Statement of Paul Jevtovic APM OAM.

My full name is Pavle (Paul) Jevtovic. I currently reside in Hong Kong, China.

The following is an overview of my professional career.

* Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC) - Head of Financial Crime Threat Mitigation for Asia Pacific based in Hong Kong (May 2017 to present).

In May 2017, I joined HSBC as the Head of Financial Crime Threat Mitigation (FCTM) for Asia Pacific based in Hong Kong. In this role I am responsible for delivering and overseeing FCTM capabilities (including an industry leading fraud risk, investigations, intelligence and analytics capability) in 18 countries across Asia Pacific. I am also accountable for proactively identifying emergent risk issues and financial crime quickly and effectively. An important part of my responsibilities includes facilitating effective information sharing with internal and external stakeholders, including regulatory, law enforcement and security agencies.

* Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre (AUSTRAC) - Chief Executive Officer (Nov 14 to Apr 2017)

In November 2014, I was appointed as Chief Executive Officer of Australia's financial intelligence agency and regulator of the financial industry including some 14,000 reporting entities. During my tenure I led a significant reform agenda – including cultural reform; the development of a new regulatory model; the delivery of an Industry Levy model; conceived and delivered the world's first Regional Counter Terrorism Financing Forum (Australia 2015, Indonesia 2016) which included the production of the world's first regional risk assessment (ASEAN) into money laundering and terrorism financing.

I was also responsible for representing Australia in a number of global forums as Australia's Head of Delegation to Financial Action Task Force (FATF), Egmont (global network of financial intelligence units), Asia-Pacific Group on Money launder (APG) and the Middle East & North African FATF (MENAFATF). Internationally, I also signed historic MOU's with a number of countries including China and Russia enabling unprecedented operational cooperation and broader collaboration between the respective countries.

I also oversaw the development of a new landscape in the relationship between the regulator and industry to one underpinned by principles of partnership, collaboration and innovation. This commitment to public/private partnerships manifested itself into the Fintel Alliance – Australia first public/private partnership in the combat of financial crime, money laundering and terrorism financing.

Australian Crime Commission - Executive Director Operations (Investigations & Intelligence)
January 2012 to October 2013, A/g CEO October 2013 to April 2014, Executive Director April 14 to November 14

Between January 2012 and November 2014, I held the roles of Executive Director Operations and A/g CEO of the ACC. During this time I was responsible for the oversight of all national investigations and intelligence operations undertaken. Amongst other things, I conceived and led the National Eligo taskforce – Australia's most effective and successful attack on organised crime and money laundering resulting in record seizures of cash and causing the detection/seizure of narcotics worth over a billion dollars. I also led the establishment of the Australian Gangs Intelligence Coordination Centre – the national coordination of Australian law enforcement agencies against violent organised crime gangs and as well as overseeing the ACC's contribution to the then national framework countering terrorism.

Office of Police Integrity, Department of Justice, Victoria - Deputy Director (Jan 2010 to Nov 2011)

In January 2010, I was appointed the Deputy Director, Office of Police Integrity (OPI) for the state of Victoria. I was responsible for managing the day to day operations of the organisation including oversight of investigations into police corruption and serious misconduct.

* Australian Federal Police – Constable to Assistant Commissioner (Oct 1982 to Dec 2009)

I commenced my professional career as a Constable/Federal Agent with the Australian Federal Police in 1982 a uniform officer before working in a broad range of investigative fields including narcotics (domestic and international drug trafficking), organised and serious crime, fraud and internal affairs/anti-corruption. I worked across Australia in Melbourne, Canberra and Queensland/Far North Queensland. I was also the AFP's Legal Attaché to the Australian Embassy in the Philippines from Jan 1995 to Dec 1998.

In April 2005, I was promoted to Assistant Commissioner, National Manager, International Deployment Group. Over the next three years I conceived and oversaw one of the AFP's largest new policy initiatives to deliver one of the world's largest standing international policing capabilities. I was also responsible for leading the deployment of over 500 law enforcement and civilian officers to countries impacted by the break-down of democracy and deterioration of security in both United Nations missions and multilateral regional taskforces across the Pacific.

