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| 2  | (10.05)  | 2  | currently on pre-retirement leave at the RGP. <b>A. That is correct.</b>   |
| 3  | THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.   | 3  |  |
| 4  | MR JOHN FIELD, SWORN   | 4  | Q. What was your rank at the time of   |
| 5  | EXAMINED BY MR SANTOS  | 5  | Operation Kram?  |
| 6  | THE WITNESS: Superintendent John Field.  | 6  | A. I was a detective chief inspector of the  |
| 7  | THE CHAIRMAN: You are very softly  | 7  | Crime and Protective services.   |
| 8  | spoken. You might just move the  | 8  | Q. What was your - can you just explain a  |
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| 10   | MR SANTOS: You can move the whole  | 10   | please?  |
| 11   | thing closer to you.   | 11   | A. My role there was the governance of all   |
| 12   | THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.   | 12   | the Crown Protective Services and that   |
| 13   | A. I have got a loud voice. That is why.   | 13   | included public protection unit, special   |
| 14   | MR SANTOS: Thank you. Good morning,  | 14   | branch - in those days - CID, drug squad,  |
| 15   | sir. Our first witness is DCI John Field.  | 15   | high tech crime, crime scene investors,  |
| 16   | A. Superintendent John Field.  | 16   | domestic abuse. A big business area.   |
| 17   | Q. Superintendent - my apologies. My   | 17   | Q. Just to be abundantly clear about this,   |
| 18   | apologies. Superintendent John Field. Mr   | 18   | were you part of the RGP marine section at   |
| 19   | Field, can I just ask you please to check that   | 19   | all?   |
| 20   | you have a bundle in front of you that is  | 20   | A. No.   |
| 21   | marked "witness statements"? You may not   | 21   | Q. Did you have responsibility of that   |
| 22   | actually have that but there should be a   | 22   | marine section?  |
| 23   | bundle with two - your two witness   | 23   | A. No.   |
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from the time of operation Kram. Do you 1 March 2020, the day of the incident - the 2 2 agree that this is a document which aids the collision at sea - when did you make those 3 3 inquiry's understanding of the early hours notes? 4 4 following the incidents at sea? A. I was the gold commander on call on that 5 A. I would say so, yes. 5 weekend, and I remember it was a Friday and 6 Q. Did you refer to your day book when you 6 it was a long weekend, and I took a notebook 7 were drafting your witness statements to the 7 home with me just in case I got called and I 8 8 had to make - scribble some notes. So, that inquiry? 9 9 A. Yes. notebook was at the time that it was 10 10 Q. Did you make it available to your lawyers occurring, and then when I got to the office I 11 11 during the disclosure exercise? probably left it and in sight of my day book, 12 A. I did, yes. 12 so the notes on my notebook would have 13 Q. Do you understand why that has not been 13 been there and then, and you can see that 14 disclosed to the inquiry until only a short 14 they are rushed and all that; and the others, 15 15 while ago? during the day whenever I had a chance to. 16 16 A. No. My recollection is that I - I had my 17 17 day book scanned; it was copied, I then went Q. Can we look at your A798, which is your 18 through the process of redacting and taking 18 first witness statement which you should 19 19 away personal data, mobile phones and stuff have in front of you at paragraph 21, please? 20 20 like that. That was as far as I remember. It A. Yes. 21 had been submitted but only last week I had a 21 Q. You say, "At 03.53hours on the morning 22 22 of the 8" of March 2020, I received a call meeting with my solicitor, Mr Cruz, and I 23 23 had the issue about my day book, and his 24 24 response left me a bit - a bit confused and it the duty Inspector, John Lutkin who made a 25 25 appeared that I hadn't, so I also had the report to me concerning a collision at sea Page 5 Page 7 1 conversation with Mr Yeats who confirmed 1 between an RGP vessel, the Sir John Chapple 2 that they had not been submitted. I do not 2 and a suspect vessel. I was also made aware 3 3 know why. So, I went through the process of that there was one fatality ... and that another 4 copying everything again, redacting 4 person was seriously injured". Was any 5 5 everything again and submitting everything indication given to you at that time, at 03:53 6 again, so unless you get the members of the 6 hours, in terms of the location of that 7 7 disclosure team, I do not know what collision? 8 8 A. No. happened. 9 9 Q. Just to be clear about this, when did you Q. When was the first time that you received 10 10 first go through that process of copying and any intelligence on the location of the 11 redacting? 11 collision? 12 A. When --12 A. The first time I received anything in 13 13 Q. Roughly. respect of the approximate location was 14 14 A. When I was approached by the disclosure at 09:40 hours when inspector Chipolina 15 15 team for them, but I honestly can't remember. relayed a message he had received from the 16 16 Q. More than a year ago? **Guardia Civil in respect of the coordinates** 17 17 A. Yes, I think so. Yes. that that they had. Although those were still 18 18 Q. When you make notes in your day book, subject to confirmation because they needed 19 19 do you do - did you tend to do that to be extracted by the technical officer. 20 20 contemporaneously as it happened? Did you O. We will come to those coordinated, but 2.1 21 tend to do that on the same day, or -just - can we look at paragraph 38 of your 22 22 A. Best case scenario, when it is occurring statement, please? 23 there and then. When not, shortly after, but 23 A. Yes. Q. This is a paragraph where you are dealing 24 24 certainly within the day for sure. 25 25 Q. As far as you remember, your notes for 8 with the briefing the Commissioner of Police, Page 6 Page 8

but I want to pick it up about five lines down, 1 coordinates were from the Guardia Civil, as I 2 2 and at the penultimate line on that page was just mentioned, those were --3 3 where you say, "Considering that the initial THE CHAIRMAN: Just go slowly. What 4 4 coordinates? You have not mentioned report was that PMB had been involved in a 5 chase out at sea, approximately 3miles off 5 coordinates. 6 Europa Point, at that moment in time, it was 6 MR SANTOS: We will turn to the Guardia 7 a safe assumption that the chase/ part of it, 7 Civil coordinates shortly --8 had occurred in our jurisdiction". Do you 8 THE CHAIRMAN: We have got all day; 9 9 recall who provided this initial report? you take your time. 10 A. What, the approximate three miles? That 10 A. Okay. 11 11 THE CHAIRMAN: Just go slowly. came --12 Q. No, Europa Point, please. 12 A. Will do. 13 A. That came from, I believe it was from 13 THE CHAIRMAN: Try to start at the 14 14 Officer 1 to CAD - control(sic) and dispatch beginning --15 15 - and that was relayed to me --MR SANTOS: Yes. 16 16 THE CHAIRMAN: -- and go through to the THE CHAIRMAN: Sorry, it came from 17 17 who? end in an orderly way. 18 MR SANTOS: From Officer 1. 18 MR SANTOS: (To the witness) Why do we 19 19 not turn to C6953. This is an extract from A. Yes. 20 20 Q. (To the witness) When you say "Officer your day book that we were just discussing. 1", do you mean Officer 1 on the vessel? 21 21 I think that this is your day book rather than 22 THE CHAIRMAN: Of the twelve crew. 22 the notebook that you were referring to that 23 23 you were filling in from home, but could you 24 24 please confirm that? THE CHAIRMAN: Right, okay. 25 25 A. That is my information that the relayed A. That is correct. Yes. Page 9 Page 11 1 that to the command and dispatch. 