangements have been put in place for the officer Klein.

Thank you?---But the arrangements for any former police veteran have been in place that whole period of time as well.

Thank you. Mr Winneke.

<CROSS-EXAMINED BY MR WINNEKE:</pre>

Just a couple of questions. The issue appears to be surrounding the provision of hard copies of diaries of the SDU members, the ICRs and the IRs, information reports. What you say is that hard copies are available to Mr Chettle's clients with respect to all of those documents, is that right?---That's correct, yes.

Are you able to say insofar as the ICRs are concerned, whether any of those documents have been considered for redaction at present?---No, they haven't.

Not at all?---Not at all.

Can I ask you - - - ?---When I say that, actually, that's possibly not quite correct, Mr Winneke.

It's not because - - - ?---We have supplied some documents under disclosure to Director of Public Prosecutions under an exhaustive process, yes.

Can I ask you how many ICRs there are?---I can't recall off the top of my head but I know they run to, printed, many thousands of pages.

When you say many thousands, there are about 200-odd,

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220-odd ICRs, I'll be corrected if I'm wrong about that, is that right?---I can't recall, Mr Winneke.

I'm talking about actual documents - as we understand it there was a period of time where there would be contacts between Ms Gobbo and handlers, then after a period of time that would be put into a document called an ICR, is that right?---That's correct.

And there's a finite number of those, somewhere in the region - and that occurred perhaps over a monthly basis and there was some issue I think about how frequently they were done but I think it went out to about a month or Would that be about right?---I think there's different periods of time that each one of those ICRs covered from about a week to a month.

We're not talking about thousands of them, we're talking about hundreds of them, something in the region of 220 or 230, would that be right?---I think it added up in total to about five and a half thousand various contacts.

That's contacts but I'm talking about the reports. the contacts find their way into an ICR. The ICR contains a number of different, references to a number of different Are you not able to say how many ICR reports there are from the period September 2005 through to 2009, I'm putting to you there are about 220. I might be wrong about that, if someone in the court corrects me, I'll obviously be corrected?---Mr Winneke, I didn't come prepared to know the answer to that question today. not in a position to dispute. You may well be correct that is the total number but in some ways that doesn't grasp the complexity of the matter. There were about five and a half thousand contacts compressed into however many number of source contact reports.

I follow that but we're not talking about thousands and thousands of reports, we're talking about a finite number of reports and a finite number of pages. Some of them go up to about 40 pages or thereabouts?---There is definitely a finite number of reports.

I take it these have been copied, the ICRs have been copied and put into folders?---For the SDU members' access, that is correct.

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How many?---Mr Winneke, I didn't - I was here to talk about the security of certain documents.

COMMISSIONER: I know you said you don't know, are you able to give whether it is dozens or tens or hundreds?---Commissioner, I'm not able to give that information, I don't know.

You don't know at all, okay.

MR WINNEKE: If it is the case there is somewhere in the region of 150 to 250 ICRs, each of them runs up to about 40-odd pages, we're not talking about thousands and thousands, we're talking about documents which could fit into a number of folders, however many it might be, but we're not talking about thousands, do you accept that?---There will be thousands of pages. So if you say is a page a document, it is about the definition. many thousands of pages.

In any event, you say that these have been photocopied and hard copies in folders are available?---Yes, that's correct.

And how many copies are available?---I believe that we've made one copy available to the former, to Mr Chettle's clients.

Whereabouts is that if I'm allowed to ask?---Yes, we've made that clear that we've enabled Mr Chettle's clients to access these documents from the Police Academy.

Now, you've got some people going through these documents, as I understand it, to redact them so as they can in effect be provided to the Commission and to the parties in a way which makes them safe, is that right?---No, that's not correct.

Why is that? Why isn't there someone going through these things to make them safe to provide them to the Commission and the parties?---Because that's not the agreement we have with the Royal Commission. Our agreement with the Royal Commission is that you would identify documents that were relevant and we would redact them for the purpose of the

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Was it not said to the police very early on in the piece the documents that will be absolutely relevant are the ICRs? You have known for a long time now that the ICRs are fundamental to this inquiry, haven't you?---We have an agreement in place with the Royal Commission of which you are well aware and it is a request that you would seek production of a document and that we would redact it on that basis. If we were to start redactions of those documents, the thousands of pages, it will take an extraordinary period of time. I'm unaware that you have asked us to redact any ICRs at all. We have of course, Commissioner, redacted specific ICRs that relate to disclosure obligations with the Director of Public Prosecutions and that process is exhaustive and still ongoing and hasn't been completed for the current people that have an appeal process or a petition underway.

