

**Royal Commission  
into the Management of Police Informants**

**STATEMENT OF MARK CHRISTIAN HATT**

1. My full name is Mark Christian Hatt.
2. I am currently an Acting Inspector in the Southern Metropolitan Region.
3. I make this statement in response to a request from the Royal Commission into the Management of Police Informants dated 23 May 2019. This statement is produced to the Royal Commission in response to a Notice to Produce.

**Educational background and employment history (Q1)**

4. I graduated from the Victorian Police Academy in 1994. Details of my progression through the ranks and training are contained in Annexure A to this statement.

**Involvement or association with any investigation which dealt with Ms Gobbo (Q2)**

5. I was involved in investigations that dealt with Ms Gobbo when I was a member of the *Purana Taskforce*. I was at *Purana* from September 2003 to November 2004 and again from October 2006 to April 2010. During both periods, I investigated the numerous gangland murders that had been committed in Victoria.
6. My contact with Ms Gobbo related to investigations into murders committed by three individuals, [REDACTED] That contact related mostly to [REDACTED]

Arrest of [REDACTED]

7. On [REDACTED] 2003, [REDACTED] was murdered on [REDACTED] [REDACTED] were arrested for that murder [REDACTED] At that time my crew was led by Detective Sergeant Stuart Bateson and included Detective Senior Constables Nigel L'Estrange and Michelle Kerley.
8. I processed and interviewed [REDACTED] after his arrest. I did not process or interview [REDACTED] but did briefly speak to him. [REDACTED] was compliant, and I recall that, even

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in the brief discussion I had with him, he said he might be open to assisting police. I do not remember the words he used but I recall from what he said that he seemed to be openly considering assisting police.

9. In the week prior to the murder, I had been involved in investigations relating to [REDACTED], which included arranging listening devices and monitoring telephone intercepts. In the weeks that followed, I was also involved in follow up enquiries relating to the [REDACTED] murder.
10. On [REDACTED] 2003, members of my crew successfully applied to have [REDACTED] taken out of remand for questioning about another crime, under the process in s 464B of the *Crimes Act 1958* (Vic). I was not present for this interview, but I was on duty that day to provide security. Either that day or shortly after, I became aware that members of my crew recorded [REDACTED] providing information about [REDACTED] involvement in the murders of [REDACTED], as well as others' involvement in organised crime, including Tony Mokbel.
11. On [REDACTED] 2003, I attended [REDACTED] Prison with DS Bateson to serve [REDACTED] with copies of the recordings that had been made the week before. [REDACTED] did not want to accept them because he did not want to have tapes like that in prison. I recall that [REDACTED] was still cooperative and all indications to me were that he was willing to assist police, but he was concerned about his safety if others found out he was cooperating with police.
12. On [REDACTED] 2004, I spoke with [REDACTED]. Two days later on [REDACTED] 2004, I executed a search warrant at [REDACTED]. I recall that this warrant was to obtain evidence in relation to the [REDACTED] murders.
13. Around this time, members of my crew visited [REDACTED] in prison a number of times. I was generally aware that more senior officers were talking to [REDACTED] about him cooperating, but I wasn't involved in these discussions. As my notes record, I visited [REDACTED] 2004. My notes from [REDACTED] 2004 set out how [REDACTED] was already providing information and indicating he was willing to cooperate. I believed he was doing so because he wanted to negotiate a deal for a reduced sentence due to overwhelming evidence against him.



