

OP BENDIGO – INVESTIGATION GROUP

MEETING MINUTES

Monday 12 May 2014
2:30 pm – 4:00 pm
VGSO Level 8 Tower 1 VPC

Attendees:

Shaun LeGrand (SL) - VGSO
Fin McRae (FM) – Director Legal Services
Brian Dennis (BD) –Barrister
Det Insp Monique Swain (MS) – Crime Command
Supt Steve Gleeson (SG)- on phone initially then arrived 3.30 pm.

Discussion:

The five examples to be investigated by the investigation group were discussed. The examples were gleaned from source management logs and informer contact reports.

The role of the investigation group is to ascertain whether 3838 was providing information contrary to the interests of her client, breach of confidentiality and or breach of legal professional privilege.

Three points were identified that need to be answered in order to ascertain above.

- 1) Was the information provided to the police from 3838's clients?
- 2) How was the information used, by HSMU, investigators or informant?
- 3) Did the information have an impact on a court outcome?

BD to provide the investigation team with advice or questions they should ask when assessing the information for relevance and impact.

Action item 1 - MS to compile more information to enable BD to consider framing questions to assist in collating information and provide advice.

Action item 2 – Further research to be conducted regrading precedents, contemporary authorities relating to lawyer/client LPP and confidentiality– SL

Action item 3 – Investigation group to ensure all reporting is extracted directly from SDU holdings and recorded verbatim without summarising. – MS to action

Next meeting: TBA