Do you say that it was not suggested to you that documents which would be fundamental to this inquiry, it wasn't said to you that the ICRs would form that, a part of those fundamental documents?---No, I think they are and the basis on which anything would be redacted you would ask us, you would rely on a particular document, you would tell us that you are relying on that, that's the protocol. That is what we have agreed between the Commission and Victoria Police. That's my understanding of the protocol, Commissioner.

So at the moment what you say is you don't know how many thousands of pages there are and there hasn't in any event been a commencement to one by one go through these documents and redact them?---That's correct, other than for the disclosure process for the specific people that are relevant in that process that has commenced.

When did that disclosure process commence and the redaction commence with respect to the disclosure?---Subsequent to the Landow Task Force being set up in late December. would have said it would have commenced earlier this year.

I think I asked you this question some time before and I suggested to you - was it in February or thereabouts?---Yes, it would have been earlier in this year, so it could well have been in February when the Task Force was fully stood up with staff.

What about the information reports, how many pages of 1 11:39:58 2 information reports are there, in hard copy?---Again, 11:40:01 Mr Winneke, I didn't come prepared to answer that question 11:40:06 11:40:08 4 today but it is many thousands of pages. 5 11:40:12 MR HOLT: Commissioner, can I just assist? My learned 11:40:16 6 11:40:18 7 friend Mr Winneke may not be entirely aware of the 11:40:20 8 discussions that have been going on but there have been 11:40:22 9 recent discussions in the regular meetings that have now 11:40:25 10 been set up with solicitors assisting the Commission about precisely the question of the redaction of IRs and the 11 11:40:31 12 identification of which ICRs might be redacted. 11:40:33 13 COMMISSIONER: This is in respect of the team working on 11:40:33 14 the Term of Reference 1. 11:40:36 **15** 11:40:37 **16** 11:40:38 17 And also flowing on to the preparation of the 11:40:41 18 Royal Commission. It is not a matter that hasn't been the subject of discussion. 11:40:45 19 11:40:46 20 COMMISSIONER: Is that something this witness is not 11:40:46 21 involved in? 11:40:48 22 11:40:49 23 11:40:49 24 MR HOLT: I would expect he wouldn't know (indistinct) in terms of the nature of those task force meetings. 25 26 27 COMMISSIONER: He would or would not? 28 29 MR HOLT: Would not. It's an expectation but I don't want 11:40:55 30 to defer to that. 11:40:55 31 11:40:56 32 MR CHETTLE: Commissioner, could I ask that you give us 11:41:00 33 five minutes because I think I can usefully put something 11:41:03 34 to Mr Holt and Mr Winneke that might assist the Commission 11:41:05 35 and shorten these proceedings, on the issue of getting the appropriate material? 11:41:09 36 11:41:10 37 All right, we'll adjourn for five minutes. 11:41:10 38 COMMISSIONER: 39 40 MR CHETTLE: Thank you. 11:41:41 41 11:41:42 42 (Short adjournment.) 43 11:52:54 44 COMMISSIONER: Yes, Mr Winneke. 11:52:54 45 11:52:56 46 MR WINNEKE: Thanks Commissioner. I gather you've got some

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volunteers to assist you with the redaction process; is

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that right?---Mr Winneke, I understand that is correct. Mr Chettle has kindly offered his clients, as he suggested earlier to the Commission, that they could commence that process as they work through this in preparation of their That's certainly something that can occur and that we will check and then provide the redacted versions to reach agreement with the Commission.

When I say volunteers, one assumes if All right, okay. they're assisting the police in their task they'll all be entitled to appropriate remuneration I would have thought?---Mr Winneke, I have already addressed the Commission on this issue.

COMMISSIONER: It might be outside this witness's personal fiefdom.

MR WINNEKE: Yes, I understand that. Assuming they're appropriately redacted then it would be reasonable for legal practitioners to have them in their possession, assuming that the security is appropriate and to the satisfaction of Victoria Police?---Yes, if they are the agreed redacted documents I could imagine that is exactly the case.