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14. My notes for 16 February 2004 record that [REDACTED] mentioned that he had spoken to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to contact Nicola". I believe this was a reference to Ms Gobbo, but do not recall what this was about. My notes also mention that [REDACTED] said that a "bloke at top of tree splashes money on Nicola". Again, I believe this was a reference to Ms Gobbo, but I do not recall who else it referred to.
15. I don't recall if I had met Ms Gobbo by this time, but I had seen her around the Court precinct. Many within Victoria Police, including me, saw Ms Gobbo as being closely aligned with Carl Williams' and Tony Mokbel's "crews", in that she was a lawyer but also someone who was an active part of the criminal enterprises that *Purana* was trying to dismantle. I understood this also involved Ms Gobbo becoming close personal friends with organised crime figures.
16. On [REDACTED] 2004, I attended a committal mention for [REDACTED] in relation to the [REDACTED] murder. I saw [REDACTED] DS Bateson. I do not recall if Ms Gobbo was in Court that day.
17. On [REDACTED] 2004, I met with [REDACTED] regarding concerns [REDACTED] safety and on [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]
18. From [REDACTED] 2004, I attended [REDACTED] Prison to take detailed statements from [REDACTED] concerning a [REDACTED]. A week or so later on [REDACTED] 2004, I again visited [REDACTED] to review those statements with him. He asked that Ms Gobbo review his statements before he signed them, and so DS Bateson arranged this with her.
19. The next day, I attended Ms Gobbo's office while she read copies of the statements. I remember feeling uncomfortable being in her office because I knew the clients she represented and was concerned, mostly for my own safety, that they might come by her office, as a coincidence or otherwise. Ms Gobbo suggested some minor changes to the statements. On [REDACTED] 2004, DS Bateson and I showed [REDACTED] the revised statements. [REDACTED] signed his statements on [REDACTED] 2004.
20. From then, I had contact with [REDACTED] throughout 2005 to address ongoing concerns he had about his safety and welfare in prison, as well as making arrangements for him to give evidence in subsequent hearings and trials. I also took a further statement from him in [REDACTED] 2005 regarding [REDACTED] murder. I was present with [REDACTED] when he gave evidence at the committal hearings of [REDACTED]

  
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in [REDACTED] 2005 for the [REDACTED] murders and a committal hearing in [REDACTED] 2005 for the murder of [REDACTED]. I was also present in Court when [REDACTED] gave evidence during the trial of [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] 2005 for the murder of [REDACTED].

21. At [REDACTED] trial for murder, [REDACTED] gave evidence against [REDACTED] for a number of days. [REDACTED] was found guilty of [REDACTED] murder on [REDACTED] 2005.
22. I do not have any record of contacting Ms Gobbo in relation to [REDACTED] after I attended her office on [REDACTED] 2004. To the best of my recollection, I had no other contact with Ms Gobbo when managing [REDACTED] as a witness.

#### Arrest of [REDACTED]

23. On [REDACTED] 2004, a month or so after [REDACTED] had signed his statements, I was part of the team that arrested [REDACTED] for the [REDACTED] murders. I assisted in processing [REDACTED] that day. I have been asked if I recall whether [REDACTED] attempted to contact Ms Gobbo. I don't recall her trying to be contacted, and don't recall which legal representative was contacted that day.
24. On the same day that [REDACTED] was arrested, I attended [REDACTED] Prison to serve notice of direct presentment on [REDACTED] in relation to the [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] murders. DSC Kerley served [REDACTED] with notice of direct presentment for the same murders.
25. I had been investigating the [REDACTED] murders in the lead up to these charges. But I had more closely investigated [REDACTED].
26. [REDACTED] on 26 November 2004, I transferred to the Homicide Squad. I have no record of any contact with [REDACTED] or his lawyers after his arrest until [REDACTED] 2006. I do not recall having any contact with [REDACTED] or his lawyers during this time. However, I was aware that [REDACTED] was committed to stand trial in [REDACTED] 2005 for the [REDACTED], as I had been present with [REDACTED] when he gave evidence against [REDACTED] in the committal hearing for those murders.

#### Cooperation by [REDACTED]

27. I recall being informed in [REDACTED] 2006 that [REDACTED] had agreed to cooperate with police.
28. He did so after [REDACTED] had given evidence in [REDACTED] committal for the [REDACTED] murders in [REDACTED] 2005 and in [REDACTED] murder trial in [REDACTED] 2005, and after [REDACTED] had had a falling out with [REDACTED].

