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VICTORIA POLICE

MEMORANDUM

To: Assistant Commissioner, Crime

From: Acting Deputy Commissioner, Crime & Operations Support

Subject: Conversation with Witness F of 21 October 2011, and allegations involving Assistant Commissioner Pope

Further to our conversation today (24 October 2011), I note that Witness F had conversations with Taskforce Driver members on the evening of Friday 21 October, and that that conversation was brought to your attention this morning.

I note that;

- in that conversation Witness F apparently alleged that Assistant Commissioner Pope had had a sexual relationship with her a number of years ago, and was accordingly not an appropriate person to be in charge of (her) witness protection.
- PII [REDACTED] the conversation was recorded.

On the current material, there is nothing to indicate any additional risk to F relating to this conversation or the allegations.

Witness F has consistently declined involvement in witness protection, and is not in witness protection. Regardless, Assistant Commissioner Pope has no responsibility for witness protection within Victoria Police.

There is no evidence or suggestion of any current personal or professional relationship between Assistant Commissioner Pope and F.

On the basis of this preliminary material it is proposed that you will:

- as a matter of urgency obtain a transcript of the conversation;
- advise me of the contents;
- advise the reporting members from Taskforce Driver that the matter is being considered, and that you have advised me accordingly.

In taking this course of action I have considered:

- Any risks to Witness F or others;
- The nature and seriousness of the matters alleged;
- Any associated statutory obligations.

This document has been redacted for Public Interest Immunity claims made by Victoria Police.
These claims are not yet resolved.

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Once we have a transcript and a clear understanding of exactly what Witness F has alleged, I will further assess the actions required.



Tim Cartwright
Acting Deputy Commissioner
Crime and Operations Support
24 October, 2011