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Dear Mr Rapke

## **Royal Commission into the Management of Police Informants Information request dated 12 February 2019**

We refer to:

- the Notices to Produce issued to Victoria Police dated 23 January 2019 (**NP-002**) and 29 January 2019 (**NP-004**);
- the Royal Commission's information request to Victoria Police dated 12 February 2019 (**Information Request**); and
- the briefing that Victoria Police provided to representatives from the Royal Commission on 6 March 2019 (**Briefing**).

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with materials referred to during the Briefing which are responsive to NP-002, NP-004 and your Information Request.

### **Details of cases Victoria Police has analysed and manner in which it has analysed them**

In paragraphs 1 to 6 of your Information Request you have sought details of the cases Victoria Police has analysed to determine whether they have been affected by the conduct of Ms Gobbo as a human source. You have also sought information about the manner in which Victoria Police has undertaken its analysis.

By our letter dated 21 February 2019, we provided Victoria Police's partial response to items 1 to 6 of your Information Request and noted that we were seeking further instructions in relation to these matters.

At the Briefing, Victoria Police explained the process it is undertaking to conduct its analysis of cases potentially affected by Ms Gobbo's conduct as a human source. Enclosed as **Annexure 1** to this letter is a memorandum setting out this approach. This document is provided to supplement the response to paragraphs 1 to 6 of your Information Request that we provided to you on 21 February 2019.

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**Registration of Nicola Gobbo as a human source**

You have sought information and the production of documents relating to the circumstances in which Ms Gobbo became registered as a human source in 1995, 1999 and 2005 by:

- item 7 of Tranche 1 of your Information Request; and
- categories 1 and 2 of NP-004.

At the Briefing, Victoria Police referred to two timelines detailing the circumstances in which Ms Gobbo became registered as a human source in 1995 and then in 1999. These timelines are provided as **Annexures 2 and 3** to this letter.

These documents are provided in response to paragraph 7 of your Information Request. Victoria Police has today arranged to separately produce these documents in response to NP-004, in accordance with the requirements of the Document Management Protocol. To the extent that Victoria Police has not already produced the source documents referred to in the timelines, we are instructed that Victoria Police will make production of them early next week.

**Other human sources connected with the legal profession**

Categories 9 and 10 of NP-002 call for production of documents concerning the human sources and community contacts referred to in Victoria Police's letter to the Independent Broad-Based Anti-Corruption Commission dated 18 December 2018 (**IBAC Letter**).

Tranche 2 of your Information Request seeks information in relation to the human sources and community contacts referred to in the IBAC Letter. Tranche 3 seeks information about other human sources who are subject to legal obligations of confidentiality or privilege.

At the Briefing, Victoria Police provided representatives of the Royal Commission with information about the human sources and community contacts referred to in the IBAC Letter. Victoria Police also informed you that since sending the IBAC letter in December 2018, it has identified additional human sources/community contacts who have or had occupations connected with the legal profession. The briefing was provided by reference to a table of de-identified summary information regarding those human sources and community contacts.

This table is provided as **Annexure 4** to this letter. It is provided in response to Tranche 2 and in partial response to Tranche 3 of your Information Request. Victoria Police has arranged to separately produce this document in response to categories 9 and 10 of NP-002, in accordance with the requirements of the Document Management Protocol.

Victoria Police will provide the Royal Commission with the information reports which are presently available relating to the human sources and community contacts referred to in Annexure 4 soon as soon as possible.

We have today written to you in relation to a proposed process to make the reconstructed files relating to the human sources referred to in Annexure 4 available to you. As noted during the Briefing, these files raise core PII concerns and genuine and acute risks, including safety concerns, which must be approached with particular caution.

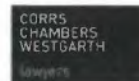
Victoria Police provides each of the materials annexed to this letter subject to the overarching approach to Public Interest Immunity claims agreed with the Royal Commission and confirmed in our letter dated 20 February 2019.

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Yours faithfully

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**Discovery and Disclosure Process Memorandum**

**Discovery and Disclosure process in relation to EF (also referred to as 3838, 2958, HS & Lawyer X)**

**Conducted by Senior Advocacy Team and Disclosure team**

**Background**

1. When the inquiry began in relation to EF and her involvement with Victoria Police as a Human Source, Victoria Police established the LORICATED Taskforce. The LORICATED Taskforce searched Victoria Police records, using the search engine ISYS, and located documentation which existed in relation to EF's contacts as a Human Source with Victoria Police between 19 September 2005 and 13 January 2009. This information was then collated and the LORICATED data base was created ('the database').
2. Each contact EF had with Victoria Police as a Human Source has a separate entry on the LORICATED database ('entries'), which has a summary of the information provided and links to Information Contact Reports (ICR's), Information Reports (IR's), Human Source Management Unit (HMSU) diary notes and audio recordings of face to face meetings (if applicable) relating to EF from 19 September 2005 to 13 January 2009.

**Initial identification of possible Persons of interest ('POI')**

3. In 2018 the OPP provided a list of names of POI's who had been represented by EF at some stage from 19 September 2005. A search of those names in the database was conducted by the LORICATED Taskforce, and a LORICATED spread sheet was produced which contained hyperlinks to the ICRs and LORICATED entries regarding each contact.
4. The main source of reference utilised in the discovery and disclosure process is the LORICATED database and LORICATED spreadsheet.
5. During the period EF was engaged as a Human Source between 19 September 2005 and 13 January 2009, she contacted her handlers on 5040 occasions, including 50 face to face meetings (ranging between 2 – 6 hours duration). All other contacts were by telephone and ranged from 'missed calls' to lengthy discussions and on most occasions, there were multiple telephone calls per day.
6. Every meeting and conversation was noted in the handlers/controllers police diaries and on an ICR. On some occasions an IR was generated to provide information to a relevant squad or taskforce. IR's do not reference EF as the source of the information in order to maintain what is referred to as a "sterile corridor".
7. LORICATED Taskforce then produced a summary/ report in relation to the POI's, considering three questions:
  - a. Was EF representing the POI prior to or during the information disclosure?