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29. I took a statement about the murder of [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] 2006. I was aware that he gave a number of statements about other murders in [REDACTED] 2006. These statements were signed on [REDACTED] 2006. A few days later, [REDACTED] 2006, [REDACTED]
30. I have no record of having any contact with Ms Gobbo about [REDACTED] I do not believe I had any contact with Ms Gobbo in relation to [REDACTED]
31. Around this time, on 19 February 2006, I attended a meeting with DS Bateson at the offices of a solicitor, Jim Valos. Ms Gobbo was present. My diary records that this meeting was about [REDACTED], but I do not recall anything further about the meeting.
32. I have no record or memory of being involved in discussions with [REDACTED] or his lawyers about [REDACTED] wishing to cooperate. I did meet with a member of [REDACTED] family on [REDACTED] 2006 with DSC L'Estrange regarding safety concerns that they had. I do not recall whether this had anything to do with [REDACTED] cooperation. I did later go on to take statements from [REDACTED]
33. [REDACTED] cooperated with police after [REDACTED] had given strong evidence at [REDACTED] committal and in [REDACTED] I suspect that [REDACTED] might also have known that [REDACTED] was cooperating because of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] but I do not know that this was the case.
34. On [REDACTED] 2006, I took a statement from [REDACTED] about the murder of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] signed this statement on [REDACTED] 2006. I was aware that at that time [REDACTED] spent a couple of weeks in [REDACTED] 2006 making statements to police about a number of other [REDACTED]
35. My diary records that on [REDACTED] 2006, during the period that [REDACTED] was making statements, [REDACTED] met with his legal representative at the Victorian Police Centre. I have been asked if I recall anything about this meeting and whether Ms Gobbo was present. I recall that she was there but I do not recall the meeting or what occurred.
36. On 15 August 2006, I attended a meeting with the OPP (Geoff Horgan, Paul Coghlan and Andrew Tinney) with DS Bateson, DSC L'Estrange, DSC Kerley and AC Overland. My diary records that the meeting was about the status of the [REDACTED] trial. I do not recall anything about the meeting. At the time, I was one of the Senior Constables in the team and do not recall having any specific responsibility at that meeting.

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Return to *Purana* and ongoing contact with [REDACTED]

37. On 17 October 2006, I returned to *Purana* as a Detective Acting Sergeant to take part in Operation Pandora, which was the overall name for investigations into a number of different murders. That operation came about because of additional investigations that *Purana* had undertaken, as well as the statements made by both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. It related to a number of historic murders linked generally through [REDACTED] and included Operation [REDACTED].

38. Based on the additional investigations and statements from [REDACTED] we had identified a number of persons of interest in relation to some of the Operation [REDACTED] murders. From the start of the operation, [REDACTED] were all key persons of interest in the Operation [REDACTED] investigations.

39. Around the time I returned to *Purana*, I began having regular contact with [REDACTED] about him giving evidence and to address issues about his safety and welfare in prison. Members of my crew and I had built a rapport with [REDACTED] and he ultimately insisted on speaking only to us because he said he trusted us. I also spoke to members of [REDACTED] family about his and their safety and welfare on numerous occasions. On occasion, I spoke with Ms Gobbo about these issues to do with [REDACTED].

40. At some points during this period, [REDACTED] would sometimes pass on information he had come across about other people and crimes. [REDACTED] was giving statements and evidence as a witness at this time and was not [REDACTED].

41. The contact I had with [REDACTED] members of his family and Ms Gobbo is set out in my diary for this period. I have provided additional information about some of these contacts below. I have dealt separately below with issues concerning Operation [REDACTED] and other assistance that [REDACTED] 2009 and 2010.

42. On 14 November 2006, I spoke to [REDACTED] about a statement he had written about [REDACTED]. I do not recall who this was, and it could refer to a number of people with those initials. As my day book records, he had given a copy of the statement to Ms Gobbo and was concerned about how it would be collected from her without drawing attention to the fact he was cooperating with police. I told him that we would arrange to execute a warrant on her office to get the statement. I proposed executing a warrant to ensure the statement was lawfully obtained but also to protect [REDACTED] and Ms Gobbo's safety. The risk to [REDACTED] was from those he was providing information about. The risk to

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Ms Gobbo was if her associates found out that she was acting for [REDACTED] at a time when he was cooperating with police. Ms Gobbo called the *Purana* office later that day and I told her that we would arrange for a warrant to be executed to obtain [REDACTED] handwritten statement.

