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I can only remember 4 occasions when I have met Nicola GOBBO. All 4 of these meetings were within the court system whilst she was representing people who had been charged and I was either the informant or a witness.

Two times were whilst she was representing a defendant named Shane PIDOTO, when I was the informant.

Another occasion, I attended a sentence hearing for a defendant, whose name I can't remember. Nicola GOBBO asked me a couple questions in relation to her client to confirm that he didn't have a known history of prolonged drug trafficking.

I can only remember on one other occasion that whilst giving evidence under oath she was present and may have asked me a number of questions during a committal hearing. This was whilst she was acting as one of the barristers for Tony MOKBEL.

On all occasions these conversations were in the presence of other people within the court system. I have never met her alone or outside the courts. The conversations that I did have appeared to be in accordance with a barrister acting professionally for her clients.

I am unaware of any relationships with Victorian Police members outside of her representing clients as a barrister.

The only time I became aware that Nicole GOBBO may have been assisting the Victoria Police was when it was written in the newspapers that Witness X was a female barrister who had represented a number of gangland clients. Prior to that I had never heard from anyone that even suspected it.

As part of the Commission's request in reference to matter 4, I have no further information that could be of assistance.