

**Royal Commission
into the Management of Police Informants**

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT OF JOHN JOSEPH NOLAN

1. My full name is John Joseph Nolan. I am currently employed by Victoria Police as the Local Area Commander for Mildura.
2. I have previously provided a statement to the Royal Commission into the Management of Police Informants dated 10 December 2019.
3. This statement address issues of clarification from my first statement and matters that have arisen or come to my knowledge since my first statement.

Sandy White and Operation Eagle

4. I did not refer to Sandy White in my first statement. Since making that statement I have reviewed my diary and can see that I met with him on 20 August 2008. He asked me for a copy of the OPI Annual Report relating to informer management. I would have obtained this for him as it was a publicly available document. I had known Sandy White for some time as we had been through Detective training together and he was someone I occasionally saw through work.
5. At the same time, and as recorded in my diary, we briefly discussed Operation Opera.
6. Considering this has caused me to realised that Operation Eagle which I referred to in my first statement at paragraph [51] was the operation that looked into arrangements for human source management. The operation culminated in the extract in the Annual Report that I have referred to above. The whole report was never published because of the sensitive nature of its subject matter and contents.
7. I also recall occasionally meeting with Sandy White once he transferred to the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] in that capacity.

Record keeping

8. Generally speaking at the OPI all operational staff would maintain a diary. I do recall that there were particular concerns to ensure document and information security in relation to joint operations between Victoria Police and the OPI. I refer to paragraph [17] of my first statement in this regard. In relation to the outcomes of Steering Committee meetings I understood that minutes would be kept by Victoria Police and kept securely in their custody. I also recall that Mr Ashton made clear that we should not be keeping duplicate minutes, for example, in our diaries. I understood that this was in order to protect the security of the information and records by limiting the number of copies available.

Conversation with Shane O'Connell

9. I recall having a conversation with Shane O'Connell following a Tasking Committee meeting at the time that he was one of the two primary contacts for Ms Gobbo. I cannot recall precisely when this was. I was aware that Ms Gobbo was taking up an extraordinary amount of his time and energy with very regular and difficult telephone contact. He said to me words to the effect of "you're not going to believe what she said last night". I cannot recall precisely what he recounted but it was to the effect that one of her clients had told her about an armed robbery and the proceeds of that armed robbery. He explained that they were under a clear directive from the Petra Steering Committee that any information that came from Ms Gobbo that was outside of the scope of Petra was to be recorded in an Information Report and provided to Mr Overland for decision as to what is to be done with the information. Mr O'Connell indicated that he intended to follow that process.

OPI Hearings

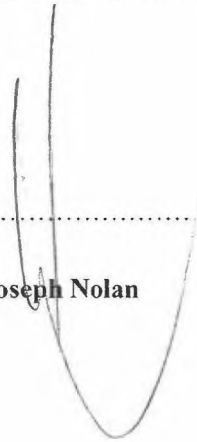
10. I have explained my knowledge of the OPI hearing at which Ms Gobbo gave evidence in July 2009 at paragraph [33] of my first statement. I also recall that Mr Fitzgerald was unimpressed with Ms Gobbo's evidence but I do not recall any further detail about that.

Clarification of paragraph [52]

11. In paragraph [52] of my first statement I have said that I was only aware of Ms Gobbo assisting police in relation to the relationship between Carl Williams and Paul Dale. As the

remainder of my first statement makes clear, I was also aware of her involvement in the Briars investigation.

Dated: 18 February 2020



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John Joseph Nolan