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Sent: Tue, 17 Apr 2012 19:21:55 +1000
To: Pope, Jeff
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Subject: RE: Assignment

Hi Jeff and welcome back.

In your absence I had Neil Pattison sign off on the agreement and I assume that Neil (Pattison) would have retained a copy for you. Fin reviewed a draft of same and was content. Fin has a copy, as has Neil Comrie, who has adopted same. I will need to schedule an update briefing with both you and Fin for some time next week. Perhaps when you are at the VPC I can see you in Fin's office.

In terms of developments, I have almost completed the interpose review and now need to again consider the policies, procedures and controls in place and speak to some key personnel both from HSMU and Witsec. I am presently settling a letter to VGSO to secure the particular advice needed and they are on notice in regard to this. I have identified certain preliminary concerns and these will become clearer when I complete my consultations.

Neil (Comrie) has been away also and is due to return tomorrow. Now that the engagement letter and confidentiality agreement is in place there are no impediments with me discussing this matter fully with Nell.

I lost a little time in that I was requested by Kieran to conduct the whole of Vicpol floods review for the February flood events. This has now been completed and the final report submitted. I also got sidetracked with some unscheduled knee surgery late last week which I am now recovering from. Despite these distractions things are almost on track.

I hope to be back in the office Thursday 19/4 at which time I will schedule the update meeting.

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From: Pope, Jeff
Sent: Tuesday, 17 April 2012 5:05 PM
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Steve

Today is my first day back from being away for 5 weeks. Has Fin responded to this email while I was away?

From: Gleeson, Steve
Sent: Thursday, 15 March 2012 5:45 PM
To: Pope, Jeff; McRae, Findlay
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Jeff / Fin,

Attached (above) is a draft consultancy agreement for Neil to undertake the works required. This now incorporates confidentiality provisions. I have also attached, at Appendix 1, the terms of reference as agreed on 7/2/12. I have had Neil cast his eye over the document and he is now content with same.

If you are also content then I will produce a final version for signature by Neil and Jeff / Fin (as the Vicpol rep).

In terms of developments, today I met with John Nolan from the OPI. I got a feel for what he was undertaking in the context of the Williams matter on behalf of the coroner. Understandably he seems more focussed on the delicacies surrounding protection of a witness who may already be in custody, and the possibility of affording protection to an extent that may not readily be agreed to by the witness. John also seemed keen to ensure that the investigative considerations and witsec considerations would be given appropriate, objective and joint consideration and was grappling with how best this could be done when you are dealing with matters of such significance and confidentiality. I outlined to John the scope for the Comrie review and we agreed that there did not appear to be any overlap.

That said, John wanted to meet up again in about 4-6 weeks so that we could compare notes so to speak and so Neil and I could sense-check the direction of their draft report and advise if they were in sync with where we were heading. I undertook to do this.

In terms of progress through this file - What a slog. As much as I did not want to I am now reading this entire thing from front to back and cannot see any alternative to this. Interpose records daily conversations with this source (sometimes 6 or more separate and lengthy calls per day) 7 days per week. To date I have reduced thousands of pages of contact report to a summarised account of significant issues of about 60 pages and am about half way through the file. This summarised account identifies matters consistent with the terms of reference and also other (out of scope) matters that should perhaps be followed up in other environments (as it is unclear if such issues have been appropriately dealt with).

Once I get further through the file I will again need to pick the brains of the Source Unit personnel in regard to procedural and operational practices in place. Will keep you both posted in regard to developments

Please let me know about the agreement ASAP and I will get it signed off

Kind regards,

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