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

**FURTHER SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT OF
STEPHEN CRAIG GLEESON APM**

- 1) My full name is Stephen Craig Gleeson APM.
- 2) I have provided two statements to the Royal Commission, dated 6 November 2019 (**First Statement**) and 20 November 2019 (**Supplementary Statement**).
- 3) Since signing those statements, I have located my official diaries for the period 4 March 2011 to 18 September 2012 (**First Diary**), and for the period 19 September 2012 to 25 May 2014 (**Second Diary**). Before I located those diaries, my recollection was that the entire time period for 4 March 2011 to 25 May 2014 was recorded in one diary. I set out in this statement:
 - a) how I came to locate these diaries;
 - b) further matters relevant to the Terms of Reference which I am reminded of having reviewed those diaries;
 - c) some minor clarifications to my earlier statements following review of those diaries.

How I located my diary

- 4) My usual practice in storing my official diaries was to keep them secured together in a bundle in a locked compactus at the Victoria Police's Legal Services Department. In the course of preparing my First Statement, I reviewed this bundle of diaries and noted that it did not include the diary covering the period when I prepared the Comrie Review. This led to my requests to IBAC for the return of my diary which I describe in my First Statement at [4].
- 5) My usual practice in relation to my management of key hard copy business documents, other than diaries, is to store them together by 'topic'. For example, documents concerning my involvement in various emergency management reviews (including the Hazelwood Mine Fire Inquiry in 2014 and the Victorian Floods Review in 2011) are stored together in a separate box.
- 6) During December 2019, I was asked to check my records about events in 2008. This caused me to review my own hardcopy files, including the box containing documents

about my work away from Victoria Police on the aforementioned emergency management reviews. I found the diaries in that separate box containing the emergency management files.

- 7) I cannot recall why these diaries were stored separately to my other official diaries. I expect, though I cannot recall, that I received the diaries back from IBAC while I was based at the Department of Justice carrying out the Hazelwood Mine Fire Inquiry work and out of convenience, I stored those diaries with those documents when that work was completed and pending my return to Victoria Police.

Further matters relevant to the Terms of Reference

- 8) I reviewed my First Diary when I located it. Entries that I consider may be relevant to the Royal Commission's inquiries were set out in a letter dated 18 December 2019 that I have been shown and which was sent by my solicitors to the solicitors assisting the Commission.
- 9) I have since also reviewed my Second Diary for the period through 2012 and 2014. A schedule of entries I consider may be relevant to the Royal Commission's inquiries are set out in **Annexure A** to this statement.
- 10) I provide some explanation about some of those entries below.

Entries from my First Diary

- 11) My First Diary at page 204 records that on 5 April 2012 at 11.10am I attended St Kilda Road.
- 12) My diary records the following:

To St Kilda Rd HMSU. Re meet with ^{Officer Matthews}

S/T [Officer Graham Evans]? (HSMU) re 3838 advised no hard copy ICR's kept & all electronic – assumes that SDU don't have hardcopies [of] email

They have tapes / etc but no hard copy docs as such kept

S/T Tony Glenane – John O'Connor

- *Suggested that Andy Glow or Tony Biggin best placed to detail reporting arrangements in place as that time as much has changed*
- *To arrange meet with both*

I head next door to SDU and [Officer Green] walked through process for intel down load to DSU hard drives

- 13) I do not specifically recall attending St Kilda Road at this time, but it is consistent with my recollection of making enquiries of numerous parties regarding information management and storage when I commenced the Comrie Review. This entry in my First Diary reflects the type of enquiry I describe at [36] of my First Statement.
- 14) I have been asked whether I knew as at the date of this entry that Officer Graham Evans had previously been at the SDU. I do not think I had met Officer Graham Evans before 5 April 2012 and I do not know what his history at Victoria Police involves.
- 15) My First Diary at page 230 records that on 31 May 2012 I had a discussion with Neil Comrie. My diary records (in part) that:

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Neil's advice,

Beyond scope of what I was engaged to provide – direction [required]

Suggest meet with Ken Lay and Fin [McRae] (not to include Jeff Pope given potential involvement in arrangements) to obtain direction...

- 16) My recollection of this discussion, assisted by reviewing my First Diary, is that while Mr Comrie suggested that I meet with Chief Commissioner Ken Lay and Mr McRae, it was my own view that I should not meet with Assistant Commissioner Pope at this stage. I knew that A/C Pope had spent some time away from Victoria Police during the 2000's. I was not sure when he had returned, or his level of involvement with the issues the subject of the Comrie Review, or the out of scope issues which I had begun to identify. My view was that if A/C Pope had been personally involved in these matters, I would not continue meeting with or briefing him.
- 17) I did not know in 2012 that allegations had been made against A/C Pope by Ms Gobbo during 2011 or that those allegations had seen A/C Pope step aside from a steering committee. I do not believe that I discovered those allegations until sometime during early 2014. I describe this below at paragraph 35).
- 18) My First Diary at page 236 records that on 13 June 2012 I received a call from A/C Pope at 10.40am. My First Diary records in part '*... Jeff commenced with Vicpol Oct 09 & post-dates bulk of 3838 matter ...*'.