43. I executed the warrant on Ms Gobbo's office on 7 December 2006 along with DS Dale Flynn. Ms Gobbo was present. I took possession of [REDACTED] statement. I had sought advice about how to properly execute the warrant from a Legal Advisor from Victoria Police, David Skelton. He also attended when the warrant was executed.
44. While I was executing this warrant, Ms Gobbo informed me that she had received threats by text message. I began making enquiries about these threats that day, including obtaining copies of her phone records and fingerprinting the phone box from where the messages were sent. The investigations did not identify a suspect. I was not aware that Ms Gobbo received further threats after this.
45. On 21 November 2006, I spoke to Ms Gobbo and she volunteered information about concerns for her safety from Carl Williams and Milad Mokbel. My day book includes a reference to DS Bateson referring to Ms Gobbo's "handler", which may have been a reference to a human source handler. I do not have a clear recollection of when I first suspected Ms Gobbo was a source, but I recall that I suspected this sometime in 2006. I do not recall if I was ever explicitly told that she was a source around this time, but I suspected this was the case because of pieces of information like this.
46. On [REDACTED] 2007, I went to [REDACTED] Prison to speak with [REDACTED] about arrangements for his safety. My diary records that later that day, documents were delivered to Ms Gobbo as [REDACTED] solicitor. I don't recall what they were, but I suspect they related to the issues about [REDACTED] safety that I had discussed with him earlier that day.
47. My diary records that on 14 March 2008, I attended a meeting with members of the Source Development Unit regarding Ms Gobbo with DS Kelly and DS Buick. I have been shown a record<sup>4</sup> that suggests this meeting related to SDU concerns about a surveillance unit contacting the *Purana* office in a way that might disclose the fact that Ms Gobbo was a human source. I do not recall the meeting, but do not dispute what is set out in that document. Based on this record, I believe I was aware by this time that Ms Gobbo had acted as a human source.

<sup>4</sup> VPL.0016.0046.0341.

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48. During 2008, I received information from the SDU about Gatto on a few occasions. For example, on 8 October 2008, my diary records that I spoke with DS Bourne<sup>5</sup> from the SDU and that he provided me information regarding Gatto and Michael Choucair, who was the former owner of the restaurant where Veniamin was shot dead. I do not believe that the SDU members identified the source of this information when it was provided, as I recall the SDU members were very careful not to disclose the identities of sources when passing on intelligence.
49. On 5 February 2009, when speaking with [REDACTED] about welfare issues and his upcoming court dates, he supplied information about a relative of Mick Gatto. That information is set out in my diary. At the time, Gatto was an active person of interest in the Operation [REDACTED] investigations.

Operation [REDACTED], Operation [REDACTED] and Operation [REDACTED]

50. As set out above, I was involved in Operation [REDACTED] once I returned to *Purana* in October 2006. That overall operation included a number of more specific investigations. I was involved in Operation [REDACTED] which was an investigation into the [REDACTED] 2002 murder of [REDACTED]. I was also involved in Operation [REDACTED] which was an investigation into the [REDACTED] 2002 murder of [REDACTED].
51. Initial investigations into [REDACTED] murder indicated he had been murdered after [REDACTED] [REDACTED] had been shot dead in [REDACTED] 2000. [REDACTED] had been acting as [REDACTED] [REDACTED] at the time. By [REDACTED] 2002, when [REDACTED] was killed, [REDACTED] was trying to locate [REDACTED] and actively making enquiries about who had killed [REDACTED]. At that time, [REDACTED]
52. On 4 December 2006, I received a phone call from Ms Gobbo about a meeting she had with [REDACTED]. She said that [REDACTED] had arranged to meet her for coffee a few days earlier and that [REDACTED] had also been present. She said the conversation had been very strange and that they had not mentioned [REDACTED]. She also said she had subsequently spoken to [REDACTED] who said that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] would "be testing her". I understood this to mean that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were fishing for information about what she knew about what [REDACTED] had told police.
53. I believe Ms Gobbo was telling me this because I was managing [REDACTED] and I had asked her to pass on information that might affect his safety. As set out above, I had spoken to her on occasion about [REDACTED] safety and welfare. I knew around this time

<sup>5</sup> Exhibit 81 (pseudonym list).