COMMISSIONER: Indeed, no security will be necessary?---They'll be documents that I should imagine the Commission would want to upload to your website at some point in time.

Yes, exactly. So they don't need to be held That's right. securely?---So the essence would be that they are the agreed redactions.

Once they're redactions they won't need to be held securely.

All right. I understand your concerns about MR WINNEKE: the security of the documents, in particular the ICRs, the diaries and the IRs. It's not an issue about Ms Gobbo's representatives or indeed Mr Chettle - sorry, or indeed Mr Chettle on behalf of his clients looking at unredacted The concern of the police is security; is that right?---That's correct, Commissioner.

And so if the - and I'm talking about unredacted materials If the unredacted materials were stored in a manner

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which was satisfactory to the police, it wouldn't matter where they were so long as the security was appropriate; is that right?---That's correct.

Obviously a part of that is the appropriate sort of safe which is, as we understand, a class C safe which has certain characteristics which are satisfactory?---That's correct, Mr Winneke.

A class C safe which would be put in an otherwise appropriately secure place, and if the police are satisfied with that, that would, one assumes, account for any risks of loss of material, right?---That's correct.

So indeed, if Mr Chettle or his instructing solicitor was able to satisfy you about the appropriate security of the place in which hard copies were secured, well you could have no objection to the provision of those materials to them?---That's correct, much like the Royal Commission did, yes.

Yes, thanks Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER: Yes.

MR HOLT: Nothing in re-examination, thank you Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER: Thanks very much, Mr Paterson, you're stood down again thank you.

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Commissioner, that helps with what I need to MR CHETTLE: I don't need unredacted material. My clients will assist to redact the material. We will then have hard copies of the redacted material and we'll get on with the statements.

COMMISSIONER: Right. Can I just make it clear, as I understand the process at the moment both Mr Chettle and your clients and Ms Gobbo's legal representatives will have access at the moment to the Loricated database, any hard copies that they request from the Loricated database, hard copies of the electronic and handwritten diaries and the hard copies of the IRs and the ICRs made available to them at an agreed police station and that as the redacted

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documents that are clearly relevant to the Commission's work are prepared and agreed between the lawyers for Victoria Police and the lawyers for the Commission, those redacted documents will be provided or copies of those redacted documents will be provided to your clients and to Ms Gobbo's lawyers.

MR CHETTLE: That's satisfactory from my point of view, Commissioner. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER: Is that satisfactory from your perspective, Mr Collinson?

Well, Commissioner, what we were going to MR COLLINSON: propose is that everything the Commissioner has said is satisfactory, I'll come to timing in a moment, but that if there's particular documents at the police station that the representatives want to take away to prepare for cross-examination, that the arrangement in relation to safes ought to be satisfactory for that purpose.

COMMISSIONER: Yes. Was that agreed during the break?

MR COLLINSON: No.

COMMISSIONER: No. The other arrangement would be for you to request that those documents be agreed redacted and get on with the redaction process as a matter of priority and then take them away.

MR COLLINSON: Yes. I suppose when I heard that the redaction process is at such a level that they're going to be exposed in the redacted form to the public, I did begin to fear that perhaps the redaction is going to be so extreme that major portions of documents are just not going to be visible.

COMMISSIONER: Well that's where it has to be agreed. So if it's relevant, you'll have seen the unredacted, so you'll be able to know what's relevant and what's not, and what should be redacted. And when the redactions are done I would expect those doing the redactions at Victoria Police would have a copy of Exhibit 81 as it progresses so that pseudonyms will be used wherever possible.

MR COLLINSON: That's going to help a lot.

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11:59:37	4	MR COLLINSON: If the redaction takes that kind of
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11:59:39	7	COMMISSIONER: Yes, so it's a meaningful narrative.
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11:59:41	9	MR COLLINSON: Yes. The other difficulty or issue,
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11:59:47	12	COMMISSIONER: And, of course, as any redacted documents
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11:59:55	16	MR HOLT: I was going to say, Commissioner, I think the
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	19	course providing that to the Royal Commission and that
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12:00:05		COMMISSIONER: Yes. And the lawyers for the Royal
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12:00:08		MR HOLT: Yes.
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12:00:10		MR COLLINSON: So I think - I don't have anything more to
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12:00:27		COMMISSIONER: Yes.
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12:00:29		MR COLLINSON: At the moment we just don't have any
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12:00:31	40	COMMISSIONER: Yes, I don't know that the Commission is
12:00:33		much further ahead of you, are we, Mr Winneke?
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12:00:37		MR WINNEKE: Not much.
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12:00:37		COMMISSIONER: No, not much.
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provided and we're waiting on further statements. 1

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> We may need to revisit this issue generally MR COLLINSON: when we see how things are working out.