1 Q. I think that it was at about quarter past six 2 MR SANTOS: Can you please just explain 2 in the morning that you transfer - that you 3 3 what the "command and dispatch" means? switch from filling in your notebook to filling 4 A. Command and dispatch is our control 4 in your day book. Is that correct? 5 5 room. It is where we receive all the calls, A. Correct. 6 they are allocated and then they are 6 Q. I just want to focus on the entry at the 7 7 bottom of the first page at 7 o'clock. There is responded to, and everything is recorded. 8 8 - the final entry says, "SP". Can you please Q. At what time did this initial report come 9 9 explain what "SP" means? in, from your recollection? 10 10 A. I --A. Those were initials, that is the initials I 11 Q. If you do not have a clear recollection, 11 give to my officers for recollection instead of 12 we can look in your day book. 12 writing everything down. That would have 13 13 been Sean Perera. A. Can I? Q. We will come to it now. I am about to 14 14 Q. Sean Perera. Can you just please --15 15 A. That is basically Sean Perera, and he said turn to your day book. 16 16 A. Because I can't remember it from the top that the suspect had told O'Flattery, who is 17 of my head. 17 one of our officers, that Nordin, who was one 18 Q. That is understandable. Did you inform 18 of the crew - on the suspect crew, and that 19 19 Mr McGrail and superintendent Richardson was his account that this happened by the 20 20 Alcaidesa. "Hurry up to help his friend", The of this initial report in terms of Europa Point? 21 21 A. Yes. I have said it here. police officers came slowly, 5 knots, and 22 22 without lights -- blue lights. Q. How certain were you about the contents 23 23 of this initial report? THE CHAIRMAN: I have got very A. Well, this is what was relayed to CAD by 24 24 confused. Could you just go through who 25 the crew, by Officer 1 I believe it was. The 25 these people are again. Page 10 Page 12

1 A. Nordin was one of the persons within the 1 THE CHAIRMAN: What was the source of 2 2 suspect vessel. that information? 3 3 MR SANTOS: So, Nordin is the name at the A. From my recollection that came from 4 4 end of the first line. CAD as well. 5 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes. 5 THE CHAIRMAN: Came from? 6 MR SANTOS: That is the name of one of 6 A. Control and dispatch. 7 the individuals on the suspect vessel. I think 7 MR SANTOS: You were saying earlier that that information was received from Officer 1 8 you said that O'Flattery was one of the 8 9 officers who was talking to the suspect. 9 on the vessel? 10 10 A. Correct. A. I believe so, yes. 11 Q. I just want to focus really on those first 11 Q. That is your belief, yes. Then if we just 12 five words. "This happened by the 12 go to the bottom of the page, there is an entry Alcaidesa...", that was something -13 13 that is headed "A Enriles". Is that another 14 14 officer who was assisting you at the time? information which came from the suspect? 15 15 A. Yes. A. Correct. 16 16 Q. For clarification, when he said, "... by the Q. What was his position? A. I can't remember exactly but he had a task 17 Alcaidesa", that is at the north end of Santa 17 18 Barbara beach? Would that be accurate? 18 in - there were many officers with many 19 19 A. Yes, I would say so. tasks and so to identify each one, I would 20 20 Q. Then if we go over the page, about a third have to go through the notes, if you want. 21 of the way down, there is an entry that says, 21 Q. Let us just focus on this for now. 22 22 "Windy has no coordinates..." Is that a Underneath, could you just please read the 23 23 reference to -first two and a half lines up to the dash? 24 24 A. Yes. "Iain Andery who was a port officer A. Correct. 25 25 Q. - Windmill Hill signal station? 04:00, received --Page 13 Page 15 1 A. Yes. 1 THE CHAIRMAN: Sorry. Could you just 2 Q. Then the next line says, "NG and JL, 3 2 go slowly. All of these notes are on - you 3 3 miles off Europa Point -have worked with these people for years; this 4 A. Those are the initials for Mark Garratt --4 is the first time I have heard of these people. 5 5 Q. Yes. A. Sorry, sir. 6 A. - who was working for me on the day, 6 THE CHAIRMAN: You have just got to 7 7 and John Lutkin who was duty inspector. take it slowly. 8 8 They said three miles off Europa Point. A. Okav. 9 9 THE CHAIRMAN: Which was the first THE CHAIRMAN: So, we can follow what 10 10 one? you are saying. 11 MR SANTOS: Mark Garratt. 11 MR SANTOS: (To the witness) So, you say 12 THE CHAIRMAN: Who is he? 12 Iain Andery. 13 A. A police officer. 13 A. I think it is Andery. I can't remember his MR SANTOS: A police officer working for 14 14 15 15 superintendent Field on the day. Q. Andery. 16 THE CHAIRMAN: There were an awful lot 16 A. He is from the port department, and he 17 17 of police officers. says that at 04:00 hours he received a phone 18 18 A. There were many. call from Tarifa Traffic saying there had been 19 19 MR SANTOS: So, what was his position? an incident by La Atunara(?). He calls the 20 20 PMB and spoke to someone -- and I have got A. He was a sergeant, and he was helping 2.1 21 an initial there, "AF", I think that was Albert me with all the tasks. 22 22 Fernandez; I tasked him to find out if they THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. 23 23 MR SANTOS: Then "JL" is, John -could identify who it was - who informed 24 A. John Lutkin. He was the duty on-call 24 him that there had been a serious incident, 25 inspector. 25 and a boat was being towed back in. Page 14 Page 16

1 Q. Again, just for clarification purposed, La 1 possibly not working or it had not been 2 2 Atunara is a section of Santa Barbara beach. switched on, and I am referring to the AIS 3 3 A. Yes. It is where the port is, more or less. from the PMB. 4 4 Q. At the time, were you aware of any 5 Q. Yes. Then, the report - it looks as though 5 procedures within the RGP about AIS 6 from your day book, as though the first report 6 systems and whether they should be switched 7 that comes in is from one of the individuals 7 8 on the vessel, saying that it happened by 8 A. I had read a long time ago that they had -9 Alcaidesa. Then there is a report about 9 that the AIS had to be switched on. 10 10 Europa Point, and then there is a report about THE CHAIRMAN: Is that in the operating 11 La Atunara from Tarifa Traffic. Is that how 11 instructions? 12 things transpired? 12 A. Correct. 13 A. Yes. 13 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes. 14 14 Q. Did you pass each of these on to Mr MR SANTOS: Did it concern you to learn 15 15 McGrail? that the AIS was not working or switched 16 16 A. I don't think I would have passed these 17 17 things, because these were tasks in progress. A. It did, but it was still work in progress 18 So, I may have given the deputy, Mr 18 and I did not know if it was a fault or not, but 19 19 Richardson, a number of updates but the it was concerning because that gives you the 20 20 crucial one which was the one with the tracking of the vessel, so it is important to us 21 coordinates from Guardia Civil in which I 21 for accountability, for transparency issues. 22 22 Q. Did you inform Mr McGrail that AIS was had to plot and then make reference to the 23 23 three miles off, yes I thought that was possibly not working or switched on? 24 24 A. On the day when I delivered that to him, pertinent but a lot of this was on the go. 25 25 Q. So, until you received the report from the are you referring to the 11:05? Page 17 Page 19 1 Guardia Civil the position was that you had 1 Q. I am just asking you about any time that 2 two reports of an incident occurring in 2 day, at some point. 