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- b. Was the information relevant to the investigation and charges for which the POI is being prosecuted?
  - c. Could the information provided, potentially adversely impact on the legal process of the POI?
- 8. The Senior Advocacy Team (SAT) were tasked to assess the LORICATED Taskforce reports, review the conclusions and provide a report. To undertake that task, SAT reformulated the three questions as follows:
  - a. Was EF in a lawyer/client relationship at any stage with the POI?
  - b. Did the HS provide information to Vicpol gathered in the course of that relationship?
  - c. Could the information provided potentially adversely impact on the legal process of the POI?
- 9. The SAT conclusions fell into three categories;
  - 1. Disclosure should be made (that is the POI should be contacted regarding a potential adverse impact on their legal process);
  - 2. No further action required (the information contained in the LORICATED reports was sufficient to determine that any information provided by EF could not potentially adversely impact on the POI's legal process, and
  - 3. Review source material (the primary material must be reviewed to form a proper opinion).
- 10. Upon provision of the SAT reports to the OPP, the DPP requested more information regarding the information provided by EF and the basis for SAT's conclusions for the POI's who fell into categories 2 or 3. In response, SAT accessed the POI's information on the LORICATED database and produced a chart which provided specific excerpts from the ICR's, LORICATED entries and references to the specific diary entries. This additional material was provided to the OPP.
- 11. The DPP later requested that the material be provided in a report and listed a number of questions be answered. (This process is currently being undertaken by SAT).

**Requests for Disclosure of material**

- 12. Correspondence has been received from the OPP, CDPP and Legal representatives representing POI's and the Royal Commission requesting disclosure of material regarding EF's involvement with police as a Human Source and the provision of information provided by EF relating to a number of POI's.
- 13. The first request from a private solicitor related to Faruk ORMAN. This disclosure process was to be 'the test' case, to ascertain the time required to complete the task and how best to facilitate the process.
- 14. The LORICATED Taskforce had conducted a search of the LORICATED database in relation to ORMAN. The LORICATED spreadsheet established that at least 4000 pages of various

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documents had to be viewed, and the relevant portions of 13 of the 50 meetings needed to be listened to and transcribed.

15. The process adopted regarding discovery was as follows:

- (i) Used the original pro forma chart;
- (ii) Noted the date/s and time/s of the contact/s, ICR number and copied the relevant material from the ICR into the chart, noting the relevant context of the discussion where possible, (*refer: A, B, C and D respectively on original pro forma chart*);
- (iii) Reviewed the corresponding LORICATED entries, noted the entry's number and copied the relevant portion of the entry into the chart, (*refer: E and F respectively on original pro forma chart*);
- (iv) Reviewed the accuracy of relevant diary entries and noted the page numbers in the chart (*refer: F on original pro forma chart*), and
- (v) Listened to the audio recording if applicable and included a transcript of the relevant portion in the chart (it is noted that the audio recordings are of poor quality and difficult to hear on occasions) (*refer: F on original pro forma chart*).

16. The above process was completed by one person over two weeks. The completed chart, totalling 68 pages, was then forwarded for consideration regarding PII/disclosure. To assist with the disclosure exercise, 219 separate diary entries had to be located and printed, as well as some IR'S.

#### Current Disclosure Process <sup>1</sup>

17. During the ORMAN discovery process, it was noted that it was not necessary to copy the relevant portion of the LORICATED entries into the chart, as it is an exact copy of the ICR. Further, it was determined that reference to an IR should also be included in the chart.

18. Given the volume of the additional requests for information, including many POI's not previously included in the initial LORICATED spreadsheet, a discovery team (currently 19 people) has been established to perform the discovery task (that is from material covering 2005 to January 2009).

19. The process established for each POI is as follows:

- a. Where the POI is not listed on the LORICATED spreadsheet, a search of LEAP is conducted to ensure all spelling variations, nick names or aliases of the POI are captured during the search;

<sup>1</sup> Recently, the scope of EF's involvement with Victoria police was discovered to have commenced in 1995. The material on the LORICATED database commences on 19 September 2005. Victoria police are in the process of searching Victoria police records to discover what documentation exists in relation the period 1995 to 2005. No information can be provided regarding this time period until those searches are completed.



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- b. In addition, where the POI is not listed on the LORICATED spreadsheet, a search of the LORICATED data base is conducted, utilising ISYS, and all 'hits' (a positive result in respect of the person's name being located in a document/s in the LORCIATED data base) are noted in a POI spreadsheet, which contains hyperlinks to the relevant ICR's and LORICATED entries (Stage 1);
  - c. A search of material specific to the POI is then conducted using information from the POI spreadsheet. The following procedure (Stage 2 )is undertaken by the members of the disclosure team, using the new proforma chart (see attached):
    - (i) Go to the relevant ICR,
    - (ii) Note the date/s and time/s of the contact/s, ICR number, and copy the relevant entries from the ICR into the chart, noting the relevant context of the discussion where possible, (*refer: A, B, C and D respectively on new pro forma chart*);
    - (iii) Reference any note of information being provided to a taskforce, squad or other police member, (*refer: D in new pro forma*);
    - (iv) Go the corresponding LORICATED entries, note the number and ensure the entry corresponds to the ICR, (*refer: E in new pro forma*);
    - (v) The diary entries are to be checked for accuracy and specific page references noted in the chart. (*refer: F in new pro forma*);
    - (vi) Copies of the relevant diary entry pages must be attached to the chart (that being the page of the diary with the date, and only the page/s with the relevant content);
    - (vii) Where an audio recording exists, a transcript of the relevant portion is to be included in the chart. (it is noted that the audio recordings are of poor quality and on occasions difficult to hear) (*refer: F in new pro forma*); and
    - (viii) Where a relevant IR exists, the number is noted, (*refer: F in new pro forma*), and a copy of the relevant IR is attached to the chart.
20. At the conclusion of the Stage 2 process;
- a. If the request for disclosure, relating to a specific POI, was received from the OPP, CDPP or a POI's Legal representative, the materials are forwarded to VGSO and counsel for consideration of PII/disclosure issues.
  - b. In all other instances, the material is reviewed to determine if the information provided by EF to police potentially adversely impacted on the legal process of the POI with a view to providing a report as referenced in paragraph 11.