> COMMISSIONER: We are hoping that moving forward we'll be able to give more advanced general notice of the witnesses that we're wanting to call and the periods of time we're covering to Victoria Police and that we'll have an agreed time frame that's more manageable so that these documents are coming in a redacted form to the Commission say two weeks before they're due to be called.

MR COLLINSON: If the Commissioner pleases.

MR CHETTLE: Commissioner, can I ask that I be given a copy, or my clients be given a copy of Exhibit 81? at the moment we haven't got it but if we're going to do any meaningful redaction we'll need it.

COMMISSIONER: Yes, that's understood. It is a document that is confidential.

MR CHETTLE: I will keep it as that.

And highly sensitive. COMMISSIONER:

Commissioner, given the nature of Mr Chettle's clients my expectation as a way to do that could be managed but we might manage that directly with Mr Chettle and we'll advise the Commission, of course, so the Commission is satisfied with the arrangements.

COMMISSIONER: Yes. I would expect that a copy of Exhibit 81 should be in the safe with all the other copies of the exhibits.

MR HOLT: And if we might - - -

COMMISSIONER: Or maybe six copies of Exhibit 81 so they can all work on a copy.

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12:02:16 1 2 I suppose given unusually that it's not our 12:02:16 confidential document, might we have permission from the 12:02:19 12:02:21 4 Commissioner to take those steps to have a copy of that document and to provide it on a secure basis? 5 12:02:23 12:02:25 6 Yes, I'm giving that authorisation now. 7 COMMISSIONER: 12:02:25 12:02:28 8 terms of the copies of the documents that are made available that are in the safe, would it be helpful to you, 9 12:02:30 12:02:35 10 Mr Chettle, if there was a hard copy of all the necessary hard copy documents for each of the handlers? 12:02:39 11 12:02:44 12 MR CHETTLE: I think we can live with one copy at one 12:02:44 13 location because there are multiple classes of documents. 12:02:47 14 12:02:50 **15** COMMISSIONER: 12:02:50 **16** Yes. 12:02:50 17 12:02:51 18 MR CHETTLE: If we need multiple copies we'll ask. 12:02:54 **19** 12:02:54 **20** COMMISSIONER: If multiple copies are needed they should be I'll leave it at that. 12:02:56 **21** provided. 12:02:59 22 12:03:01 23 They will be, Commissioner. MR HOLT: 12:03:01 24 12:03:01 25 COMMISSIONER: Thank you. 12:03:02 26 12:03:03 27 MR CHETTLE: What has happened will help enormously. 12:03:04 28 Might I say, Mr Chettle, that there's no, 12:03:05 29 COMMISSIONER: question of your clients having an obligation to the 30 12:03:10 31 Commission under the Inquiries Act. It's not optional. 12:03:12 32 We've always known, but we can only do 12:03:13 33 MR CHETTLE: No. 12:03:16 34 what we can do, Commissioner. That's why I'm here today, 12:03:17 35 because we couldn't do it. But what we've now got, quite bluntly, my clients will have access to all the unredacted 12:03:19 36 12:03:22 37 hard copies, they'll redact it. It will be agreed. won't need to see unredacted material. We will anonymise 12:03:26 38 12:03:32 39 it and we'll get on with the job. 12:03:33 40 12:03:33 41 COMMISSIONER: Yes, all right then. Anything further, 12:03:34 42 Mr Winneke? 12:03:35 43 12:03:35 44 MR WINNEKE: No, Commissioner. 12:03:37 45

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COMMISSIONER: All right, I think we've finished with that

I'm sorry it's taken so long, Ms Neskovcin.

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didn't realise it would take as long but I suppose it's been useful in terms of the arguments that you're assisting the Commission with also. So it's now necessary to go into closed hearing. It's necessary now for all people who are not counsel or legal or staff of the Royal Commission or the legal representatives for Victoria Police, the State, DPP, the Hodson family and Ms Gobbo to now leave the courtroom.