3 3 Spanish waters and one in Gibraltar waters. A. I may have. I am not a hundred percent 4 A. Three miles off Europa Point, and that, 4 5 5 Q. You do not have a recollection of him 6 Q. If we can now go over the page to 6955, 6 informing you? 7 7 please? Again, there is a reference to A. No. 8 8 "Windy", Windmill Hill having no Q. You do not recall what Mr McGrail's 9 9 coordinates or records from "the trace". I reaction to the AIS being switched on --10 10 think that says, and then "Port don't have A. No. Q. - switched off, sorry. 11 anything AIS tracking of the PMB" PMB 11 12 presumably means Police --12 A. I remember during the meeting at 11:05 13 A. Motor Boat. 13 that it was asked if the chase had been plotted 14 O. - motor boat vessel. Then there is a 14 or recorded as the coordinates for the 15 15 reference to PS Stone. Is that Andery - is collision appeared to have been way out, and 16 16 that Andery again? I was unable to answer this because I still did 17 17 not have a full picture of everything. If I Q. So, PS - below that it says "possible not 18 18 made a mention only of it or not, I can't 19 19 working or switched on". recall. It is probable, but I would have 20 20 A. Correct. relayed that to the deputy, as things 21 Q. What is the relevance of PS Stone and 21 progressed in a number of updates that we 22 Andery being included there? 22 were receiving all the time because there 23 23 A. Because I believe that is who actually were many occasions in which we had to, 24 24 make the inquiry, PS Stone, with Port Officer you know, reel back and start getting 25 Andery, and we established that it was either 25 information and try to close things off. So, it Page 18 Page 20

1 was a very intense period of time during 1 A. No, because when they approached The 2 2 those early hours. Sir John Chappel, it was already almost an 3 3 Q. When you say "the deputy", who are you hour after the collision and they were on their 4 4 referring to? way back, so I believe that the approach and 5 A. The deputy gold on that day would have 5 the drawing of the vessels occurred in 6 6 been Mr Richardson. British-Gibraltar territorial waters. 7 Q. Then you asked the question just below 7 THE CHAIRMAN: Sorry, can you just 8 that entry: "Could Tarifa Traffic have 8 repeat that? 9 MR SANTOS: Can you just repeat your coordinates?" Was that a question you were 9 10 10 asking yourself or was that something that what you said about -someone had asked you? 11 11 A. I believe that when The Sir John Chappel 12 A. That is most probably a question that I 12 motor vessel and HMS - HM Seeker joined 13 was asking myself and as a result of which, I 13 together, or that happened in British-14 14 later tasked someone to do that, which was Gibraltar territorial waters. It was inside 15 15 Paul Chipolina, and he came back with that. when they actually met. 16 16 THE CHAIRMAN: The cutter, the Seeker Q. Did Tarifa Traffic have coordinates? 17 17 A. I think the Guardia Civil, they work with went to meet the launch? 18 the Tarifa Traffic, and it is from one of their 18 A. Yes. 19 19 databases in which they provided that. It is THE CHAIRMAN: And they met in the 20 20 called the CBITE(?) I do not know exactly Gibraltar waters. 21 the - what it stands for. 21 A. Yes. 22 22 Q. I have just been asked if you could please THE CHAIRMAN: Is that what you are 23 23 slow down because I think the transcriber is saying? 24 having a bit of difficulty recording your 24 A. Yes. 25 25 MR SANTOS: Did you speak to Windmill answers. Page 21 Page 23 A. Sorry. 1 Hill to request the coordinates, or was it Alex 2 Q. So, I you can just speak slowly. Thank 2 Enriles? 3 you. Now, over the page 6956, there is an 3 A. I believe to was Alex Enriles that I asked 4 entry at 08:35. There is another initial there: 4 to contact Windmill Hill. 5 5 NR. Who would NR be? THE CHAIRMAN: You are speaking very 6 A. Superintendent Nolan Romero. 6 very fast. 7 7 THE CHAIRMAN: Sorry, what is his name? (Inaudible due to over speaking) 8 MR SANTOS: Superintendent Nolan 8 THE CHAIRMAN: Can you adjust your 9 9 speed? Romero. 10 10 A. Okay. THE CHAIRMAN: Yes. MR SANTOS: This says, "Speak to 11 THE CHAIRMAN: You are meant to be 11 12 HMC..." Would HMC be Customs? 12 giving information. It is no good if we 13 13 cannot hear what you are saying. A. Correct. A. Sorry. I believe Alex Enriles is the one 14 Q. "Can they shed light into coordinates? 14 15 Where did they meet PMB?" Then there is a 15 that contacted Windmill Hill. 16 16 reference to "AE", who presumably is Alex MR SANTOS: As far as the port is 17 Enriles? 17 concerned, who do you believe spoke to the 18 A. Correct. 18 19 19 Q. "Contact Windy port Tarifa Traffic". Did A. I believe from the notes, it would have 20 you speak to customs, or did superintended 20 been Alex Enriles as well. 21 21 Q. And the same for Tarifa Traffic? Romero speak to customs? A. I think it was Nolan Romero who did 22 22 A. Correct. 23 23 Q. Can we now turn to B1680, please? It that. 24 Q. Were they - were customs able to shed 24 should appear on your screen. Yes. This is 25 any light on the coordinates? 25 an email sent by Superintendent Richardson Page 22 Page 24

1 on 8 March 2020 at eleven past ten in the 1 say "SIO update". 2 2 morning, and it sets out a record of the gold Q. Yes. Thank you. So, it does look as 3 3 meeting that was convened, and lower down though at 07:50, you did inform gold, 4 4 including Mr McGrail, that AIS was either it sets out the role designations, then the 5 actions. I just want to focus on 1681. At the 5 switched off or faulty, from that record. 6 top of that page, there is a number 13 on the 6 A. Yes. 7 action list is, "Need to determine location of 7 Q. Are you saying you do not have a 8 incident ASAP". Who is tasked with the role 8 recollection as to whether you actually did? 9 9 A. No, but if it's there and it's been recorded, of determining location? 10 10 A. That would be me through the delegation it's a safe assumption that I would have sent 11 11 of my officers. 12 Q. What priority was this action item, as far 12 Q. Then, if we go back to your witness 13 as you recall, compared to other action 13 statement at paragraph 36, please, A801. We 14 items? 14 move forward to the 09:40 hours and this is 15 15 the - you have already mentioned this, but A. It was one of the main priorities. 16 16 you say, "At 09.40hrs, I received a report Q. Then, further down the page, there is a 17 17 from Insp Paul Chipolina who had obtained record of a meeting -- of a gold command 18 meeting at 07:50 in the log. Just if we stop 18 19 19 the page there, towards the top of the page, co-ordinates through his contacts in the 20 20 this is a log of interactions and meetings. At Spanish Guardia Civil. These were 36'09 N5 21 07:50, there is a reference to the gold group 21 12 W, approximately 6.54 miles east of Playa 22 22 Santa Barbara." We can see that in your day reconvened. Mr McGrail, superintendent 23 23 book as well, C6957. Right at the top. I Richardson, yourself, Mr Romero, that is 24 probably Mr Tunbridge and Mr Enriles. Is 24 think that the first two lines - I think you say, 25 25 "advice re coordinates", is that correct? that correct? Page 27 Page 25 1 A. "TT" would have been Tom Tunbridge, 1 A. Correct. 2 2 Q. There are the coordinated. The "...6.54 3 3 Q. That is expanded upon further down, east of Playa Santa Barbara", is that 4 because there is a heading, "Gold update at 4 something which would have come from the 5 5 07:50", and the third bullet point is headed Guardia Civil, or is that something you 6 "PIP update". What does PIP stand for? 6 would have worked out on the basis of the 7 7 A. Post incident procedures. coordinates? 8 8 Q. The second entry there, again is "Need to A. No, that is what I received from the 9 establish the location with accuracy". At this 9 officer. 10 point at 07:50, we have seen from your day 10 Q. From Chipolona who was talking to the Guardia Civil? book the three reports that you have received. 11 11 12 Did you have any other information as to the 12 A. Correct. 13 location of the collision? 13 THE CHAIRMAN: Did they give 14 A. No. I don't believe so. 14 measurements in miles? 15 Q. The final bullet point on that page, a little 15 A. Yes, they were in miles. 16 bit lower down, says "Windy port have no 16 MR SANTOS: Do the Guardia Civil operate 17 coordinates, AIS either switched off or 17 with nautical miles? 18 faulty", and is that a report which would have 18 A. Well, I do not know with what they 19 been made by you in that gold update 19 operate, but that is what we were --20 20 meeting? THE CHAIRMAN: It is just slightly 21 21 A. I would believe - I believe, yes, I would unlikely for me, but perhaps they do work in 22 have. Yes. 22 nautical miles. 23 Q. Could that reflect the entry in your day 23 A. I am not too sure, sir. 24 24 MR SANTOS: Now, can I ask you to just be 25 A. I'm not sure if it does reflect but it does 25 a precise as possible about what Detective Page 26 Page 28