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Nicola GOBBO Timeline 1993-1996			
MONTH	DATE	SUMMARY of EVENTS	SOURCE
1993			
August	19-August-1993	Sgt Michael HOLDING from 'A' DSG receives information from Crime Stoppers regarding cannabis and speed trafficking by Brian WILSON at [REDACTED] Carlton. He meets with a young male who provides further information regarding drug trafficking by WILSON.	Conversation with HOLDING
	26-August-1993	A search warrant is obtained for the premises. Surveillance continues until the execution of the warrant (approximately two weeks). This includes mobile surveillance on WILSON and Nicola GOBBO. The investigation is code named Operation Yak.	Op Yak Briefing Paper 1993
September	3-September-1993	Sgt ASHTON and others from the 'A' DSG conduct surveillance of [REDACTED] Carlton re Op Yak and WILSON. Sgt ASHTON, Sgt HOLDING, S/C DELANEY, C/ FREDE, C/ SKLAVONOUS, C/ WILSON, C/ TRICHAS, & C/ RANDOE execute a search warrant at [REDACTED]	ASHTON daybook Op Yak Commendation 1993
		During the search, Nicola GOBBO provides information regarding the location of drugs at the residence, resulting in the seizure of cannabis and speed from behind a vent in the laundry. HOLDING believes WILSON and Nicola GOBBO were charged with possession, use, and trafficking.	Conversation with HOLDING
		3 pounds of amphetamine and 3/4 pound of cannabis are seized during the search.	Op Yak Briefing Paper 1993
		WILSON, Victor VELLIOS, and Nicola GOBBO are arrested and charged. WILSON is charged with trafficking, use, and possession. VELLIOS is charged with possess heroin. Nicola GOBBO is charged with use and possess cannabis and amphetamine.	LEAP
		Nicola GOBBO is bailed to appear at Melbourne Magistrates Court on 09-Nov-93. Sgt ASHTON notes she is willing to assist police regarding WILSON. He makes notes in his daybook possibly indicating that Nicola GOBBO was working at the MCG during this time.	ASHTON daybook
	4-September-1993	Sgt ASHTON works a shift at the MCG. It is unknown whether he interacted with Nicola GOBBO during this shift.	ASHTON daybook
	12 to 25 September 1993	Sgt ASHTON works at the MCG on the 12, 18 and 25 September.	ASHTON daybook ASHTON diary
November	29-November-1993 (LEAP court date)	Nicola GOBBO attends court on 29-Nov-93 where she pleads guilty to possession and use of amphetamine and cannabis.	LEAP
December	26 and 28 December 1993	Sgt ASHTON works two shifts at the MCG: on 26-Dec-93 and on 28-Dec-93.	ASHTON diary
1994-1995			
U/K	1994-1995	ASHTON recalls seeing Nicola GOBBO "a couple of times at the footy," believing that she worked at Spotless Catering or similar.	Conversation with ASHTON
	1994-1995	S/C Rod ARTHUR recalls meeting with Sgt ASHTON and Nicola GOBBO approximately three times on the street near the old Magistrates Court between 1994 and 1995. These meetings were organised by Sgt ASHTON. No valuable information was provided by Nicola GOBBO on these occasions. S/C ARTHUR believes that D/S/C Jeff POPE was present the last time S/C ARTHUR and Sgt ASHTON met with Nicola GOBBO.	Conversation with ARTHUR
1995			
April	4-April-1995	Moonie Ponds DSG members execute a DSPCA search warrant at [REDACTED] Carlton. The informant was Sgt Paul RUSSELL, now of Mernda police. Small quantities of drugs are seized and WILSON is bailed to appear at court. Nicola GOBBO is not present at the search, nor is she charged with any offences.	LEAP: Moonie Ponds DSG warrant executed 04-Apr-1995. Informant: SGT Paul RUSSELL VP26606, Mernda UNI.
		C/Tim ARGALL recalls that the search warrant occurred prior to him and Sgt ASHTON meeting with Nicola GOBBO for the first time (see below).	Recollection of ARGALL

