

Witness Statement of Cameron Matthew DAVEY (Supplementary)

1. My full name is Cameron Matthew DAVEY and I am currently employed as a Principal Investigator at the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission (IBAC).
2. I have previously made a statement to the Royal Commission into the Management of Police Informants. I now provide this supplementary statement.
3. Detective Sergeant Sol SOLOMON (**SOLOMON**) has recently prepared a supplementary statement, dated 2 March 2020. I have been provided with a copy of his supplementary statement.
4. I have not heard the testimony of any witness referred to in the supplementary statement of SOLOMON and so I cannot comment on what SOLOMON states their evidence to be; however I can comment on SOLOMON's responses to their testimony.
5. I agree with SOLOMON's comments made at paragraphs numbered 2, 4, 7, 8, 10 and 11.
6. At paragraph 12 of SOLOMON's supplementary statement, Andrew HODSON is discussed. Andrew HODSON was considered as a suspect during stages of the investigation and was suspected of releasing information regarding the layout of his parent's house. Andrew HODSON was requested to undergo a polygraph as a part of the investigative strategy as SOLOMON states. I agree with SOLOMON's comments at paragraphs 14 and 15.
7. I agree with SOLOMON's comments made at paragraphs numbered 17, 19 – 22. In relation to safe phones operated by Nicola GOBBO (**GOBBO**) and Paul DALE (**DALE**), I commented on the fact that Petra Taskforce identified these safe phones in my initial statement to the Royal Commission. These phones were not identified because of any information provided to the Petra Taskforce from the Source Development Unit (**SDU**) or any other party.
8. In relation to Information Report 44 (**IR 44**) from the HODSON Informer Management File, I confirm the information provided by SOLOMON in his supplementary statement relating to this issue. It is my belief based on the result of a thorough investigation of this matter that IR 44 was released from Victoria Police in two separate unrelated ways. The first was as SOLOMON describes at paragraphs 24 – 25 of his statement. The second is that IR 44

was contained within the pages of Information Reports located in Mark SMITH's house in Queensland, which I referred to in my initial statement and to which SOLOMON refers at paragraph 27 of his supplementary statement.

9. I agree with SOLOMON's comments made at paragraph 37. It is now apparent that members of Petra Taskforce management were aware that GOBBO was a registered human source. This information was not conveyed to myself or SOLOMON at any stage. GOBBO was not used by Petra Taskforce investigators as an informer ever.
10. I totally reject any suggestion that GOBBO was manipulated to covertly record her meeting with DALE. I have referred to my involvement in this process in my initial statement. During my dealings with GOBBO regarding that matter she was never manipulated and as I previously stated it is my understanding that she made the initial offer to record the conversation during a conversation with SOLOMON.
11. I was unaware of the matter referred to in paragraph 42 of SOLOMON's supplementary statement.
12. I was unaware of any dealings between SDU, Petra Taskforce management and GOBBO.
13. I was unaware of the matters referred to at paragraphs 44 - 47 of SOLOMON's supplementary statement.
14. To my knowledge GOBBO was not involved in any other Petra Taskforce investigations other than the HODSON murder investigation, as referred to at paragraph 48 of SOLOMON's supplementary statement.
15. I was not aware of any discussions with SDU regarding any subpoena request for GOBBO's Informer Management File, as referred to at paragraph 49 of SOLOMON's supplementary statement. I do have a vague recollection that a defence subpoena issued in the DALE/Rodney COLLINS prosecutions for the HODSON murders requested GOBBO's Informer Management File be produced. I do not have access to this subpoena any longer, nor to our response to the subpoena, but my recollection was that we responded to the subpoena to advise that no Informer Management File existed. We replied to advise that no file existed because we were not using GOBBO as an Informer, she was a witness and I was not aware of GOBBO being an Informer for Victoria Police for any matters external to Petra Taskforce. I was never advised by Petra Taskforce management or any other person that such an Informer Management File existed.

16. I totally reject any suggestion that SOLOMON and I were present at any briefing/meeting with Detective Inspector SMITH (**SMITH**) where he was advised that GOBBO was a human source and agree with SOLOMON's comment at paragraph 55 of his statement.
17. I was never involved in any conversation regarding the preparation of an affidavit to declare GOBBO as a registered human source and agree with SOLOMON's comments at paragraphs 59-60 of his statement.
18. I agree with SOLOMON's comments at paragraphs 62-63, 65, 67, 69, 71-72.
19. In regard to SOLOMON's comments at paragraph 74, the only matter I could add is there was an intention to investigate GOBBO and her possible involvement in the unlawful release of HODSON Information Reports, which I outlined in my original statement.
20. I agree with SOLOMON's comments at paragraphs 76 and 79.



Cameron DAVEY

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