Inspector Chipolina told you? Those 1 coordinates. The others weren't - of 2 coordinates, did they relate to the chase or 2 Alcaidesa and others. 3 the collision? 3 Q. Were these reports ultimately found --4 4 A. Collision. THE CHAIRMAN: Off Europa Point is 5 Q. What did he say about the coordinates 5 plainly completely wrong. 6 and the certainty of them? 6 A. The reference to the 3 miles off, if you 7 A. That they had to be confirmed and that 7 infer that 3 miles off is down to the south it 8 had to take place because the technical 8 would be far off, but that is where the chase -9 9 officers had to extract it from the database the crew said that they started the chase --10 10 (10.37)and once that --11 THE CHAIRMAN: You are speaking very 11 THE CHAIRMAN: Exactly, and that 12 12 information came from the crew. softly again. 13 A. Sorry 13 A. So, that is what my concern was. If the 14 14 THE CHAIRMAN: Just ask the question crew was saying that they were involved in 15 15 again. a chase 3 miles off and then we had these 16 16 MR SANTOS: Yes, can you just explain co-ordinates, they were way off, and that's 17 17 what he said to you about the coordinates and why, um, there was a discussion in that 18 their certainty. 18 meeting to see if it was a safe assumption 19 19 A. That they had to confirm it and the that from A to B part of the chase could have 20 20 technical officers had to extract it from their occurred in our waters. 21 database, and once they have done that, they 21 THE CHAIRMAN: If they were telling the 22 22 would be able to confirm the coordinates as truth. 23 23 of where the collision took place. A. Correct. 24 24 MR SANTOS: Were the reports, were the Q. Did he express any indication as to how 25 25 likely they were to be accurate, those co-ordinates, ultimately found to be correct? Page 29 Page 31 1 coordinates? 1 A. Yes, I think they differed slightly with, 2 A. No, but from my experience, it would 2 um, the Solis report and I think it was 12.5 3 3 have been very strongly likely. west, but it's almost spot on. 4 THE CHAIRMAN: Sorry, I could not catch 4 Q. When did you first receive information 5 5 that the co-ordinates of the collision were 6 A. There would have been a strong 6 formally confirmed? 7 likelihood that it would have been the exact 7 A. Formally confirmed? I believe it was on 8 coordinates. 8 25 March. Because although we got 9 9 MR SANTOS: From his experience, it a thermal imagery from Windmill Hill and 10 would have been strongly likely that the 10 that showed a camera at a long distance, part 11 coordinates were accurate. (To the witness) 11 of the chase and actually the collision, it 12 Are you saying in your own experience in 12 didn't provide any co-ordinates. The 13 receiving coordinates from --13 co-ordinates and the tracking was extracted 14 A. From receiving information from the 14 by Captain Richard Meikle when he did his 15 Guardia Civil. Whenever they say 15 examination of the suspect vessel's Garmin 16 something, it's usually right. The other thing 16 device, which was both a chart plotter and 17 is trying to confirm that or getting them to 17 18 put anything on paper, that is another hurdle 18 And I would also like to make reference on 19 in itself. 19 the 9th because it does fit in here. On the 9th 20 Q. In your view, were these coordinates 20 there was an initial examination where we 21 more accurate than the initial report, or 21 recorded the vessels and during those 22 reliable than the initial reports that you had 22 videoing hours, um, the suspect radar was 23 received earlier? 23 switched on and there was an image popping 24 A. The initial reports weren't giving exact 24 up and it gave a time and a co-ordinate. 25 coordinates. This was giving some sort of 25 Now, we couldn't interpret that either but that Page 30 Page 32

was a strong indication that it could have 1 or something like that. 2 2 happened when it lost contact or power and Q. As far as you are aware, was this 3 the Solis report actually makes reference to 3 information reported to Mr McGrail or to 4 4 that as well. So when he tracked the plotter, Superintendent Richardson? 5 5 A. This would have been on the 10th all the co-ordinates from the plotter from the 6 6 suspect vessel, and also considering the onwards. 7 alarm distress photograph of the radar, that's 7 Q. Can we look at C6959, please? Towards 8 8 the bottom of the entry for 9 March there is when he actually confirmed the exact 9 co-ordinates. But it was not until we 9 a reference to PMB, a few initials, and then 10 10 received the rapid replay from him and that data extraction. What is that a reference to, 11 was on 25 March. 11 data extraction? 12 Q. Can I just focus on what you said about 9 12 A. That could have been an attempt to 13 March? Are you saying that on 9 March it 13 extract the data. Um, because I'm looking 14 14 was visible, the co-ordinates were visible, on here, it says PMB, which is a police 15 15 the screen of the suspect vessel? motorboat. I've got a number of initials here, 16 16 A. On the radar. but I've also got, um, officers here and I 17 17 Q. On the radar, sorry, yes. believe they are scenes of crimes officers as 18 A. On the Garmin device and we took 18 19 19 a photograph of that. But again we could not Q. Can we now go, so we are going to have 20 20 to rewind a little bit, but it is in your witness interpret that because it could have been that 21 it was switched off or ... at the point of the 21 statement at paragraph 37. You say: 22 22 "I then had the co-ordinates plotted on a map impact. We weren't expert mariners and we 23 23 needed someone. And that's why we called and subsequently made my way to the COP 24 24 Richard Meikle in as well. suite." 25 25 Q. Can we look at B1715, please? Is this How were the co-ordinates plotted on a map? Page 33 Page 35 1 the --1 A. Well, I had difficulty, that's why I 2 2 actually, um, had a meeting with a number of A. That's what I am referring to. 3 3 Q. Those co-ordinates, am I right in saying officers at 10.10, as you can see from my 4 that those co-ordinates more or less tally with 4 daybook, about the co-ordinates and what I 5 5 the co-ordinates that the Guardia Civil wanted them is plotted. Um, and eventually 6 6 we found someone who could plot them and provided? 7 7 A. Yes, as I have said, I think this was a bit made a number of copies and one of those 8 8 more accurate in which it says 12.511, 36, were the ones that I took up to the brief. 9 9 9.953, it is more accurate. Q. So if you recall, who plotted the 10 10 THE CHAIRMAN: Sorry, what is that? co-ordinates on the map? 11 11 A. I'm not entirely sure, but I think there is A. Sorry? 12 THE CHAIRMAN: What is that image? 12 a strong probability it could have been Roy 13 13 Perez, but I'm not 100 per cent, because he Where does it come from? 14 A. That imagery is from the suspect vessel 14 had maritime sort of experience. 15 15 Garmin device. Q. And when we say plotted on a map, do MR SANTOS: So a GPS tracker on the 16 16 you mean on a program on a screen or do 17 suspect vessel. 17 you mean on a physical map on the --18 A. It had a dual function apparently. It was 18 A. No, no. It was in the screen. So he must 19 19 both a GPS chart plotter and also radar. have got the map within the screen and then 20 20 Q. Is there any reference to this information plotted it then and then printed it out. 21 21 in your daybook? Q. If we go to C6957, back to C6957, there 22 22 A. Um, no, but I think I made a reference, at 10.10 there is a reference to a brief about 23 because this happened after I had left duty. 23 co-ordinates. Is that the briefing that you are 24 24 But I remember there's an entry, I think, that talking --25 the examination is going to be taking place, 25 A. Yes, so I wanted that and I wanted to Page 34 Page 36