  
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that [REDACTED] and others were doing everything they could to try and find out what the police were doing, because they were worried about being investigated for murders that were part of Operation [REDACTED]

54. By this time, [REDACTED] had already provided a statement about [REDACTED] murder in [REDACTED] 2006. On [REDACTED] May 2007, I took a further statement from [REDACTED] regarding [REDACTED] murder, which related to telephone intercepts of phone calls between [REDACTED] that we had recently obtained. [REDACTED] deciphered these calls because they were conducted largely in code. The content of these calls implicated a number of people in [REDACTED] murder, including [REDACTED]

55. On [REDACTED] 2007, I also took a statement from [REDACTED] regarding the [REDACTED] murder.

56. On 14 June 2007, Ms Gobbo contacted me to speak about [REDACTED] [REDACTED] 10/7/19. Ms Gobbo said that [REDACTED] had told her that [REDACTED] had given statements against [REDACTED]. As my day book records, she said that [REDACTED] had definitely not told her about giving these statements and that she had "no knowledge" about them. I told her that [REDACTED] "was barking up the wrong tree" about [REDACTED] I told her this to stop information spreading about [REDACTED] cooperation and reported this to DDI Gavan Ryan and DDI Jim O'Brien.

57. On [REDACTED] 2007 [REDACTED] was arrested and charged with the murder of [REDACTED] I was not involved in his arrest, but I attended [REDACTED] filing hearing later that day to provide security in case members of [REDACTED] family attended. I recall that [REDACTED] was the informant in the [REDACTED] prosecution.

58. On 27 June 2007, I received information from Corrections Intelligence that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] had sent a letter stating that [REDACTED] had been in contact with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] The concern was that contact with [REDACTED] might compromise [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. I spoke with her later that day about those issues.

59. On 29 June 2007, Ms Gobbo called me because [REDACTED] had again contacted her about [REDACTED] She told me that [REDACTED] was trying to find out who had made statements against [REDACTED] She said [REDACTED] did not know that Ms Gobbo was acting for [REDACTED] As my day book records, she said that she was unlikely to represent [REDACTED] "due to conflict". By this, I understood that she meant she would not represent [REDACTED] as she had a conflict of interest because she represented [REDACTED] It is not mentioned in my notes, but I recall relaying this information to DS Buick, as he was the informant in the [REDACTED] murder and [REDACTED] was under active investigation in relation to that murder.

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60. I have been asked if I recall Ms Gobbo appearing for [REDACTED] in relation to the [REDACTED] murder. I do not recall her acting for him, and I recall that [REDACTED] was represented by [REDACTED] at his committal and trial and that his solicitors had been from [REDACTED].
61. On [REDACTED] 2007, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] When I spoke to [REDACTED] about this, his clear view was that it was directly related to the upcoming committal of [REDACTED], and that the [REDACTED] was designed to try and [REDACTED].
62. In [REDACTED] 2008, [REDACTED] gave evidence at Orman's committal for the murder of [REDACTED]. The committal commenced on [REDACTED] 2008 and [REDACTED] gave evidence on [REDACTED] 2008. [REDACTED] was committed to stand trial. On [REDACTED] 2008, a few days after [REDACTED] gave evidence during the committal, I took an additional statement from [REDACTED] about the [REDACTED]. I recall that he had said something new during his committal that needed to be provided to the defence in a statement.
63. On [REDACTED] 2008, [REDACTED] was taken from prison to various addresses in Melbourne to point out addresses relevant to the [REDACTED] murders. He also started another statement regarding the [REDACTED] murder, which was finalised on [REDACTED] 2008.
64. On [REDACTED] 2008, [REDACTED] was interviewed in relation to the [REDACTED] murder under the process in s 464B of the *Crimes Act 1958* (Vic). He was charged with that murder the same day. I attended his filing hearing but do not recall if he was represented. I recall that the informant for this charge against [REDACTED] was [REDACTED].
65. In the months following, [REDACTED] was also charged with the [REDACTED]. On [REDACTED] 2008, I was part of a team that executed a warrant at the offices of a solicitor, [REDACTED] to obtain a handwritten letter that [REDACTED] had given [REDACTED] for secure storage some years prior to his murder.
66. On [REDACTED] 2008, I received a phone call from Ms Gobbo. She said that she was no longer representing [REDACTED] and that a law firm, [REDACTED] and Associates, would be taking over his representation. After this time, I have no record of further contact with Ms Gobbo to do with [REDACTED] and do not believe I had any such contact.
67. I have been informed that a record in the Loricated database<sup>6</sup> states that on this date, Ms Gobbo said to her SDU handlers that I was "aware that [she] was instrumental in

<sup>6</sup> VPL.2000.0003.3728.

