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Jeff / Fin,

The absence of the Petra file does not help in addressing the term of reference requiring consideration of the process whereby a human source may transition to become a witness.

I assume that this Petra Steering Group file would contain the relevant considerations and decision making rationale for the steering group who determined that the source would be utilised as a witness. From review of the Contact Reports it seems that the Steering Group was made up of Simon Overland as A/C Crime, Luke Cornelius as A/C ESD, Dannye Moloney (as Commander Intel and Covert?) and Graham Ashton from OPI.

It seems that in May 07 Simon approved SDU asking 3838 about the Hodson murders.

It followed in February 08 that 3838 made a statement to Petra about such matters.

On 25/11/08 the Petra Steering Committee met and (as best as I can glean from DSU docs) determined that 3838 would be used as a witness.

Firstly I want to validate that this was the date that this decision was made. (from prior conversations with Luke Cornelius he seemed to recall first becoming involved in early 2009 when Witsec issues were being grappled with?) Luke did not have his dairy with though to validate these recollections.

It would also be helpful to see what information was provided to the steering group who made the decision. From what I can gather the Director Legal did not become involved until mid 2009. Witsec first became involved in mid January 2009, after the decision had been made. I also don't know if the steering group was fully aware of the prior conduct of 3838 and the nature and extent of matters that 3838 had been providing information on, which to some part related to 3838 providing information about clients. It is clear that there were tensions between DSUs and the investigators, and the Petra Steering Group was the final arbiter, however in the absence of this file it is difficult to fully consider the process.

Do you suggest that I speak to either Luke or Graham as Steering Group participants as both Dannye and Simon are no longer in the employ of Vicpol?

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