confirm another thing, if we had anything 1 Mr McGrail and the Chief Minister. And if 2 2 else or not, um, the issue about the 3 miles of we look at the entry at 09.49, which is on the 3 Europa Point, I wanted to get as much 3 following page, it is the second from the top, 4 4 and it is at 09.49 in the morning and information as I could to properly brief the 5 Commissioner. 5 Mr McGrail says: 6 6 Q. Then the next entry at 11.05 says: "CM, the information suggests that the 7 "Printout co-ordinates." And then: "COP, 7 collision took place outside BGTW, 8 Superintendent Paul Richardson and the 8 approximately 6 nautical miles east off the 9 Attorney General." Can you explain what 9 runway Santa Barbara Beach." 10 that records, that entry at 11.05? I mean, it 10 That message was at 09.49, which was prior may be obvious from that, but in your own 11 11 to your briefing at 10.10. So it looks from 12 words, can you explain what that is 12 this that you may have told, or you must have 13 recording? 13 told, Mr McGrail prior to handing those 14 14 A. Yes. Um, at 11.05 I made my way to the plotted co-ordinates and the co-ordinates you 15 15 had received from the Guardia Civil. Is that Commissioner's suite. I remember entering. 16 16 Um, Mr McGrail was standing in the middle 17 17 of the room. He was with his phone. A. If I did relay that, which is it probably 18 Assumption would be that he was texting or 18 would have been to the deputy, Paul 19 something. And sat on the conference table 19 Richardson, and then maybe he --20 20 was Mr Llamas, the AG. And to his left was Q. He passed it on. 21 Paul Richardson. And that's when I 21 A. -- passed it up. 22 22 produced the plotted map and I showed them Q. Just focusing on what Mr McGrail 23 the co-ordinates. And that's when we went 23 reported to the Chief Minister, does that 24 24 over the issue. Um, I remember a discussion accurately reflect what you informed, 25 25 took place about, um, if the chase has been whether you informed that the collision took Page 37 Page 39 1 plotted or not. I was unable to answer it 1 place outside the BGTW approximately 6 because it was still work in process and I 2 2 nautical miles east off the runway or Santa 3 3 didn't have everything available to me. But Barbara Beach? 4 that, considering that the initial report was, 4 A. Considering that we still hadn't got 5 5 from the PMB was, that they had been in confirmation I'd say that is, yes, accurate, 6 a chase 3 miles off Europa Point and my 6 7 7 Q. When you had reported the co-ordinates inference was to the south, and the 8 8 co-ordinates were way up north, that it was to Mr McGrail, had you referred to the 9 9 a safe assumption that the chase or part of the runway? 10 10 chase could have occurred within British A. The runway? Um, no, I don't think so. 11 Gibraltar Territorial Waters. Q. What did you tell Mr McGrail and/or 11 12 Q. Did you hand copies of the map, the 12 Superintendent Richardson about the status 13 plotted co-ordinates, to the Commissioner of 13 of the information about the co-ordinates? 14 Applies, to Richardson, to --14 A. That they had to be confirmed. 15 A. I showed them and they took possession 15 Q. If we go back to your witness statement 16 of it. Um, I remember the AG holding it and 16 at paragraph 38, this is where you deal with 17 Mr Richardson as well. I'm not too sure if 17 the briefing. We have already looked at the 18 the Commissioner held it. But there was 18 end of this paragraph previously, but just to 19 19 a discussion and I have been thinking about focus on the beginning, you say: 20 20 "At 11.05hrs, I briefed COP, Detective this since then, but I think I may have left, 21 21 and it would be, you know, highly probable Superintendent Paul Richardson and The 22 22 that I would have left a copy of that map Attorney General, Mr Llamas who was also 23 23 there, the map that I was showing them. there, concerning the suspected exact 24 24 Q. Can we just go to B1431, please? This is co-ordinates. I remember a discussion taking 25 a set of communications between 25 place and being asked if the chase had been Page 38 Page 40

1 plotted/ recorded as the coordinates were 1 from the top to the bottom, I think where the cursor is at the moment, is that the coast? 2 well out of BGTW, I was unable to answer 2 3 this." 3 A. Correct. 4 4 Q. The Spanish coast. You state in your Superintendent Richardson's note does not 5 record you being at the briefing. Are you 5 witness statement at 38 that your briefing 6 sure that you attended that briefing? 6 was concerning the suspected exact 7 A. I'm the one that gave the briefing. Yes. 7 co-ordinates. Why do you say suspected 8 8 exact co-ordinates? Q. Just for your benefit, I will show you 9 9 1292, A1292. This is the entry at 10.25 A. Because we still didn't have them 10 10 hours and it says that the Commissioner, confirmed. It was provided to us, but they 11 11 Superintendent Richardson and Mr Llamas said that they needed to confirm it through 12 were present. Were you there throughout the 12 their technical staff extraction methods, or 13 time that the Attorney General was there or 13 whatever, the Guardia Civil. So it was 14 14 could you have come in and left? provided with that sort of, on that basis, that 15 15 A. I was not at that 10.25 meeting. it had to be confirmed. 16 16 Q. So you arrived slightly later on? Q. And when you briefed as to these 17 17 A. At 11.05. co-ordinates, you say that you showed them 18 Q. At 11.05. Can we look at B2789, please? 18 the map. Did you also refer to the 19 19 (Pause). I do not know if we can turn this co-ordinates by number? 20 around. (Pause). Yes. Is this a copy of the 20 A. Um, I may have done so, but ... I may 21 printout of the co-ordinates that you referred 21 have done so. 22 22 Q. Would you have referred to the 6 nautical to on the day? 23 23 A. Yes. miles off Santa Barbara Beach? 24 24 Q. Are you able to provide the Inquiry with A. I would have said that the co-ordinates, 25 25 a better copy of this map? which I had already passed, had been plotted Page 43 Page 41 1 A. I think that the original was the one I may 1 and I showed them the map. 2 have left behind. So this is a copy of the 2 Q. Would you have referred to the 6 nautical 3 3 copy that was within the files and which are miles? 4 tendered. 4 A. On 11.05, I may have done. So, I'm not 5 5 Q. The original version of this document, is 100 per cent sure. 6 it easier to read than what we have here? Are 6 Q. Was the Attorney General informed that 7 7 you able to provide us with whatever copy these co-ordinates were in Spanish waters? 8 8 you have? A. Yes, it is at plain sight if you see the map. 9 9 A. No, it was this one. It's the same. Q. Do you recall how he reacted to being 10 10 Q. Is it a printout or is it -informed of this? 11 11 A. Yes, it's a copy. A. No, obviously everyone was concerned 12 THE CHAIRMAN: The rectangular, that is 12 about it. 13 the limit of British Gibraltar Territorial 13 Q. Can we go to A251, please? This is the 14 Interim Governor Mr Pyle's evidence at 25.3. 14 Waters. 15 15 A. Correct. And he says: THE CHAIRMAN: Yes. So what that is 16 "Whilst walking my dog past New Mole 16 17 17 House at around midday on the 8th March I showing is, and that is 6 miles from the beach, but it is considerably north of 18 decided to call in and asked to see Mr 18 19 19 Gibraltar waters. McGrail. He was there and agreed to see me. 20 20 Given the possibility of a diplomatic and A. Yes. 2.1 THE CHAIRMAN: This is the point of the 21 political situation with Spain about this 22 collision as you understood it. 22 incident, which (being external affairs) 23 23 A. Yes. would be the responsibility of the Governor THE CHAIRMAN: Yes. 24 24 and HMGOG [Her Majesty's Government of 25 25 MR SANTOS: And the thin line coming Gibraltar], my primary concern was to