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rolling [REDACTED] and orchestrating the making of his statements". I did not say to her that she was instrumental in him cooperating or anything to that effect, and I do not believe that was the case. My view is that [REDACTED] cooperated because he was looking for the best deal for himself and because he understood that he was going to be convicted on the strong evidence against him. I believe this was also the case for [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

68. On [REDACTED] 2008, I visited [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] to discuss the upcoming committal hearing for [REDACTED] for the [REDACTED] murder. As my diary records, [REDACTED] provided additional information about [REDACTED]. A few days later, on [REDACTED] 2008, I returned to [REDACTED] and took a statement from [REDACTED] about this further information. The next day, [REDACTED] 2008, [REDACTED] gave evidence at [REDACTED] committal hearing from a secure facility. [REDACTED] was committed to stand trial.

69. On [REDACTED] 2009, I spoke to DS Bourne at SDU about serving a statement that [REDACTED] had given. My diary records that the SDU were concerned a statement identified Ms Gobbo because it might compromise her safety. As my diary also records, DS Bourne said the next day that he was happy for the statement to be served.

70. On [REDACTED] 2009, I attended [REDACTED] to speak to [REDACTED] regarding upcoming committals. A week later, [REDACTED] gave evidence at the committal hearing for [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] murder.

71. In [REDACTED] 2009, [REDACTED] gave evidence against [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in their trial for [REDACTED] murder. He gave evidence over a number of days. I recall that [REDACTED] appeared for [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was found guilty of [REDACTED] murder on [REDACTED] 2009 and was sentenced on [REDACTED] 2009. [REDACTED] was acquitted.

Other assistance by [REDACTED]

72. Throughout 2009 and 2010, [REDACTED] gave additional assistance in matters other than Operation [REDACTED] and Operation [REDACTED]. My role was to introduce other investigators to [REDACTED] because he refused to speak to anyone new unless I, DS Bateson or DSC L'Estrange were present. I have no record of my contact with [REDACTED] involving Ms Gobbo and, to the best of my recollection, I did not have contact with Ms Gobbo in relation to [REDACTED] around this time. This additional assistance included the following:

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- (a) On [REDACTED] 2009, I visited [REDACTED] with [REDACTED] who wished to speak with [REDACTED] about assisting the Petra Taskforce.
- (b) During [REDACTED] 2009, I was present with [REDACTED] while he gave evidence in relation to drug offences by [REDACTED]. I made arrangements around then for [REDACTED] to provide supplementary statements to correct earlier statements he had made.
- (c) In [REDACTED] 2010, [REDACTED] was taken out of prison to provide statements to [REDACTED] about the murder of [REDACTED]. I assisted both times.
- (d) In [REDACTED] 2010, [REDACTED] provided information regarding other incidents in prison. That information is recorded in my diary.

73. Around this time, I left *Purana* in April 2010 to be part of the team that developed the Sex Abuse and Child Abuse Investigation Teams (SOCIT). In the years following, I had intermittent contact with [REDACTED] about his welfare and safety. I recall none of this contact involved Ms Gobbo.

**How I learned, or were given reason to believe, Ms Gobbo was providing information (Q3)**

74. As set out in my response to Question 2, I believe that I began to suspect that Ms Gobbo was a human source during 2006. It appears that I was aware that she was a source by March 2008 but I do not recall how I came to know this was the case.

**Awareness of others (Q4)**

75. The diary records I have reviewed in preparing my statement suggest that DS Bateson, DS Kelly and DS Buick may have been aware that Ms Gobbo was a human source. But I do not know how or when they came to be aware of that.

