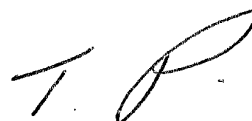


Royal Commission**into the Management of Police Informants****STATEMENT OF TERRY FRANCIS PURTON**

1. My full name is Terry Francis Purton. I am a retired member of Victoria Police.
2. I make this statement in response to a request from the Royal Commission into the Management of Police Informants dated 19 March 2019. This statement is produced to the Royal Commission in response to a Notice to Produce.

Educational background and employment history (q 1)

3. I was a member of Victoria Police for 45 years.
4. I commenced with Victoria Police in 1972. I graduated from the Police Academy in that year and was first sent to Russell Street Headquarters as a Constable and then to Reservoir Police Station undertaking general duties. A summary of my employment history since that time is set out below:
 - In 1977, I was transferred to Fitzroy Criminal Investigation Branch for a few months and then to Broadmeadows Criminal Investigation Branch. I was promoted to Sergeant in 1981;
 - In 1982, I was a member of the Prosecution team at Preston for 12 months;
 - In 1983, I was promoted to Senior Sergeant and transferred to the Research Development department for eight months;
 - In 1988, I was promoted to Inspector and was a patrol officer at Pascoe Vale, Heidelberg and Broadmeadows;
 - In 1991, I transferred to IID/ESD (Ethical Standards) as Chief Inspector and Team Leader and then promoted to Superintendent of the Complaints and Corruption Division;
 - In 1999, I was in the role of Crime Superintendent, Region Four.
 - In 2001, I undertook a review of the Drug Squad and prepared a detailed report about the conduct and management of drug investigations and corruption and human source management;



- In January 2002, I was promoted to Commander (Crime) at St Kilda Road Police Headquarters to run squads under Assistant Commissioner Simon Overland.
 - In 2008, I transferred to 'Project Clarendon' which oversaw the training of crime scene investigators;
 - In 2010, I transferred to Internal Audit where I remained for seven years;
 - I retired from Victoria Police in April 2017, but continued to serve for a further two years as an unsworn member, including in the role of Director of the Discipline Inquiry Office;
 - I have now retired from all roles within Victoria Police.
5. I have completed the following Victoria Police training courses and other qualifications:
- Detective Training Course;
 - Advance Detective Training Course;
 - Prosecutors Course;
 - Inspectors Course;
 - FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia, USA – three month course (1996);
 - Graduate Diploma of Public Administration and Policing.
6. The professional awards that I have received are as follows:
- National Police Service Medal;
 - Victoria Police Service Medal;
 - Police Conduct and Good Service Medal;
 - Australia Police Medal;
 - 35 Year Service Award.

Involvement or association with any investigation which had dealings with Ms Gobbo (q 2)

7. I refer to my answer to question 3 below.

Use of Ms Gobbo as a human source (questions 3-8)

Question 3

8. For the purpose of preparing this statement, I have been provided with a bundle of all of the entries in my diary which refer to Nicola Gobbo. I have reviewed that bundle.



9. It appears from the bundle of diary entries that it was on 19 September 2005 that I became aware that Ms Gobbo was providing information and/or assistance to police. My diary records (page 51) that on that day I was informed that Ms Gobbo was to introduce an undercover operative to Tony Mokbel.
10. My diary also records (page 60) that on 26 September 2005, I attended a *Purana Taskforce* progress meeting at which there was discussion about Ms Gobbo being a registered human source. It appears from the diary entry that there was discussion about Ms Gobbo's motivation for becoming a human source and about welfare concerns. I cannot recall this meeting.
11. In relation to the other diary entries in the bundle that mention Ms Gobbo:
 - (a) the entries on pages 32, 267 and 60 record discussions at *Purana Taskforce* meetings;
 - (b) the entries on pages 290, 51, 65, 71, 74, 75, 77 and 140 record updates that were provided to me by members about operations and court proceedings;
 - (c) the entries on pages 156 and 162 appear to concern witness protection issues.
12. From about 2008 until I retired as a sworn member in 2017, I was also a member of the Witsec Steering Committee. The Committee was responsible for considering entry into the Witness Protection Program and the deregistration of human sources. The Committee did not sit on a regular basis. It sat when required. I did not attend every Committee meeting. Ms Gobbo was discussed at these meetings. She was discussed in the context of her potentially entering the Witness Protection Program.

Question 4

13. I refer to my answer to question 3 above.

Question 5

14. I have no knowledge of these matters.

Question 6

15. I have had no personal contact with Ms Gobbo

Questions 7 and 8

16. I refer to my answer to question 3 above.



Concerns in relation to Ms Gobbo and disclosure (questions 9-11)

Questions 9 to 11

17. I have no knowledge of these matters.

Other relevant matters (questions 12 to 14)

Question 12

18. I am not aware of any such human source.

Question 13

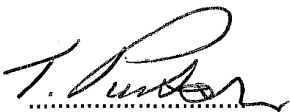
19. I completed numerous training courses at Victoria Police as detailed in my response to question 1.

20. The matters listed in question 13 were all taught in the Academy and during Detective Training School. They were also matters learnt on the job over my 45 years as a member.

Question 14

21. I have nothing further to add.

Dated: 6 May 2019



Terry Francis Purton