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establish the location of the incident, and 1 Q. Then after 8 March were you involved in 2 2 whether it had occurred in Spanish territorial any further briefings with the Attorney 3 waters. I therefore asked Mr McGrail about 3 General? In relation to the incident at sea 4 4 the location and whether it was inside or obviously. 5 outside BGTW. He replied with a slightly 5 A. I don't think I was. 6 flippant waving of his hands, 'Could be in, 6 Q. What about Mr Pyle? 7 and could be out, it's difficult to tell at 7 A. No. I only saw Mr Pyle once in the 8 night'." 8 office of the Commissioner and that was it. 9 9 Were you present when the Governor It was a quick, less than a minute, in which I 10 10 attended New Mole House? had a discussion or a brief, an update, to the 11 11 Commissioner and then I left. That was it. I A. Um, I saw Mr Pyle on one day, but, um, 12 it was a very insignificant, quick update that I 12 only see Mr Pyle. 13 had to give the Commissioner and there was 13 Q. Did Mr McGrail discuss with you the 14 14 communications he was having with no speaking about BGTW or anything like 15 that. So, I don't know if I was there when 15 Mr Pyle? 16 16 that happened. But I can't remember a dog or A. No. 17 17 Q. If we look, go over the page here, to anything like that. 18 Q. The dog is not very prominent in this 18 C6958, there is an entry for 2.15 and again 19 Inquiry. Just to clarify then, you were not 19 the heading, the first bullet point we need to 20 present with Mr Pyle when there was any 20 establish exact location. Again, would that 21 discussion of the location of the collision. 21 have been something that you had said? 22 22 A. I don't think so. As I've said, it was A. That 14.15, and it has two initials, John 23 23 a very quick update that I provided and I Perez and Mark Garratt. Those would have 24 24 can't remember what date because I have no been there, those present, and those would 25 25 record of it. I gave it to Mr McGrail. He have been the taskings and --Page 45 Page 47 1 introduced me to Mr Pyle and I left very 1 Q. So that would have been the tasking by 2 shortly after. It must have taken, maybe I 2 you: "We need to establish exact location." 3 3 was there for under a minute. I can't recall, A. Yes. 4 um, any conversation about the incident. 4 Q. Were you in doubt about the general 5 5 Q. When you say, it seems implied from location of the collision at the time? 6 what you have said, but just to clarify, the 6 A. I suspected that it was going to be more 7 7 update that you were giving Mr McGrail, did or less where the Guardia Civil had initially 8 it relate to location or something different? 8 indicated, the collision. The chase I was still 9 9 A. I can't really remember. not unsure. 10 Q. Can we go to C6957, which is back in 10 Q. And then over the page, sorry, two pages, 11 your daybook, please? This is, if we look 11 C960. If we can go to an entry at 10.20. 12 towards the bottom of that, if you just keep it 12 A. What day is that, sir? 13 there, sorry. Now it is at the top of the page. 13 Q. This is 10 March. 14 The entry at midday, there is a reference to 14 A. 10 March. 15 debrief, I think. 15 Q. I can show you actually, I can show you 16 16 A. I can only see the 10.50. the previous page, 10 March 2020. And then 17 Q. Sorry. 17 over the page --18 A. Sorry, there, 12, debrief, yes. 18 A. Yes. 19 19 Q. Yes. What does that report? Q. -- and at 10.20 there is an entry Phil 20 20 A. That would be a debrief I would have had Mandleberg. He works for the Port 21 21 with someone coming in and going over Authority? 22 something. 22 A. He works for the port. He is a port 23 Q. Would that have been with the 23 officer. 24 Commissioner of Police or? 24 Q. And then there is a reference to: "AIS, 4.47 turned on." 25 A. Um, I can't really say from those notes. 25 Page 46 Page 48

| 1  | A. Correct.  | 1  | A. Yes, I would imagine.  |
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| 2  | Q. "6.364 kilometres off BGTW." Which  | 2  | Q. And you state, the first bullet point under  |
| 3  | vessel's AIS was that?   | 3  | that:   |
| 4  | A. That was Sir John Chapple's AIS. It was   | 4  | "Policy decision. Finish examination of   |
| 5  | switched on, um, at 4.47, just shortly after   | 5  | vessel but not to remove items or extract   |
| 6  | meeting up with HMC Seeker.  | 6  | GPS radar equipment. Leave for  |
| 7  | THE CHAIRMAN: When they were back in   | 7  | investigation team to decide."  |
| 8  | Gibraltar waters?  | 8  | Why was the decision made not to extract  |
| 9  | A. I believe they were already back in, yes,   | 9  | that information, given the need to determine   |
| 10   | correct.   | 10   | location of the chase and collision?  |
| 11   | MR SANTOS: It says there: "6.364   | 11   | A. I believe it must have been because the  |
| 12   | kilometres off BGTW." So   | 12   | moment that an external authority had   |
| 13   | A. If I remember correctly, I provided the   | 13   | already been identified and was in the  |
| 14   | co-ordinates that we had to them and he  | 14   | process of handing over, we were pretty   |
| 15   | made a reference that it was about 6.34  | 15   | much trying to capture and seize everything   |
| 16   | kilometres.  | 16   | and prepare a proper handing over for them  |
| 17   | Q. You say that the AIS was turned on at   | 17   | to come. We didn't want to take further   |
| 18   | 4.47. Did you have any information as to   | 18   | decisions that could have run against maybe   |
| 19   | when the AIS was last on before then?  | 19   | what the external authority would or would  |
| 20   | A. Before then?  | 20   | not have wanted.  |
| 21   | Q. Yes.  | 21   | Q. And then you say further down, another   |
| 22   | A. No, but I don't believe that they were  | 22   | bullet point: "Get port co-ordinates in one A4  |
| 23   | deployed they deployed on the night with   | 23   | or A3 printed." When you refer to port  |
| 24   | it on. But I don't know how far back it could  | 24   | co-ordinates, were those the same   |
| 25   | have gone. I can't remember that.  | 25   | co-ordinates you had received from the  |
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| 1  | O. Just at the top of the page it says: "AIS   | 1  | Guardia Civil or different ones?  |
| 1 2  | Q. Just at the top of the page it says: "AIS last ten days."   | 1 2  | Guardia Civil or different ones?  A. It would have been those co-ordinates. I   |
| 2 3  | last ten days."  | 2  | A. It would have been those co-ordinates, I   |
| 2  | last ten days."  A. Where is that, sorry?  |  | A. It would have been those co-ordinates, I suspect.  |