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July	9-July-1995	Sgt ASHTON works a shift at the MCG with C/ARGALL and C/Rod ARTHUR. He records Nicola GOBBO's mobile and landline in his daybook.	ASHTON diary
	U/K	C/ ARGALL and Sgt ASHTON work at the MCG where they meet Nicola GOBBO, who was working at a food outlet. Sgt ASHTON and Nicola GOBBO speak for five to ten minutes, with C/ARGALL present as an observer only. ARGALL cannot recall the date this meeting took place.	Recollection of ARGALL
	July 1995	Sgt ASHTON and C/ARGALL register Nicola GOBBO as a human source (G3/95). The application is completed by ASHTON. In the application, ASHTON notes that Nicola GOBBO "genuinely wants to assist police." It is also noted that Nicola GOBBO is a law student during this time and residing with a known criminal. Her prior convictions for possess cannabis/amphetamine are noted and her address is recorded as 250 Rathdowne St, Carlton.	1995 registration form
	12-July-1995	Sgt ASHTON attends Vic Roads at Lygon Street Carlton to pick up Nicola GOBBO. He takes her to the Victoria Police office on St Kilda Road to meet with the Special Response Squad (SRS). Sgt/ASHTON and Nicola GOBBO meet with S/D Brian MALLOCH and D/Sgt John GIBSON from the SRS. Nicola GOBBO provides information regarding firearms and drugs supply relating to Brian (WILSON) and 'Gavin' (unknown). C/ARGALL recalls picking up Nicola GOBBO with Sgt ASHTON and being present for the meeting with the SRS. D/Sgt GIBSON recalls that Nicola GOBBO provided information on gun trafficking by Brian WILSON. An investigation plan was developed and D/Sgt Brian RIX notified. No operation name was allocated.	ASHTON diary & ASHTON daybook Recollection of ARGALL Conversation with GIBSON
	U/K	C/ARGALL recalls several phone calls occurring between Nicola GOBBO, himself, and Sgt ASHTON in the weeks following the meeting at St Kilda Rd. He believes IRs were created and soft copies saved onto a local drive (Word Perfect/Intelman).	Recollection of ARGALL
	13-July-1995	D/Sgt GIBSON receives a phone call from Nicola GOBBO. He and S/D MALLOCH conduct a drive over of [REDACTED] Carlton. GIBSON recalls that he and MALLOCH were assisting ASHTON and ARGALL with their job, rather than GOBBO providing intelligence to GIBSON and MALLOCH directly.	Conversation with GIBSON GIBSON diary
		Sgt ASHTON records information received from Nicola GOBBO relating to Brian WILSON and his associate 'Gavin.'	ASHTON daybook
	15-July-1995	Sgt ASHTON receives information from Nicola GOBBO that Brian WILSON and 'Gavin' are manufacturing amphetamine.	ASHTON daybook
		D/Sgt GIBSON makes a final entry in his diary regarding being on availability for WILSON. He moves onto other investigations unrelated to Nicola GOBBO.	Conversation with GIBSON
	18-July-1995	Sgt ASHTON speaks with Nicola GOBBO regarding her contact with 'Gavin.' He makes enquiries regarding DSG task E003/95.	ASHTON daybook
	24-July-1995	Sgt ASHTON speaks to Nicola GOBBO regarding Brian WILSON's and 'Gavin's' movements. This corresponds with the following entry in his diary: [REDACTED] re guns enquiry. Nil further info.'	ASHTON diary & ASHTON daybook
	26-July-1995	Sgt ASHTON makes a daybook entry: Nicola 'Darren Lams'. No further details available.	ASHTON daybook
	31-July-1995	Sgt ASHTON speaks to Nicola GOBBO and notes that nothing is happening.	ASHTON daybook
1995-1996			
U/K	U/K	ARGALL recalls that Nicola GOBBO contacted him after the police move from Russell Street to the VPC. Nicola GOBBO wanted to provide information on a male she had previously resided with and his involvement in drug trafficking/manufacture. By this time, C/ARGALL moved from Sgt/ASHTON's team to Sgt/Craig BRIEN's team. From the information provided by Nicola GOBBO, it was decided to run a job involving Nicola GOBBO introducing a U/C operative to the male she knew. ARGALL believes that D/Sgt [REDACTED] was the allocated controller. ARGALL believes that meetings occurred between Nicola GOBBO and DSG members, and were documented in day books before being converted to electronic IRs. *D/Sgt [REDACTED] and the operative have no recollection of any such meeting.	Recollection of ARGALL
1996			
February	16-February-1996	D/S/Sgt Jack BLAYNEY commences an Operation Progress Report for Operation SCORN (target Brian WILSON). WILSON was referred to the U/C's by Sgt Craig BRIEN from the 'A' DSG. D/Sgt [REDACTED] is listed as the controller for this Operation. On the application it is noted: "informer has just finished a law degree and is reasonably familiar with police procedure."	Undercover Unit Operation Progress Report 1996
	19-February-1996	Sgt BRIEN submits an application for U/C unit assistance in relation to Op SCORN, target Brian WILSON.	Undercover Unit Application 1996
	20-February-1996	The introduction to WILSON via informer Nicola GOBBO is scheduled for 22nd February 1996.	Undercover Unit Operation Progress Report 1996
	21-February-1996	[REDACTED] is introduced to WILSON via Nicola GOBBO. [REDACTED] obtains a drug sample for free. He is quoted \$45,000 to purchase one pound of amphetamine - ordered for early March 1996.	Undercover Unit Operation Progress Report 1996

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	22-February-1996	Op SCORN is approved.	Undercover Unit Operation Progress Report 1996
March	5-March-1996	D/S/Sgt BLAYNEY speaks with D/Sgt [REDACTED] re Nicola GOBBO. He notes that Nicola GOBBO was the informer regarding ALP/LIB documents that were leaked prior to "the election," where a "lib member" was blamed. GOBBO is described as a "loose cannon," making her own arrangements and not liaising with investigators.	Undercover Unit Operation Progress Report 1996
		1996 Australian federal election. In the last week of the campaign, ALP Treasurer Ralph Willis used letters purportedly from Jeff Kennett, a Liberal, criticising Liberal leader John Howard, but the letters were quickly exposed as forgeries. GOBBO, an ALP member, publicly claimed that the forger was a Liberal staffer who had intended for the forgery to pass initial inspection then rebound on the ALP.	
U/K	U/K	D/S/Sgt BLAYNEY notes "job cancelled" - nil date recorded.	Operation Scorn Report 1996

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## Nicola GOBBO Timeline 1997-2000