MR HOLT: Sorry, before the Commissioner makes that order can I just indicate the affidavit which I'll be filing and seeking to read is a highly confidential affidavit, as the Commissioner will appreciate, I think having seen a copy of It's an affidavit the detail of which could only be discussed with the State parties present in the room. may well be that we don't get to the point that we need to do that but can I simply indicate that if we get to that point we'd be asking for representatives who are not for State parties to also be excluded.

What about if we just offered an undertaking MR COLLINSON: that anything we learn we don't communicate to the client.

MR HOLT: Not on that affidavit, Commissioner, as the Commission - - -

COMMISSIONER: Why don't we deal with that when we come to it. A copy of the order is to be placed on the courtroom door. So the hearing is now closed.

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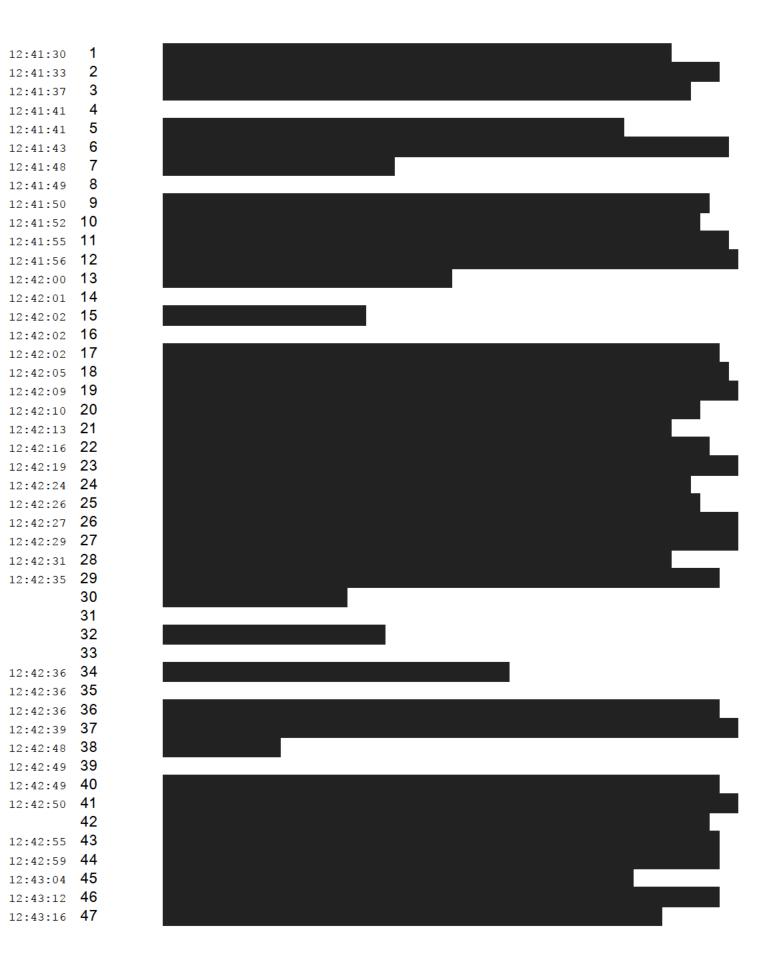