| 2 3  | last ten days."  A. Where is that, sorry?  Q. Just at the top of the page. Sorry, if we  | 2 3  | <ul><li>A. It would have been those co-ordinates, I suspect.</li><li>Q. Then further down there is a debrief at</li></ul>   |
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more. I was like the single point of contact 1 collision had taken place in Spanish waters? 2 2 and I was simply handing over material to 3 3 Q. Can we just go to B100, please? This is them. If there was ever a lead that I 4 4 a transcript of messages on a WhatsApp identified I would inform them, maybe they 5 5 maritime incident group which included the told me to carry it on myself and then I 6 6 would report back to them, or, considering Chief Minister, the Chairman of the GPA, 7 7 Mr Carreras from the GPA, the Chief that most of the time they were out of 8 8 jurisdiction and they had an inquiry they Secretary and Mr McGrail. And the entry 9 were tasking, then I would undertake that. 9 towards the bottom of this page, 12 10 But those, um, would have most probably 10 March 2020 at 4.13, is an update from 11 11 been extracted or, you know, the suspects, I Mr McGrail: "An update for your info." And 12 did not deal with the suspects as such. The 12 then the final entry on that page says, if you 13 Met police dealt with the part of the phones 13 could go a little bit further down, yes: 14 14 and ... "In terms of the investigation proper the 15 15 Q. If we can move forward to 6964, please, evidence points at the pursuit and collision 16 16 this is a new entry for 12 March. There is the occurring outside the BGTW, not the best 17 top entry says: "Tests on co-ordinates." 17 news we wanted to hear." 18 What does that refer to? 18 Do you believe that that update, which is at 19 A. I believe we wanted to go out on the day 19 4.13 on the same day, on 12 March, was 20 20 based on the thermal recording information? and test the co-ordinates and see if we had 21 radio cover. But it was something that we 21 A. That could make a reference to the 22 needed to seek the permission or the approval 22 thermal imagery. But again, it's what we 23 from the Spanish authorities and we were not 23 have always said, that we had a strong 24 24 given them. indication of where the collision had taken 25 25 Q. Then 6965, right at the bottom of that place, but the chase, considering that it was Page 53 Page 55 1 page, this is an entry at 2.20: "Briefed 1 reported that it had started 3 miles off Europa 2 Commissioner of Police re thermal 2 Point, I still didn't have complete clarity on it 3 3 recording." and the thermal imagery just sees the impact 4 A. Sorry, is that 12 March did we say? 4 at a distance and that is where the collision, 5 5 Q. Yes, I believe so. but we don't know how they got from A to B. 6 A. Yes. We managed to seize the CCTV 6 So I would still say that at that point the 7 7 from one of the Windmill Hill's cameras. It pursuit was still rather unknown. 8 was one that was positioned on land and 8 Q. Do you know of any other evidence that 9 looked out at sea and it actually captured, 9 the confirmation as to the pursuit occurring 10 even it was dark, it captured part of the chase 10 outside BGTW could have been based on at 11 and the actual collision. However, it could 11 that stage? 12 not provide any co-ordinates. 12 A. That the pursuit occurring outside? 13 Q. And I think it has been said previously 13 Where part of the pursuit was captured 14 that it was apparent from that recording, 14 within the thermal imagery and that was 15 given the position of ships perhaps around 15 16 there, that it had occurred in Spanish waters, 16 Q. Outside, so you are saying that actually 17 although you did not have the co-ordinates. 17 that could be a reference to part of the pursuit 18 A. We actually asked the Port Authority to 18 rather than the entire pursuit. 19 see if they could make use of that thermal 19 A. Yes, because we've got to consider that 20 imagery. I try and triangulate with the 20 we were told that the chase had started 2.1 vessels that were within the area, and to some 21 3 miles off Europa Point. 22 extent they identified the vessels in the area, 22 Q. Yes. 23 but they could still not give us co-ordinates. 23 A. But later it was established, when Captain 24 Q. But was it apparent at least from that that 24 Meikle provided the rapid replay, it was clear 25 in fact that the video suggested that the 25 that the interception, the pursuit and the Page 54 Page 56

1 collision had all taken place in Spanish 1 instructions/ deployment. Management's 2 2 view was that under Section 5 [3] Police Act, 3 3 Q. And that you said, I believe, earlier was they were. There were occasions when the 4 4 around 25 March. GPF Chairman wrote to management and 5 5 was out of order and disrespectful." A. 25 March, correct. 6 Q. If we go back to your witness statement 6 How long were you a member of the GPF 7 at paragraph 41 now, please, A802, you say: 7 8 "During the next days, we relentlessly 8 A. I was there for, I think, just over a year, 9 pursued a large number of enquiries trying to 9 which was when I was promoted, then I had 10 establish facts. The exact location of the 10 to leave it because I was no longer eligible 11 collision, AIS data from the vessels the 11 for the GPF. 12 Post-mortem arrangements, the officer's 12 Q. Because you had reached the position of 13 welfare, liaising with the family of the 13 Inspector --14 deceased and Maritime Collision expert were 14 A. Superintendent. 15 at the forefront. There were many briefings, 15 Q. Superintendent. 16 most of them being conducted by myself and 16 A. Yes. 17 addressing investigating officers." 17 Q. Of course, because the GPF goes up to 18 Speaking generally, how complex would you 18 Inspector, correct? 19 19 describe the investigation as being? A. Chief Inspector. 20 20 A. It was complex because there were Q. Chief Inspector. 21 a number of issues, jurisdictional issues, then 21 A. They can have up to one Chief Inspector 22 we had, um, the accounts of the officers, 22 within their ... 23 which was at the (inaudible) process so we 23 Q. When were you promoted to 24 24 were limited as to what we were knowing at Superintendent? 25 25 that precise time, and it was all very A. I think it was 21 August 2020, I think. Page 57 Page 59 1 dynamic. Things were moving even, I 1 Q. In your time on the board was there 2 2 always tension between the GPF and RGP remember, even issues with the 3 3 post-mortems, we had issues with the GHA, senior management? 4 4 A. Almost all the time. and it was the Commissioner who had to 5 5 intervene and get the approval for that to Q. As far as you were aware, did the tension 6 6 cease or reduce when Mr Ullger took over as continue. So it was very dynamic. It was 7 7 intense. They were stressful days. Commissioner? 8 8 (11.12)A. I thought it would, and in fact in the main 9 9 Q. Can we look at paragraph 11 of your it did get better, but then there were 10 10 statement on A796, please. Just changing occasions when it reverted to what it was before and it just continued. topic now to the Gibraltar Police Federation. 11 11 12 You say there that you joined the GPF in 12 Q. Were you aware of the GPF making any 13 May 2019 and you were a member of the 13 complaints to the GPA, the Police Authority, 14 board where you represented the Inspector 14 about Mr McGrail? 15 15 and Chief Inspector ranks. You say: A. No. 16 16 "There was always some tension between the Q. Were you aware of Mr Morello attending 17 17 GPF and Command and this was the case a GPA meeting to make a complaint about 18 18 with Mr McGrail. In my opinion, the Mr McGrail? 19 19 unhealthy tension arose after the appointment A. No. 20 20 Q. Finally, focusing on Mr McGrail's of GPF Chairman, Police Sergeant Maurice 21 21 Morello and the Secretary, Police Constable retirement, when did you first become aware 22 Mr Leif Simpson. I believe the primary 22 of his retirement? 23 23 cause was that they both felt that they were A. A few days before he announced it, I 24 completely divorced from the service and 24 think. But when the section 15 was triggered 25 could not be subject to Police Discipline or 25 I was already concerned with that already. Page 58 Page 60