MONTH	DATE	SUMMARY of EVENTS	SOURCE
1997			
November	11-November-1997	Op Carron results in the arrest of four primary targets.	Op Carron Final Report
December	11-December-1997	D/S/C [PII] speaks with Nicola GOBBO regarding Darren JACKSON, one of the accused in Op Carron.	[PII] diary
1998			
January	23-January-1998	D/S/C [PII] attends [PII] office and gives Nicola GOBBO video and audio tapes re Op Carron.	[PII] diary
May	11-May-1998	D/S/Sgt STRAWHORN and D/S/C [PII] meet with the Office of Public Prosecutions (OPP) regarding Darren JACKSON. Nicola GOBBO is also present.	STRAWHORN diary
	20-May-1998	D/S/C [PII] meets with Nicola GOBBO re part service of briefs relating to DUMA and REID. [PII] recalls that, during this time, Nicola GOBBO was providing information regarding [PII] involvement in fraudulent activity. He refers Nicola GOBBO to the Asset Recovery Squad.	[PII] diary Conversation with [PII]
June	18-June-1998	D/S/C [PII] meets with Nicola GOBBO regarding serving further documents re Op Carron briefs.	[PII] diary
July	14-20 July 1998	D/S/C [PII] speaks with Nicola GOBBO on 14, 17, and 20 July 1998 to arrange a meet up.	[PII] diary
	21-July-1998	D/S/C [PII] and D/S/C Chris LIM meet with Nicola GOBBO in the CBD regarding Op Carron and 'others'. IR submitted. No IR number listed in diary. LIM's recollection is that he was asked to assist [PII] in assessing Nicola GOBBO as a human source. LIM decided that Nicola GOBBO was too 'loose' in her desire to provide information to police. He also had concerns that she was a solicitor and about inappropriate relationships with police officers. D/S/C LIM also recalls Nicola GOBBO 'held' one pound of amphetamine for Peter REID, one of the accused in Op Carron. He cannot specify how he became aware of this information.	[PII] diary Conversation with LIM
	22-July-1998	D/S/C [PII] speaks with Nicola GOBBO over the phone regarding Op Carron.	[PII] diary
September	14-September-1998	D/S/C [PII] and D/S/Sgt STRAWHORN meet with the OPP regarding Op Carron.	STRAWHORN diary
	14-September-1998	D/S/C [PII] attends MMC for a Committal Hearing re Op Carron accused. Meeting with defence re same. STRAWHORN recalls that immediately after the committal hearing he was approached by [PII] who wanted to offer information in exchange for assistance with their charges. Subsequently, D/S/Sgt STRAWHORN met with Nicola GOBBO and [PII]. Nicola GOBBO requested she be present at all meetings between [PII] and D/S/Sgt STRAWHORN. This request was declined by D/S/Sgt STRAWHORN.	[PII] diary
December	07-December-1998	D/S/Sgt STRAWHORN meets with Nicola GOBBO, who is representing [PII]. The meeting runs for 40 minutes.	STRAWHORN diary
	18-December-1998	D/S/Sgt STRAWHORN meets with Nicola GOBBO and [PII] where they meet with NSW Police Officer [PII]. STRAWHORN recalls the [PII] and [PII] had a meeting without STRAWHORN and Nicola GOBBO present. He is unaware of what they discussed.	STRAWHORN diary Conversation with STRAWHORN

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1999			
January	21, 25, & 27 January 1999	On 21, 25, and 27 January, D/S/C [PII] speaks with Nicola GOBBO and meets with her in person regarding bail and property for [PII].	[PII] diary
March	10-March-1999	D/S/Sgt STRAWHORN attends the NCA regarding an undisclosed enquiry. Later the same day, D/S/Sgt STRAWHORN and D/S/C WOOLFE meet with [PII]. The meeting runs for one hour.	STRAWHORN diary
	18 & 22 March 1999	D/S/Sgt STRAWHORN meets twice with Nicola GOBBO regarding enquiry [PII]. Each meeting runs for one hour.	STRAWHORN diary
April	27-April-1999	D/S/C Jeff POPE initiates contact with the Drug Squad regarding a new job on money laundering (Op Ramsden).	POPE Diary
	28-April-1999	D/S/C POPE of the Asset Recovery Squad meets with D/S/Sgt Wayne STRAWHORN and D/S/C [PII] at the Drug Squad regarding solicitor [PII]. He also meets with D/A/Insp CURRAN and Roger JEANS from the Asset Recovery Squad.	POPE Diary
		D/S/C POPE obtained basic details of the job and information being received from the informer. To be advised on when he could be introduced to informer and take over the investigation.	POPE Investigation Log
		D/S/C [PII] attends a briefing with D/S/C POPE and SEGRAVE from Asset Recovery Squad, regarding information arising from Op Carron.	[PII] diary
May	4 and 7 May 1999	D/S/C POPE speaks with D/S/C [PII] at the Drug Squad regarding meeting the informer regarding [PII].	POPE Diary & Investigation log
	12-May-1999	D/S/C POPE attends the Drug Squad. He speaks with D/S/C [PII] regarding Op RAMSDEN and meets with D/A/Insp CURRAN. D/S/Sgt STRAWHORN and D/S/C [PII] introduce D/S/C POPE and D/Sgt SEGRAVE to Nicola GOBBO in South Melbourne. The meeting runs from 16:30 to 19:10.	POPE Diary FEIR1056 STRAWHORN diary [PII] diary
	13-May-1999	D/S/C POPE speaks with D/S/C [PII] at the Drug Squad. D/S/C POPE makes an application to register Nicola GOBBO as an informer, noting she may supply information about fraud/money laundering.	POPE Diary 1999 Registration Form, Part A
	17-May-1999	D/S/C POPE and D/Sgt SEGRAVE meet with Nicola GOBBO in Armadale re Op Ramsden between 12:20 and 16:15. During this meeting, Nicola GOBBO discloses specific incidents relating to [PII] potential criminal activity. This includes [PII] charging clients eligible for Legal Aid and also receiving Legal Aid payments. D/S/C POPE obtains a number of documents from the informer, including some of which are computer generated.	POPE Diary FEIR1058 POPE Investigation Log
	19-May-1999	D/S/C POPE and D/Sgt SEGRAVE meet with Nicola GOBBO in South Melbourne regarding Op RAMSDEN. The meeting runs from 17:30 to 18:30. Prior to the meeting, D/S/Sgt Wayne STRAWHORN (Drug Squad) hands D/S/C POPE a document detailing a suspect property transaction between two males and [PII]. Nicola GOBBO provides information regarding this transaction.	POPE Diary FEIR1059 POPE Investigation Log
	20-May-1999	D/S/Sgt STRAWHORN informs D/S/C POPE of additional [PII] who may be able to assist regarding [PII] and Op Ramsden. D/S/C POPE requests D/S/Sgt STRAWHORN to arrange meetings with these [PII]. D/S/C POPE also enquires into D/S/Sgt STRAWHORN's knowledge of documents held by the NCA regarding [PII] or Peter REID. D/S/Sgt STRAWHORN is not aware of any such documents.	FEIR1060 POPE Investigation Log
	26-May-1999	D/S/C POPE speaks with "unregistered informer" re Op RAMSDEN who states that they could introduce [PII] to "us" on 27-May-1999. Further arrangements to be made with D/S/Sgt STRAWHORN.	POPE Diary POPE Investigation Log
		D/S/C POPE speaks with D/Sgt Keren HYNAM from the National Crime Authority (NCA) regarding Peter REID and [PII] potentially laundering money. D/Sgt HYNAM states that the NCA have a number of documents that were officially disseminated to them from Victoria Police Asset Recovery Squad. The documents were seized from Peter REID during Op Carron. D/Sgt HYNAM also states that the NCA was introduced to an informer by D/S/C [PII] and D/S/C LIM at the Drug Squad. D/Sgt HYNAM also stated that the NCA, in particular a FedPol member, had been introduced to an informer, which D/S/C POPE ascertained as being one and the same.	FEIR1062 POPE Investigation Log
		A/Supt Kevin SHERIDAN is listed as the Local Registrar on the Registration Application, but appears not to have signed Part B of the form. The form is signed by D/Sgt SEGRAVE. Nicola GOBBO is given the local informer registry number MFG13 and Central Informer Registry Number 23577918.	1999 Registration Form, Part B
	27-May-1999	D/S/C POPE and D/Sgt SEGRAVE meet with [PII]. [PII]	FEIR1063 POPE diary
		D/S/C POPE receives an email from Nicola GOBBO requesting a meeting and also attaching law notes on constitutionalism. D/S/C POPE responds, saying he will be in touch within a few days to arrange the next meeting.	FEIR1065