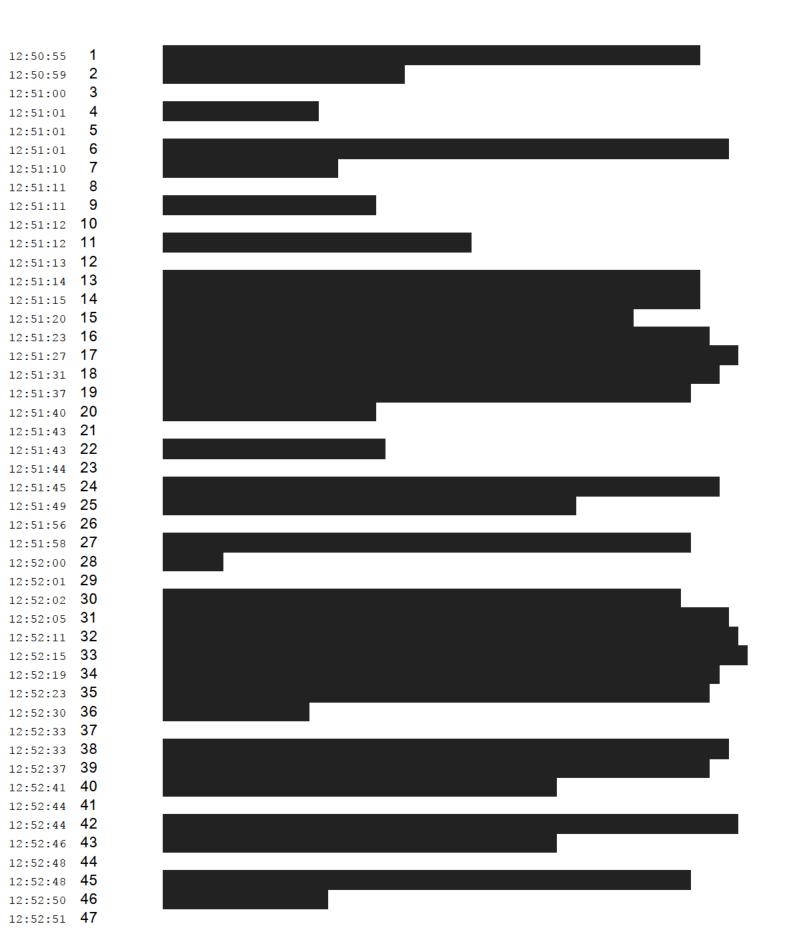
















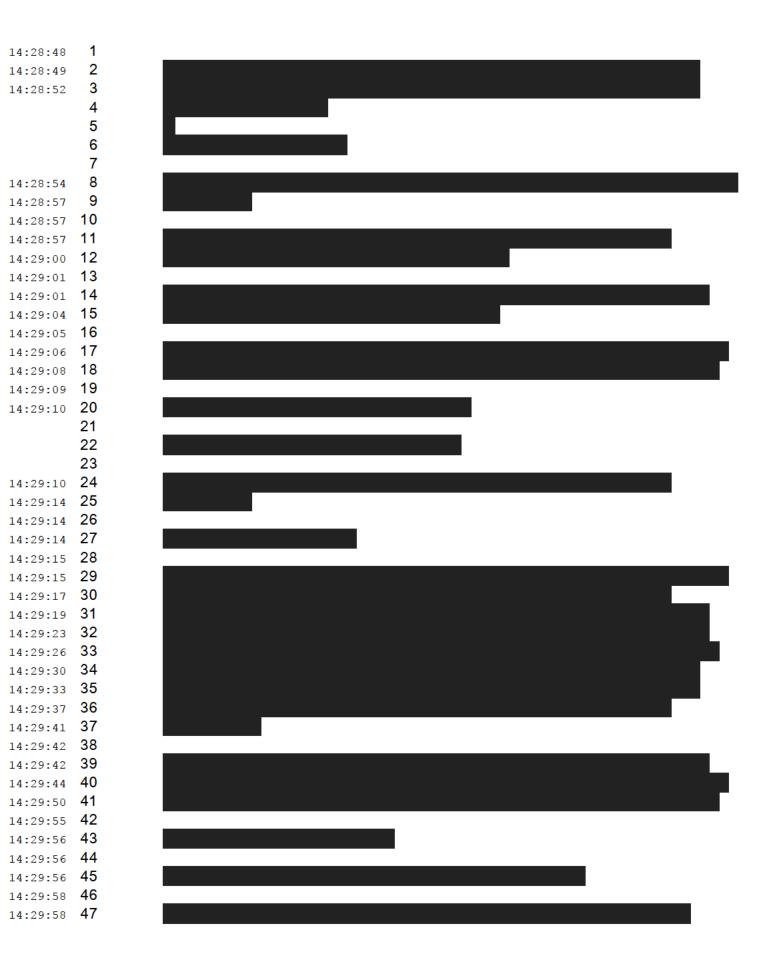




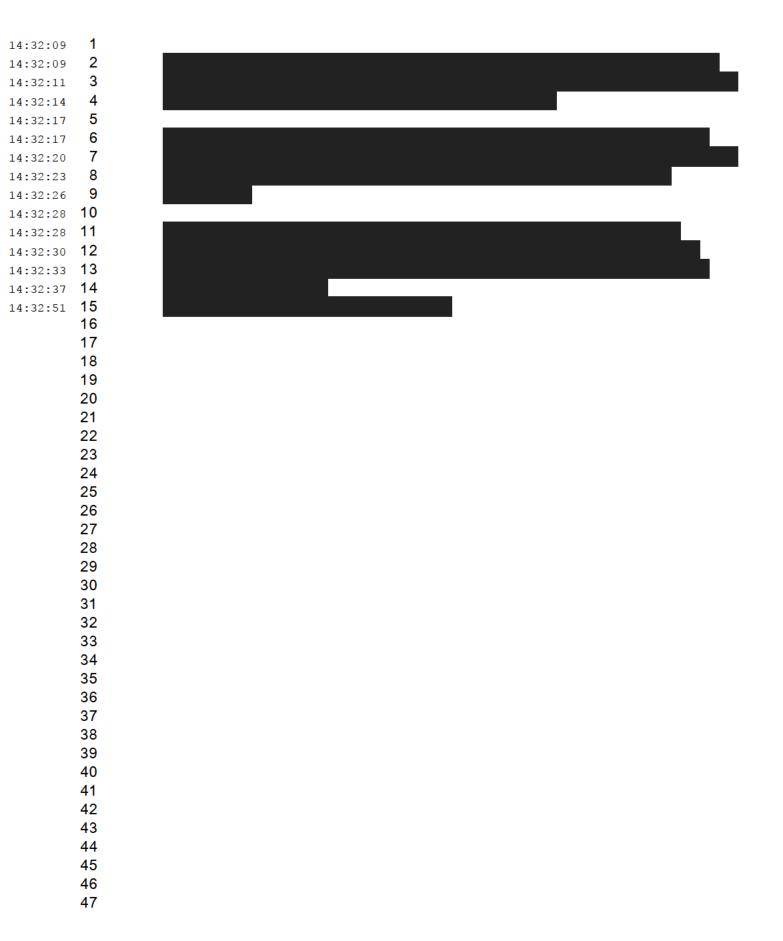


















































