**Authorisation of the use of Ms Gobbo as a human source (Q5)**

76. I have no knowledge of these matters.

**Personal contact with Ms Gobbo (Q6)**

77. I refer to my answer to Question 2. The only contact beyond this was once in the last two years when I was attending Port Philip Prison and she was there visiting a prisoner. I recall that she said hello to me, but that we did not have a further conversation.

**Information & assistance received (Q7 & Q8)**

78. I refer to my response to Question 2.

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**Concerns raised as to the use of a legal practitioner as a human source (Q9)**

79. I have no knowledge of these matters.

**Concerns raised as to the use of Ms Gobbo as a human source (Q10)**

80. I have no knowledge of these matters.

**Awareness about disclosure in relation to Ms Gobbo (Q11)**

81. I have no knowledge of these matters.

**Other human sources with obligations of confidentiality or privilege (Q12)**

82. My diary records that by 8 October 2008, I was aware that [REDACTED] had spoken to the SDU and that there was a recording of what they had spoken about. I recall I wanted access to that recording for investigative purposes, but SDU did not allow me access to it.

83. I did not know then, and do not know now, the extent of [REDACTED] contact with the SDU or whether [REDACTED] was ultimately registered as a human source.

**Training (Q13)**

84. My recollection of the relevant training or retraining I have received on these specific topics is as follows:

- (a) Obligation of disclosure – I have learned about this initially in the Academy and later in Detective Training School (DTS), and then from my experience running trials and working with the OPP;
- (b) The right of accused person to silence and to a legal practitioner – These topics were covered in the Academy and DTS, as well as on the job experience whenever arresting an individual.
- (c) Legal professional privilege – some training and I have repeatedly dealt with it in the course of my duties.
- (d) Public interest immunity – I have dealt with the issue of public interest immunity numerous times in the course of my duties, relating to police methodology, ongoing investigations as well as the identity and existence of human sources. Usually, where these issues are raised in court, we would engage the VGSO to assist with PII arguments.
- (e) Professional and ethical decision making – this was covered generally in the Academy and DTS, but I have also dealt with it more specifically when completing

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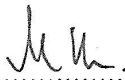


a Disciplinary Investigation Course for professional standards complaints and inquiries.

**Other information (Q14)**

85. I have nothing further to add.

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### Annexure A

1. A summary of the major roles I have undertaken and my progression through the ranks is as follows:
  - (a) In 1994, I graduated from the Victoria Police Academy.
  - (b) Between 1994 and 1997, I held the rank of Constable and was stationed at police stations in St Kilda and St Kilda Road.
  - (c) In 1998, I was promoted to Senior Constable and stationed at St Kilda police station.
  - (d) In 1999, I was stationed at Elwood Regional Response Unit.
  - (e) In 2000, following a 12-week training period, I was promoted to the rank of Detective Senior Constable and was stationed at St Kilda Criminal Investigation Unit.
  - (f) In September 2003, I commenced temporary duties at the Purana Taskforce.
  - (g) In November 2004, I commenced working at the Homicide Squad.
  - (h) In October 2006, I commenced temporary duties as a Detective Acting Sergeant at the *Purana Taskforce*.
  - (i) In April 2010, I was promoted to the rank of Detective Sergeant at the Sexual Offences and Child Abuse Investigation Team Project.
  - (j) In 2012, I returned to the Homicide Squad as a Detective Sergeant.
  - (k) In 2016, I was promoted to the rank of Detective Senior Sergeant at the Southern Metropolitan Region Crime Team. I am currently an Acting Inspector in the Southern Metropolitan Region.
  
2. I have undertaken Victoria Police qualifications and training including Detective Training School (2001) and Advanced Detective Training School (2010), as well as formal programs upon promotion to Sergeant and Senior Sergeant. I have also completed a Disciplinary Investigation Course (~2008) and a Diploma of Frontline Management (Chisholm) (2009).
  
3. The professional awards that I have received include:
  - (a) Victoria Police Service Medal (2004);
  - (b) Chief Commissioner's certificate for leadership, outstanding commitment to duty, dedication, teamwork. Patience, perseverance and investigative skills as a member of the Purana Taskforce (2006);



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- (c) National Service Medal (2010); and
- (d) National Police Service Medal (2016).



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