OFFICERPEARCEon 14 February 2020, STATES:

My professional address is care of my solicitors Kenna Teasdale Lawyers level 2, 114 William Street Melbourne, Victoria.

I am a Detective Sergeant of Police attached to the Victoria Police Intelligence and Covert Support Command.

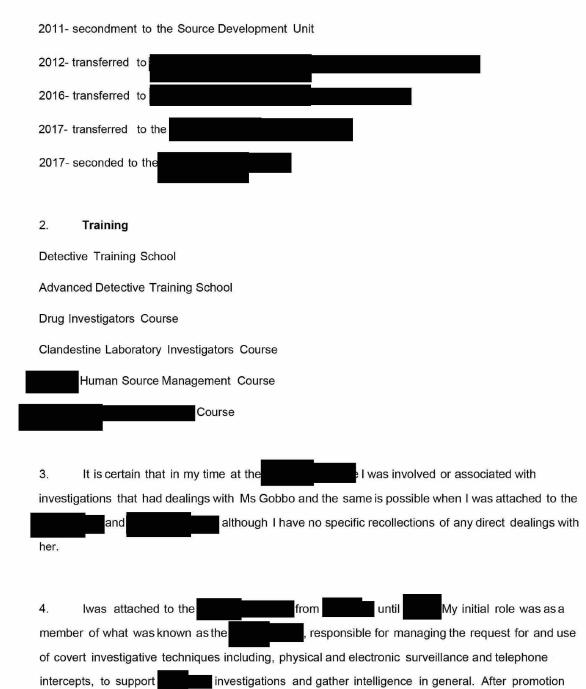
Intake this statement in response to a letter dated 30 October 2019 from Holding Redlich and produce this statement pursuant to a Notice to Produce served upon me through my solicitors. I have been given the opportunity to look at some of my diaries I was also given the opportunity to view the Human Source Management log for and the Victoria Police Manual - Policy Rules -Human Sources which is an 8 page document last updated on 16 January 2013 which was applicable at the time I had contact with I have requested copies of those relevant entries, but they have not been provided to me prior to me signing this statement. This statement therefore reflects my best recollections with reference to that information made available to me for inspection.

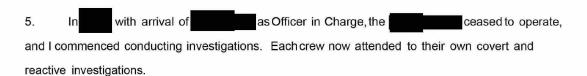
## **Personal Information**

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## ServiceHistory

Joined Victoria Police in January Graduated May Uniform general duties at, Police (1 year), Police Station (1 year), Police Station (4 years). Temporary duties at CIBand District Support Group promoted to Detective Senior Constable at the transferred to transferred to the seconded to the and promoted to Sergeant



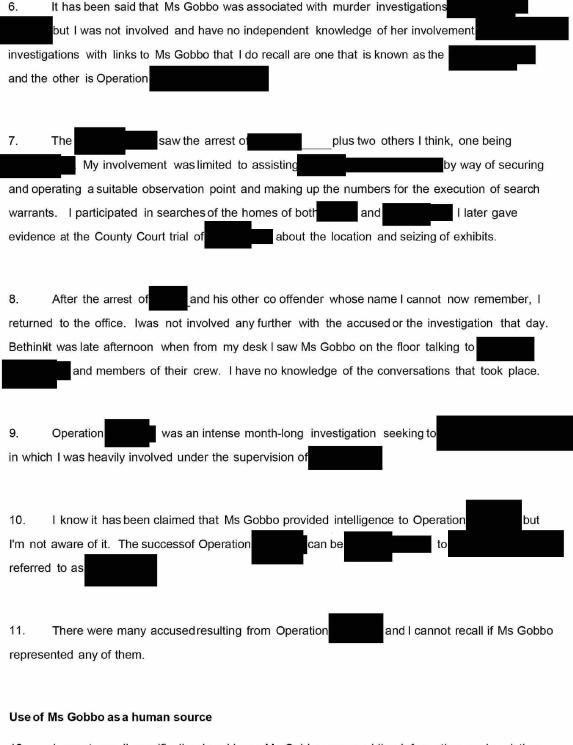


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12. Icannot recall specifically when I knew Ms Gobbo was providing information and assisting Victoria Police. Ithink I found out when it was publicly disclosed in the media. I have no recollection

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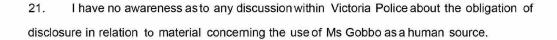
of anyone telling me. Ido remember many colleagues and people asking, "who is lawyer X"? My recollection is that I did not have any suspicion of who lawyer X was. I have seen a note in my SDU electronic diary that I attended a meeting with John Champion, Dale Flynn and Craig Hayes on 11 April 2011 regarding Ms Gobbo. Ido not remember what that meeting was about, and I cannot be certain that I knew Ms Gobbo was a source at that time.

- do not independently know of anyone being aware, prior to the end of 2012 that Ms
  Gobbo was assisting police.
- 14. I believe that as with any source, the authorisation and continued authorisation for registration and use of Ms Gobbo as a Human source would have been through the Local Source Register (LSR)and the Central Source Register (CSR)ultimately.
- 15. If ave never had any personal contact with Ms Gobbo.
- 16. Prior to this Royal Commission I had no knowledge of any information received by Victoria Police being attributed to Ms Gobbo.
- 17. Also prior to this Royal Commission I had no knowledge of any assistance given to Victoria Police where I knew, believed or had reason to suspect that such assistancewas provided by Ms Gobbo, other than as a potential witness from 2009.