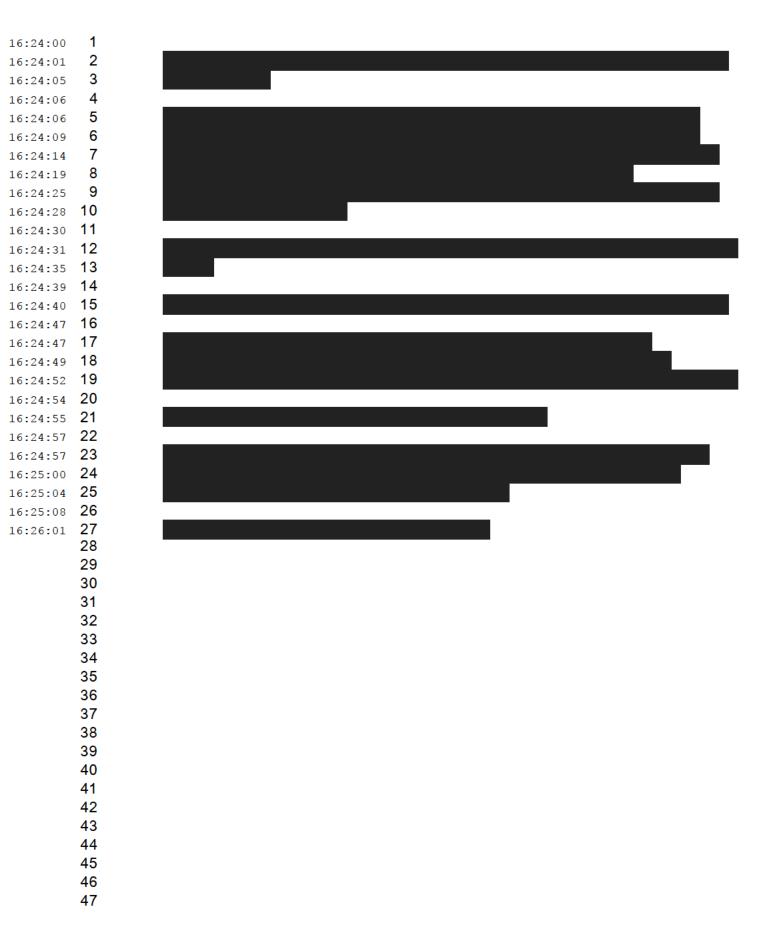




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