

### Supplementary Statement of Gavan Anthony Ryan

- 1 My full name is Gavan Anthony Ryan.
- 2 I have previously provided a statement to the Royal Commission dated 13 June 2019. I make this further statement because since signing my statement I have identified additional materials relevant to Ms Gobbo and I wish to clarify a few matters in my original statement. I will produce this statement in response to a Notice to Produce served by the Royal Commission.

#### Handwritten notes

- 3 In preparing my original statement, I reviewed my police diaries and separate handwritten notes. It was my usual work practice to reproduce the separate handwritten notes in my diary. Since providing my witness statement, I have been back through my handwritten notes and I have found some notes which refer to Ms Gobbo but which are not in my diaries. They are the following:
  - (a) There are notes of a Purana Taskforce Sergeants team meeting on [REDACTED] 2003. My notes record that Ms Gobbo wanted to see [REDACTED] ASAP after [REDACTED] visit, and that Ms Gobbo had been to "APM" (which is a reference to Port Melbourne). I cannot now recall this meeting.
  - (b) There are notes of a weekly briefing with Assistant Commissioner Overland on 19 January 2004 which refer to Ms Gobbo. My notes state "Comp't", which I believe to be shorthand for "complaint". I cannot now recall this meeting but it appears from my note that Assistant Commissioner Overland and I discussed some type of complaint about Ms Gobbo.
  - (c) There are notes of a meeting with Ms Gobbo, lawyer [REDACTED] and Detective Inspector Andrew Allen at the County Court of Victoria on [REDACTED] 2004. I cannot now recall the meeting. I expect that we met at the County Court because Ms Gobbo was involved in a hearing and it was convenient for her to meet there. My note seems to record that Ms Gobbo said that she had a conflict of interest in acting for [REDACTED]. It appears from the note that this meeting was a handover of sorts in that Ms Gobbo introduced me to [REDACTED] new lawyer, [REDACTED].

- (d) There is a handwritten note titled "Points for A/C meeting" dated 12 July 2004. I expect that this note records matters that I had intended to raise at a meeting with Assistant Commissioner Overland. One of the dot points refers to Ms Gobbo but I have no recollection of what was discussed.
- (e) There is a note that refers to Ms Gobbo dated [REDACTED] 2004. I do not recall this call. It appears from the note that Ms Gobbo called me to discuss an article that had been published in The Age about [REDACTED].

#### Diary entries

- 4 Since preparing my original witness statement, I have also identified the following additional diary entries that refer to Ms Gobbo:
  - (a) An entry dated 1 December 2006 referring to Detective Acting Inspector Jim O'Brien and I reviewing all outstanding investigations at Purana. My recollection is that I was returning as Acting Head of Purana and that this was a handover briefing of sorts. My note records that I viewed proposed affidavits regarding searches of Nicola Gobbo's chambers and the chambers of another person. I do not have any memory of that matter.
  - (b) An entry dated 13 December 2006 recording the receipt of information from the SDU. I believe that the source of that information was Ms Gobbo.
  - (c) An entry on 4 August 2007 regarding a telephone call to Officer Sandy White. This is the diary entry for the call referred to in paragraph 83 of my original witness statement.

#### Other documents

- 5 I refer to paragraph 81 of my original witness statement in which I state that I do not know why I had been asked to attend an OPI hearing concerning Ms Gobbo. Since preparing my statement, I have been shown an Informer Contact Report<sup>1</sup> that records that, prior to the OPI hearings, Ms Gobbo was told that I was in charge of the Hodson investigation and that she then asked that I be present at the hearings. I have no recollection of knowing that at the time of the OPI hearings.

---

<sup>1</sup> VPL.2000.0003.2639.

- 6 I refer to paragraph 86 of my original statement in which I refer to the second day of the OPI hearings. My diary for that day, 17 August 2007, records that after I spoke to Ms Gobbo at the hearing, I spoke with representatives of the SDU on two occasions, and to Geoff Horgan of the OPP to ask for his recommendations for possible barristers for Ms Gobbo (without naming her), which he provided.
- 7 In preparing this further statement, I reviewed the Purana weekly updates from the time that I was the head of that Taskforce. I found the following two references to Ms Gobbo:
- (a) The weekly update dated 8 December 2003<sup>2</sup> records that Ms Gobbo was present at the christening of Carl William's daughter along with various criminal identities.
  - (b) The weekly update dated 6 June 2005<sup>3</sup> states that Ms Gobbo attempted to make contact with Operation Purana members offering information, and that her motives were yet to be established.
- 8 In preparing this further statement, I have reviewed a briefing note for Detective Acting Inspector O'Brien dated 2 September 2005.<sup>4</sup> While I do not recall preparing this briefing note, it appears to be a handover type briefing from me on the status of current investigations. I note that my diary records that I was in the United States from 16 to 25 September 2005. Detective Acting Inspector O'Brien would have relieved me while I was away.
- 9 In preparing this further statement, I have reviewed two memos from me to Deputy Commissioner Overland dated 17 July 2006.<sup>5</sup> While I do not recall, I expect that the reason that both of these memos are dated 17 July 2006 is that a meeting scheduled for 10 July 2006 did not go ahead and that as a result, both updates were given at a meeting on 17 July 2006.
- 10 In preparing this further statement, I have been informed that the diary notes of Officer Sandy White record my attendance at a Crime Department meeting on 24 July 2007 in which the ongoing value of Ms Gobbo as a human source was discussed.<sup>6</sup> I have no recollection of attending this meeting and my diary records that I was on leave on this day. However, it was

---

<sup>2</sup> VPL.0100.0012.0040.

<sup>3</sup> VPL.0100.0012.0112.

<sup>4</sup> VPL.0100.0030.1942.

<sup>5</sup> VPL.0100.0012.0090 and VPL.0100.0012.0093.

<sup>6</sup> VPL.2000.0001.0869 at 870.

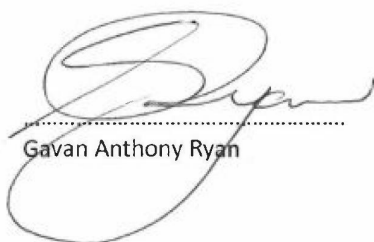
not uncommon for me to attend meetings on my days off. The diary note of Officer Sandy White is consistent with my recollection of my concerns at that time about Ms Gobbo's safety.

- 11 In preparing this further statement, I have been shown an Informer Contact Report<sup>7</sup> dated 9 November 2007 which records Ms Gobbo speaking to the SDU about [REDACTED]. The ICR records that the information was disseminated to me. I do not have any recollection of it. I have not been able to check my diary for any reference to this matter because my diary for this period has not been located.

#### Other matters

- 12 I refer to paragraph 50 of my original statement in which I state that I have no knowledge of Ms Gobbo having acted for [REDACTED]. I have found a diary entry for [REDACTED] 2006 recording that [REDACTED] asked to speak to lawyer [REDACTED] while he was in custody. I facilitated that call. My diary records that [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that he was conflicted and could not act and recommended a [REDACTED]. I then called Geoff Horgan at the OPP. My diary records that he said that [REDACTED] was conflicted and he recommended lawyers [REDACTED]. I later called [REDACTED] who was available to speak to [REDACTED] the following day. I can see from my diary that [REDACTED] went on to act for [REDACTED].

Dated: 31 July 2019



Gavan Anthony Ryan

<sup>7</sup> VPL.2000.0003.2952.