- 19) My recollection of this discussion, assisted by reviewing my First Diary, is that A/C Pope explained to me that he had started back with Victoria Police during October 2009. I considered as a result that A/C Pope was not at Victoria Police while Ms Gobbo was registered as a human source.
- 20) I also asked A/C Pope either during this discussion or during another discussion around this time whether or not he had any prior involvement with Ms Gobbo. A/C Pope advised me that there were no issues of concern and no prior relationship between himself and Ms Gobbo.
- 21) Following this discussion I did not consider that there were any issues with me advising A/C Pope of my progress through the Comrie Review. Indeed, I did update A/C Pope throughout this period.
- 22) My First Diary at page 238 records that on 18 June 2012 at 9.15am I spoke to Gerard Maguire. My diary records that:
- S/T Gerard Maguire – query re “issues” Sept 09 with 3838 – H/S advice provided to Sean LeGrand & Doug Fryer & I should review this prior to us speaking further.*
- 23) Reviewing this entry now, I recall that Mr Maguire told me he had provided an advice in 2009 regarding use of Ms Gobbo. I made enquiries for that advice as is set out in the entry immediately following this one in my First Diary. I do not recall receiving a copy of any advice that Mr Maguire gave in 2009.
- 24) My First Diary at page 249 records that on 3 July 2012 at 9.15am I spoke to A/C Pope. My diary records in part:
- Called J.P. Mention hearing that Mokbel sentence is to occur today*
- Concerns as to comments with 3838 file as to responsibility for Mokbel’s predicament & information that has passed that may have helped secure extradition - I don’t know the nature of charges or if info provided made a difference...*
- J.P - will need to pull all this apart will have Brian Horan contact you as you could provide detail to him – report to me and reference to material on file then he could commence some works – await contact from Brian*
- 25) My recollection is that I heard on the news that Mr Mokbel was to be sentenced and that is what prompted me to call A/C Pope. As suggested by my diary entry, I did not know whether or to what extent any information provided by Ms Gobbo had any bearing on Mr Mokbel.

- 26) I recall, consistent with my diary entry, that A/C Pope suggested that one of his trusted staff members, Senior Sergeant Brian Horan would be able to investigate the matter. My diary goes on to record that I met with S/S Brian Horan at 10.30am the same day.
- 27) My recollection, assisted by reviewing my diary, is that I provided S/S Brian Horan with a detailed briefing and correspondence including the Out of Scope Issues letter I describe in my First Statement at [60] and [61], my summary of the ICR's on Interpose described in my First Statement at [32], and the more substantial analysis table described in my First Statement at [33].
- 28) I was not provided with any detail about the timing for S/S Brian Horan's investigations, and was not involved in the detail of those investigations myself. I did not have capacity and it was not my role to investigate those matters. By 3 July 2012, I was two days into my position as the Superintendent and Acting Director for the Information Management Standards and Security Division (IMSSD). Responsibilities of this role included reviewing and progressing the implementation of a range of recommendations that had been made to Victoria Police by the Commissioner for Law Enforcement Data regarding information management and security.
- 29) Once I commenced the IMSSD role, from time to time I was asked to assist with brief, discrete tasks concerning matters the subject of the Comrie Review.
- 30) My First Diary at page 289 records that I met with Mr McRae and A/C Pope on 22 August 2012 at 4.15pm. My diary records that:
- Meet Fin McRae – Jeff Pope.*
- 3838 issues – duty to alert OPP re Maguire advice & forthcoming appeal by T.M. [Mokbel].*
- Jeff & Fin to approach Graham Ashton tomorrow & convince alert to OPP appropriate.*
- 31) I cannot recall the circumstances of this meeting, though it is consistent with my recollection of ad hoc discussions with Mr McRae and A/C Pope during this time. My diary records that I met with Mr McRae a few additional times about these issues on 27 and 28 August 2012.
- 32) My diary also records that on 31 August 2012, I attended the OPI. The entry in my diary corresponds to the meeting that I have described in my First Statement at [65]. The entry does not state that I mentioned my concern about Mr Mokbel's extradition to the OPI. However, I specifically recall that I raised this matter during that meeting as this was an example that remained in my mind.

- 33) In my First Statement at [66] I describe a meeting with the DPP and OPP and Mr McRae. I explain at [68] why I consider that meeting took place on 4 September 2012. My First Diary does not record a meeting matching that description on or around 4 September 2012. I am confident that I attended that meeting and recall the briefing I afforded was similar in nature to the one provided less than a week previously to the OPI. I expect that it is not recorded in my diary as I did not have my diary with me when I attended the meeting. It is possible that prior to this meeting I was discussing a different matter with Mr McRae and that he invited me to the meeting at the last minute.

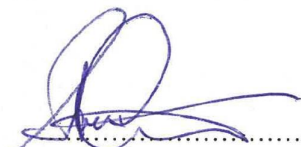
Entries from my Second Diary

- 34) I have described in my Second Statement from [22] discussions I had with SS Corbell. My Second Diary records that these discussions were on 1 April 2014 (page 268), and 28 April 2014 (page 285).
- 35) My Second Diary records that on 16 April 2014 (page 280 / 281) that I spoke to Acting Inspector Boris Buick and Mr Peter Lardner regarding the 'Driver component'. My diary records 'Pope allegation aired – Corbell matter?'. I recall A/I Buick telling me that Ms Gobbo had previously alleged that she and A/C Pope had had a sexual relationship. A/I Buick also told me that A/C Pope had denied the allegations. I believe this was when I first became aware of this allegation.

Clarifications to my previous statements

- 36) In my First Statement at [4] I refer to my diary for the period 1 March 2011 to 26 May 2014. This should be my diary for the period 4 March 2011 to 18 September 2012.
- 37) In my First Statement at [19] I refer to a discussion in January 2011. This should be a discussion in January 2012.

Dated: 23 January 2020


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Annexure A – schedule of relevant entries from Second Diary

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