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June	28-May-1999	D/S/C POPE speaks with D/Sgt HYNAM from the NCA who advises that the NCA started an inquiry on [REDACTED] named Op Andesine. The job, which is low priority, included the NCA speaking with an informer. D/S/C POPE believes the informer for the NCA is Nicola GOBBO. The NCA were planning to do section 29 warrants on [REDACTED] bank accounts as they do not have to be signed by a Magistrate and therefore reduce the risk of [REDACTED] being informed of the investigation. D/Sgt HYNAM states the NCA worked on [REDACTED] in the late 1980s (Op Bull) and that FedPol have worked on him at some stage.	FEIR1067
		D/S/C POPE speaks with D/Sgt STRAWHORN, who states that he met with [REDACTED] who would be in a position to talk to investigators the following Wednesday. [REDACTED] would also be getting some documentation for the police.	POPE Investigation Log
	31-May-1999	D/S/C POPE receives an email from Nicola GOBBO with law notes attached for his personal use. There were no other messages and D/S/C POPE does not respond to the email.	FEIR1068
	01-June-1999	D/S/C POPE speaks with D/Sgt STRAWHORN, who states that the meeting with [REDACTED] is planned for Wednesday afternoon.	POPE Investigation Log
	02-June-1999	D/S/C POPE leaves a message for Nicola GOBBO.	POPE Diary
		D/S/C POPE receives a message from Nicola GOBBO on his mobile phone at 0800 hours. D/S/C POPE returns the call and leaves a message at 1500 hours.	POPE Investigation Log
	03-June-1999	D/S/C POPE speaks with Nicola GOBBO who states that she needs to peruse 30 discs to locate the one with information regarding [REDACTED]. D/S/C POPE and Nicola GOBBO arrange to meet the following day.	POPE Diary & POPE Investigation Log FEIR1069
		D/S/C POPE, D/Sgt STRAWHORN, and D/Sgt SEGRAVE meet with [REDACTED] in South Melbourne. [REDACTED] provides information regarding REID and [REDACTED] including about [REDACTED] laundering money. D/S/C POPE and D/Sgt STRAWHORN arrange to meet [REDACTED] the following week.	FEIR1070 STRAWHORN diary
	04-June-1999	D/S/C POPE and D/Sgt SEGRAVE meet with Nicola GOBBO in South Melbourne. They discuss the provision of the computer discs regarding [REDACTED]. Nicola GOBBO has nothing further to add regarding [REDACTED].	POPE Diary FEIR1071
	07-June-1999	D/S/C POPE receives a message from Nicola GOBBO stating the computer discs are ready to be collected and requesting a call back to arrange a meeting. D/S/C POPE meets with D/A/Insp CURRAN re Op RAMSDEN. D/S/C POPE and D/S/C SNEDDON travel to [REDACTED] regarding Op RAMSDEN.	POPE Diary
	08-June-1999	D/S/C POPE and D/S/C SNEDDON meet with [REDACTED] regarding Op RAMSDEN in [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] provides information on [REDACTED] and REID. D/S/C POPE leaves a message for Nicola GOBBO to arrange a meeting and updates D/A/Insp CURRAN regarding [REDACTED].	POPE Diary & FEIR1074
	09-June-1999	D/S/C POPE calls Nicola GOBBO and they arrange to meet on Friday 11 June 1999 at lunch time.	POPE Diary & FEIR1075
		D/Sgt STRAWHORN meets with Nicola GOBBO regarding [REDACTED].	STRAWHORN diary
	11-June-1999	D/S/C POPE receives a message from Nicola GOBBO postponing their meeting. A new meeting is arranged for Monday 14 June 1999. Nicola GOBBO tells D/S/C POPE that she was invited to lunch by REID on Saturday 12 June 1999 and would tell D/S/C POPE about it on Monday.	POPE Diary & FEIR1076
	14-June-1999	D/S/C POPE and Nicola GOBBO meet in South Melbourne. D/S/C SNEDDON and D/S/C OLNEY are also present. Nicola GOBBO provides D/S/C POPE with the computer disc containing documents from [REDACTED] computer. Nicola GOBBO did not meet REID for lunch on Saturday but has been invited to have dinner with him later in the week prior to his County Court sentencing.	POPE Diary FEIR1077
	15-June-1999	D/S/C POPE receives a call from Nicola GOBBO who tells D/S/C POPE that REID is being sentenced the following day. REID is hosting an "all-night party" and Nicola GOBBO will attend for a short time. Nicola GOBBO raises the issue of consenting to a variation of a restraining order on a Ballarat property owned by her client. D/S/C POPE advises he will speak with the informant in the matter and get back to Nicola GOBBO.	POPE Diary FEIR1078
	16-June-1999	D/S/C POPE speaks with Nicola GOBBO and updates her regarding the consent to variation (police would oppose the application). Nicola GOBBO says she will pursue the issue through Phil RAIMONDO at the OPP. Nicola GOBBO advises that REID was sentenced to 12 months imprisonment with another 20 months suspended for two years post-release. He will serve ten months before being released from custody.	FEIR0179
	30-June-1999	D/S/C POPE speaks with Nicola GOBBO regarding Op RAMSDEN.	POPE Diary

