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Draft proposal

Context

Human Source 3838 (hereinafter referred to as 3838) was a human source registered with and managed by Victoria Police. The source was primarily managed by the Source Development Unit (SDU) for a number of years before becoming a witness for the Petra Task Force.

In September and October 2011, Mr. Gerard McGuire was engaged by Victoria Police to provide advice on public interest immunity matter which relate to 3838 being called as a potential witness for criminal matters. The legal advice raised concerns about how 3838 was tasked by the (SDU).

Review

Having regard for the advice provided by Mr. McGuire (which will be provided in due course), Victoria Police seeks a review of the following:

- all aspects of the recruitment and tasking of 3838 and a sample of other human sources
- the appropriateness and effectiveness of the control measures around the tasking of 3838 and a sample of other human sources

The review of an additional sample of human source files will provide for analysis and observations of standardised approach, objectivity, effectiveness of handlers and managers and other issues such as management intervention that may vary from case to case.

Outcome

Victoria Police seeks a report (suitably classified) that will inform:

- policy reform
- any necessary changes in culture and the operating procedures of the SDU
- training improvements
- legal advice for Victoria Police which may relate to 3838 as a source or a potential witness.

Assistance

Victoria Police will provide full access to file for 3838 and the other sample files which are located at the Human Source Management Unit (HSMU) at 412 St.Kilda Road, Melbourne. ^{Hotham-O} the Officer in Charge of the HSMU, will also be made available to assist the review.

Suitable working space will be identified and made available to support the review team as none of the files that relate to 3838 and the other sample files are able to leave the HSMU.

Timings

Review to begin in early February 2012 and conclude by mid March 2012.

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