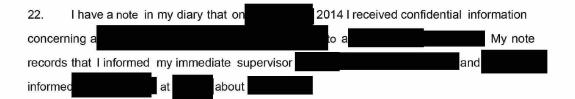
## Concernsin relation to use of Ms Gobbo as a human source

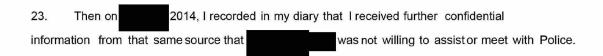
- 18. Ihave no awareness as to whether any concerns were raised at any time by members of Victoria Police (or other policing or law enforcement agencies) as to the use of a legal practitioner as a human source.
- 19. If ave no awareness as to whether any concerns were raised at any time by members of Victoria Police (or other policing or law enforcement agencies) as to the use of Ms Gobbo as a human source.

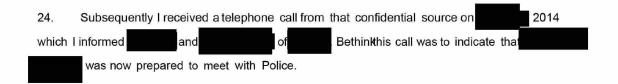
20.	I have no knowledge or understanding of matters	raised by defence during proceedings	
against	Cvetanovski in 2011 relating to Gobbo and	_and what occurred as a consequence of	
those matters being raised. It could be that my attendance at the meeting described in paragraph 12			
above may have related to this but I cannot now recall what was discussed at that meeting.			

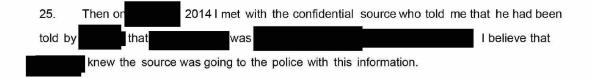


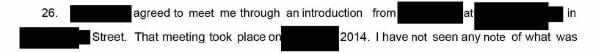
## Other relevant matters



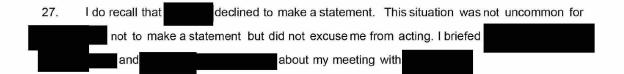




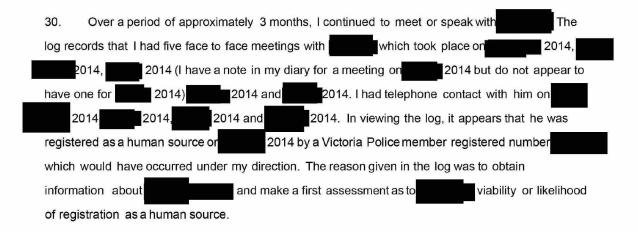




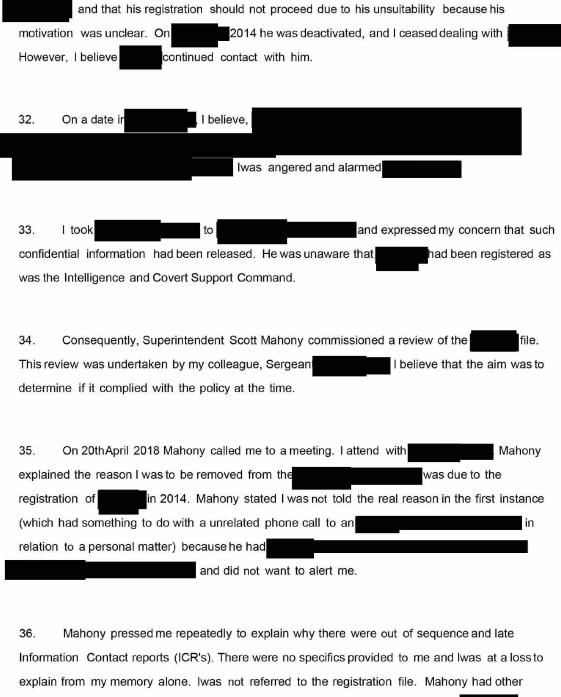
discussed at that meeting. I believe it is likely that we discussed and whether he was prepared to make a statement.



- 28. Without a statement and facing the need to commence an investigation I needed to document and disseminate information. Iwas obliged to comply with the newly created Victoria Police Intelligence Doctrine which required sources of information to be named in information reports unless the source was a registered human source. Registrations are commenced then shut down for this purpose.
- 29. I approached the to take up the investigation which they did. Ido not recall the name of their investigation. It was agreed that I would continue to speak to would conduct the investigation.



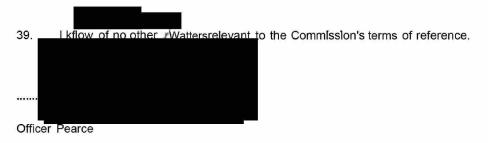
31. I did not receive any information from that could lead to any person being charged but he did provide some information that was of value as intelligence. He seemed to be more concerned about lave noted an entry in the log on 2014 that stated was not co-operating, was speaking to



explain from my memory alone. Iwas not referred to the registration file. Mahony had other criticisms but did not say that I was wrong to have commenced the registration of had not seen the registration file after it was closed until I recently inspected it on 15 January 2020. In looking at the file recently I noted there was some criticism of me not having commenced a risk assessment on

37. I concentrated heavily trying to remember why a risk assessmentwas not completed and
why there could be ICRirregularities. I was able to identify one possible cause. In
was terminally ill, and I spent time away from work caring for her. Shepassed away on
in Whilst in at this time I recall receiving a telephone call from Ihave
checked the file and it appears likely that call was received on 2018 referred to in paragraph
30 above. My memory is that I updated I thought this could possibly in part, if not
fully, explain the irregularities. I forwarded an email with these details with the dates I was away to
Mahony via and and and in the hope it would assist. Idid not and have not
received any acknowledgement from Mahony

38. Ido not have a specific recollection of training or retraining in relation to disclosure, right to silence, right to a legal practitioner, legal professional privilege, public interest immunity or professional and ethical decision making. Ido have knowledge of these concepts and expect that all would have been covered in courses from recruit training up to and including Advanced DTS.



Date: 14 February 2020