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August	03-August-1999	D/S/C POPE speaks with Nicola GOBBO - nil further information.	POPE Diary
September	06-September-1999	D/S/C POPE receives a phone call from Nicola GOBBO - nil value.	POPE Diary
	07-September-1999	D/S/C POPE attends the Drug Squad where he meets with D/S/Sgt STRAWHORN regarding Op RAMSDEN.	POPE Diary
	23-September-1999	D/S/C POPE speaks with Nicola GOBBO regarding Op RAMSDEN.	POPE Diary
October	01-October-1999	D/S/C POPE meets with Nicola GOBBO. She does not have any new information regarding [REDACTED] and is mainly interested in how the investigation is progression. She informs D/S/C POPE that [REDACTED] has moved into his new office in Queen Street where he owns the entire building and is living in the penthouse. Nicola GOBBO and [REDACTED] maintain regular contact, and she is briefed by him regularly.	FEIR1087
	U/K	POPE remembers attending a meeting with D/S/Sgt STRAWHORN, members of the Drug Squad, and Nicola GOBBO late one afternoon at the Emerald Hotel in South Melbourne. POPE recalls leaving that meeting while Nicola GOBBO continued to speak with Drug Squad members about drug related matters. From his perspective, the meeting was effectively a handover as Nicola GOBBO wanted to give information about high-level drug trafficking with potential corruption links.	Affidavit of Jeffrey Pope dated 02 November 2011
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January	03-January-2000	D/Sgt SEGRAVE submits a request for Nicola GOBBO's status as informer to be reclassified from active to inactive. The justification for this request is listed as "investigators have had no contact with MFG 13 since 23rd of September 1999."	1999 de-registration
	06-January-2000	D/S/C POPE attends the Asset Recovery Squad where he delivers his "diary to D/S/Sgt CURRAN for audit re MFG13."	POPE Diary
	25-January-2000	D/S/C POPE collects his diary from the Asset Recovery Squad.	POPE Diary
May	11-May-2000	D/S/C POPE makes inquiries with Janet COHEN from the Legal Ombudsman's Office regarding Op RAMSDEN.	POPE Diary
	18-May-2000	D/S/C POPE prepares a report to the Legal Ombudsman Office and NCA regarding Op RAMSDEN (989-203).	POPE Diary
	U/K	STRAWHORN recalls in his dealings with [REDACTED] informed him they were the supplier of amphetamine for Brian WILSON and Nicola GOBBO in 1993.	Conversation with STRAWHORN



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1	Community Source & Human Source		Law Clerk	In 2009 the Source was employed in the industry and in 2009 as a law clerk. The handling team initially approached the Source in 2010. At the time of their recruitment, the Source was [REDACTED] and had been charged with [REDACTED]. Upon being assessed, the Source was described as a "quasi legal officer who [REDACTED]. The Source receives some type of payment for this service". Amongst other things, it was proposed that the Source was of a high value due to their relationship with [REDACTED] criminal groups. Not long after the registration was initiated, the Source started [REDACTED]. A review of the file indicates that the Source provided information from personal relationships with known associates and not from their employment as a legal clerk.	2009	2009	2010	2011	This file was originally registered as a Community Contact on 2009 then converted to a Human Source on 2010. Deactivation was recommended on 2010 due to identified issues (no longer a viable source).	27	Twenty-seven information reports were disseminated from the source to the Purana Task Force.	As of 2010 no offenders had been charged or as a result of the Source's information however the Source provided intelligence that assisted in focusing police resources to specific places and individuals' (as per the reward application).  Information reports generated from 2010 until closure of the source file on 2011 are highly unlikely to have resulted in direct charges for the persons nominated as per LEAP records.	1x application submitted on 2010.
2	Community Source		Legal Secretary	The Source was providing information in relation to a relative/associates. The Source was employed by a private company and given the nature of the information provided and relation of the Source to the target it is almost certain that the information provided did not relate to the Source's clients/occupation.	2015	2015	2015	2015	This file remained approved from the 2015 until 2015.	3	Three information reports were disseminated from the source to Knox CIU.	It is almost certain that the information provided by the Source assisted investigators in identifying [REDACTED] in turn leading to the [REDACTED] matters in existence prior to the registration of the source.  There is no available intelligence to support that the Source obtained information through contact with clients.	None listed.
3	Human Source		Court Clerk	The Source was providing information in relation to relative/associates. It is almost certain that information provided did not relate to the Source's clients/occupation.	2014	Not approved	Not approved	2014	At no stage was this file approved.	2	Two information reports were disseminated from the source to [REDACTED] DRU.	It is almost certain that one information report generated from the source lead to [REDACTED] however no evidence of the alleged offences was obtained [REDACTED]. Investigators later believed the Source's information was vexatious in nature and the target was not charged in relation to anything alleged by the Source in the information report as per LEAP records.  The second information report contained biodata [REDACTED] and was filed for intelligence purposes. This information did not result in direct charges for the nominated targets.  There is no available intelligence to support that the Source obtained information through contact with clients.	None listed.
4	Human Source		Self Proclaimed 'Legal Advisor'	The Source is not a registered legal practitioner. The Source stated people come to them and they help them to 'fix problems'. It is likely that the Source obtained information from their clients/occupation.	2015	Not approved	Not approved	2016	At no stage was this file approved.	2	Two information reports were disseminated from the source to the [REDACTED]	It is almost certain the information provided by the source did not result in direct charges for the persons nominated as both reports were filed for intelligence purposes only and the targets were not charged in relation to anything alleged by the Source in the information report as per LEAP records.	None listed.
5	Human Source		Retired Solicitor	The Source was never approved due to issues identified regarding [REDACTED] and ability to provide accurate and timely information. No intelligence generated from initial contact.	2015	Not approved	Not approved	2015	At no stage was this file approved, nor was intelligence disseminated from the source.	0	No information reports linked to source file.	Not applicable.	None listed.