I also performed the roles of Assistance Commissioner (National Manager) Economic Crime and National Manager Human Resources. As a member of the AFP senior executive, I also performed duties as the Deputy Commissioner and Chief Operating Officer and was the mentor of the AFP's Sydney Office from 2005 to 2009.

National Awards/Honours

I addition to a number of national policing medals and honours, in 2007 I was awarded the Australian Police Medal (APM) for leadership and services to international policing.

In 2019, I was awarded the Order of Australia (OAM) for leadership and services to combatting financial crime and financial crime regulation.

The following reflects my knowledge of matters relating to use of Ms. Gobbo as a human source/registered informant by Victoria Police.

Since my departure from the OPI in late 2011, I have not had cause to discuss matters pertaining to my role as Deputy Director OPI. As was legally required, upon my departure I did not keep in my possession any written records or documents.

In January 2010, I was appointed to the role of Deputy Director of the OPI where I remained until my resignation in November 2011. During that time I became aware that Victoria Police had utilized Ms. Gobbo as a human resource/registered informant. It is my recollection that by the time I had commenced with the OPI, Ms. Gobbo had been de-registered as human source/registered informant.

All knowledge and information relevant to Ms. Gobbo was derived in my capacity as the Deputy Director OPI. I do not specifically recall from whom and when I was first informed about the use of Ms. Gobbo as a human source/registered informant but I can confirm that it would have been via either the OPI and or the Victoria Police oversight/steering committee I have referenced above.

I recall being involved in an oversight/steering committee (conducted by Victoria Police) made up of then Deputy Commissioner Ken Jones, General Counsel Finn McRae (and other members of Victoria Police whose names I cannot recall) which I believed focused on a number of sensitive Operations (Briars, Diana and Petra come to mind) involving investigations into serious and organised crime, gangland crime, murder, leaking of sensitive Police information and allegations of Police corruption. I also recall the oversight committee maintained a strong focus on issues related to the ongoing management of Ms. Gobbo in the context of her safety and wellbeing and the security of her identity.

I do not believe that during my tenure any investigation in OPI was undertaken as a result of information received directly from Ms. Gobbo, but I do recall becoming aware that Ms. Gobbo had previously been the subject of hearing/s at OPI. Aside from the nature of matters referenced above, and whilst I cannot recall specific details of investigations conducted at the OPI (relevant to this enquiry), I do have a general recollection that there were investigations conducted that were related to issues emanating from investigations conducted by Victoria Police as a result of Ms. Gobbo's role as a human source/registered informant. For example, I specifically recall matters including the Hodson murders and allegations concerning former Victoria Police Officer Paul Dale.

Given the period of time that has elapsed, it should be noted that I am unable to discern between what I remember as matters that were the subject of investigation/s during my tenure at OPI, versus matters of a historic nature that I became aware of whilst the OPI.

Aside from the persons abovementioned in Victoria Police (and with whom I had direct dealings relating to matters involving Ms. Gobbo), I know that there were others (investigators/controllers who had direct contact with Ms. Gobbo whilst a human source). To the best of my recollection I understood the following persons to have also been aware of Ms. Gobbo's use as a human source - then Deputy Commissioner Overland, Assistant Commissioner Graham Ashton, the two Assistance Commissioners of Ethical Standards (Luke Cornelius and Emmett Dunne) who served in that role during my tenure.

To the best of my recollection there was a limited number of OPI personnel aware of Ms. Gobbo's role as a human source/registered informant. I believe this to have included then Director OPI Judge Michael Strong, Head of Operations/Investigations Mr. John Nolan, Senior Investigator Mr. Aaron Walker and OPI's General Counsel Mr. Greg Carol.

I can confirm that to my knowledge/recollection I have never had any direct or indirect contact with Ms. Gobbo.