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6	Community Contact	[REDACTED]	Solicitor	The origin of the Source's initial information is not known (i.e. whether or not it was obtained via the Source's clients/occupation). However file was never approved and no intelligence was generated from the initial contact.	[REDACTED] 2014	Not approved	Not approved	[REDACTED] 2014	At no stage was this file approved, nor was intelligence disseminated from the source.	0	No information reports linked to source file.	Not applicable.	None listed.
7	Community Contact	[REDACTED]	Lawyer	The Source was providing information in relation to crime in local neighbourhood. The Source was approached by police for assistance due to [REDACTED]. It is almost certain that information provided did not relate to the Source's clients/occupation.	[REDACTED] 2011	[REDACTED] 2011	[REDACTED] 2012	[REDACTED] 2012	This file remained approved from the [REDACTED] 2011 until [REDACTED] 2012.	2	Two information reports were disseminated from the source to [REDACTED].	It is almost certain that the information provided by the source assisted police in their investigation and identification of targets however, a number of different police resources were used in this investigation and therefore the source information is unlikely to have solely resulted in charges and subsequent convictions of offenders.  There is no available intelligence to support that the Source obtained information through contact with clients.	None listed.
8	Human Source	[REDACTED] (Registered twice)	Court Registrar	The Source was providing information in relation to a relative/associates. Given the nature of the information provided and relation of the Source to the target it is almost certain that the information provided did not relate to the Source's clients/occupation.	1st Reg. - [REDACTED] 2009 2nd Reg. - [REDACTED] 2012	1st Reg. - [REDACTED] 2009 2nd Reg. - Not approved	1st Reg. - Unsure 2nd Reg. - Not approved	1st Reg. - [REDACTED] 2010 2nd Reg. - [REDACTED] 2013	1st Registration - File approved from [REDACTED] 2009 until [REDACTED] 2010. 2nd Registration - At no stage was this file approved, nor was intelligence disseminated from the source.	3	Three information reports were disseminated from the first registration of the source file to the [REDACTED].  No information reports were linked to the second registration of the source file.	It is highly likely the information provided by the Source assisted investigators to [REDACTED] the offender as stated by the investigators in an information report dated [REDACTED] 2010.  There is no available intelligence to support that the Source obtained information through contact with clients.	None listed.
9	Human Source	[REDACTED]	Personal Assistant at Law Firm	Source was employed in a law related occupation for [REDACTED] at the beginning of their registration before their employment [REDACTED]. The Source was then predominantly [REDACTED] throughout the remainder of their registration, working [REDACTED] in the [REDACTED] industry. The Source attempted to re-enter the legal sector however their attempts were unsuccessful. Source was providing information in relation to their personal associates and their [REDACTED]. Additionally the law firm who initially employed the Source do not primarily deal with criminal matters and therefore it is unlikely the Source would have been privy to legally sensitive information regarding the target's and their criminal activities. It is almost certain information provided that related to the Source's clients/occupation.	[REDACTED] 2012	[REDACTED] 2012	[REDACTED] 2013	[REDACTED] 2013	In a risk assessment attached on [REDACTED] 2012, it states that the HS has their employment. There is no corresponding entry in the contact reports around this date to support this entry.  On [REDACTED] 2013 this file was marked not approved due to increased risks identified [REDACTED]. However risks were mitigated and the file was again approved on [REDACTED] 2013 and remained approved until [REDACTED] 2013, when upon direction from the [REDACTED] the handling team were to rest the HS due to the large amount of information provided and increased risk to the HS safety as a result of actioning the information.	59	Fifty-nine information reports were disseminated from the source file and linked to numerous investigations and work units: [REDACTED].	It is almost certain the information provided by the source has resulted in [REDACTED] as detailed on 2x source reward applications.  The reward applications further support that the Source was providing information in relation to their personal life and not their previous employment in the legal industry. There is no available intelligence to support that the Source obtained information through contact with clients.	2x applications submitted [REDACTED] 2012 and [REDACTED] 2013.  In the 2012 reward application, AC FRYER requested clarification as to the current employment status of the HS referring the matter to [REDACTED] to follow up. If the HS was found to be anything other than a secretary at the law firm the Source was to be de-activated. Enquiries made by HSMU found the Source was a Secretary only and the file remained active.
10	Human Source	[REDACTED]	Solicitor	Source was providing information in relation to their personal associates. During an assessment meeting with [REDACTED] 2014 discussed their ethical duties and desire to maintain professional privilege stating to police that they would not breach client privilege when speaking with police and that what they had discussed so far was known to them personally. The Source was not tasked by handling team.  The Source was previously assessed for recruitment in 2008 however the registration did not progress and the Source registration was not approved.	[REDACTED] 2014	Not approved	Not approved	[REDACTED] 2014	At no stage was this file approved.	11	Five information reports were disseminated from the 2014 source file to the [REDACTED] Taskforce.  Six additional information reports are likely to have been created from the Source assessment in 2008. Enquiries regarding the use and dissemination of this information are currently pending with the [REDACTED].	It is unlikely the information provided by the source resulted in direct charges for the persons nominated in 2014 which is further supported by LEAP records and the investigations to which these information reports were linked are intelligence probes.  At this time it is not known whether the information contained in the 2008 information reports resulted in any charges or convictions for the nominated targets. Enquiries with the [REDACTED] are ongoing.	None listed.