Q. How did you find out that he had retired? 1 MR WAGNER: Before the break, yes. I 2 2 A. I remember being called into the office will try and avoid the disruption of bringing 3 and he told me and one other - a few other 3 the lectern over. I am grateful. 4 4 Cross-examination by MR WAGNER officers that he was departing. 5 Q. Did he explain the reasons for his 5 MR WAGNER: Good morning. I am just 6 6 departure? going to ask you a couple of questions. You 7 7 mentioned your concern at the section 15 and A. He didn't go much into it but it was an 8 8 you said you felt you were - "we", as in the emotional day for all - for most of us. 9 Q. Why do you say you were concerned 9 RGP, were being very transparent and giving 10 when the section 15 was triggered? 10 everything we had on Op Kram. I just want 11 to ask you: did anybody ever say to you, A. Because, you know, I have never 11 12 experienced a section 15 in which we had to 12 whether it was Mr McGrail or anybody else, 13 account for everything when I thought that 13 you should keep certain information from the 14 14 we were being very transparent and giving Governor? 15 15 everything that we had in relation to A. What do you mean keep --16 Operation Kram, so when that got triggered 16 Q. Did anybody tell you: do not reveal 17 17 and, you know, we had to undertake all that certain information to the Governor, or 18 work, I had concerns that maybe his post was 18 anything to that effect? 19 being questioned. 19 A. That's now how we operate. We are 20 Q. Did you learn of or hear about any 20 transparent. 21 reasons why Mr McGrail retired early around 21 Q. Yes. So you have a sort of short 22 22 memory, I think, of seeing the Governor at the time? 23 23 A. No. Other than what came out through some point, that you went in and gave a short 24 24 the social media net, no. I was never briefing to Mr McGrail ... 25 informed by management: he has left 25 A. Yes. Page 61 Page 63 1 because A, B and C, or did we get any 1 Q. ... whilst the Governor was there, is that 2 2 right? notification, no. 3 3 Q. I think you have touched upon it but how A. Correct. 4 did you react to Mr McGrail's departure from 4 Q. So it was a briefing to Mr McGrail, it was 5 5 the RGP? not to the Governor. 6 A. It was emotional that day. I've known 6 A. No. Correct, yes. 7 7 Q. Was it a briefing - if you remember this him for a long time and to see a friend go in 8 8 the circumstances that he was going was not was it a briefing you were already intending 9 9 nice. to go and give or had been asked to go and 10 10 Q. Did Mr McGrail's early retirement have give, and the Governor just happened to be 11 any impact on the morale of the police? 11 12 A. It did with the senior command at my 12 A. No, I - in those days I would often pop in 13 level. I mean, at that point of time I was the 13 and give him a quick update on something 14 14 Chief Inspector and everyone was concerned that he had asked, maybe been asked from 15 15 me, and I just happened to go there and he and upset about it, yes, so it did. Now, if it 16 16 affected the lower ranks, once you're at a was there. I didn't make much of it. 17 certain level you feel (that/out?) touch with 17 Q. Did not make much of it. But certainly 18 the lower ranks, but at my rank we were 18 nobody - you did not feel inhibited about 19 19 what you could say in front of the Governor? concerned, yes. 20 20 MR SANTOS: Thank you, I have no further A. No, no, no. 21 21 Q. The only other question was: there has questions. 22 22 MR WAGNER: Sir, I have a couple of been quite a few references to the incident, 23 questions arising, if I may. I am happy to do 23 the chase, the collision. I am just asking 24 24 it after the break. from your perspective, when you were 25 THE CHAIRMAN: A couple of questions. 25 talking about the incident, what would you Page 62 Page 64

have meant by that? Would it have been the 1 did not have clarity on the AIS. It was still 2 2 chase, the collision, the whole thing? work in progress. So I wasn't going to say 3 A. When? 3 one thing or the other. 4 4 Q. At any time. Would you have referred to THE CHAIRMAN: You mean the 5 5 the incident? explanation for it not working was either it 6 A. I would say the incident would capture all 6 had not been turned on or may have been 7 7 of it. faulty. 8 8 Q. Yes. A. Yes, so ... 9 A. The pursuit, the collision, everything. 9 MR WAGNER: Had you been told by 10 Q. Would it be right to say that in the mid-10 anybody at that stage that it had been turned 11 morning of 8th, so the day of the incident - it 11 12 is the day that everything happened - the 12 A. that it was not transmitting. 13 working theory at the mid-morning briefing 13 Q. You just knew you did not have any 14 was that part of the incident had happened in 14 information from the AIS. 15 British Gibraltar Territorial Waters. 15 A. That it had not been transmitting. 16 16 A. We were assuming that. Q. Which is why it was either - there were 17 17 Q. And part had happened out? two working theories: either it was off or it 18 A. Well, obviously, because if the collision 18 had - sorry, either it was not working or it 19 took place outside, it's natural to say that part 19 had been switched off. 20 20 A. It hadn't been switched on, yes. of it was outside, but we were working on the 21 safe assumption that, considering that we had 21 Q. Yes. Or it had not been switched on. If it 22 been told that the chase had started three 22 had not been switched on, would you have 23 miles off Europa Point, it was a safe 23 known at that stage - did you have a working 24 assumption to say that part of it would have 24 theory as to why it might not have been 25 happened inside. 25 switched on? Page 65 Page 67 1 Q. So as at mid-morning on 8th, the key 1 A. No. 2 assumption was that part was in and part was 2 Q. No. So you would not have had any 3 3 information about whether it was deliberate out. 4 A. Yes. 4 or accidental. 5 5 Q. Is that fair? A. In those initial hours of that investigation 6 A. Yes. 6 there were many avenues into the 7 7 THE CHAIRMAN: But based on what the investigation and, no, I wouldn't have had 8 8 clarity on that. crew were saying. 9 9 A. Pardon? Q. So when you heard on the morning of 8th 10 10 THE CHAIRMAN: Based on what the crew that the crew had said that the chase started 11 11 three miles off Europa Point, that was not were saying. 12 A. Yes, what had been reported to CAD. 12 information at that stage you had a reason to 13 MR WAGNER: Did you have any reason at 13 14 that point to think the crew were not telling 14 A. I had no reason to doubt. 15 the truth? 15 Q. Did it come to be later that you had a A. No. 16 16 reason to doubt that information? 17 17 Q. No. On the morning of the incident. A. Later we did doubt that, and it all proved A. No. 18 18 when Richard Meikle actually extracted the 19 19 Q. So from your perspective -tracks of the suspect vessel. 20 20 Q. Was that on 23rd? THE CHAIRMAN: Did it strike you as 21 21 rather strange that they turned off their A. That was provided to us on 25th. 22 22 navigation aids? Q. 25th, yes. So it was quite a bit later that 23 A. We were working towards that that had 23 you had reason to doubt --24 24 occurred three miles off, and it was a safe A. That ... 25 assumption inside. The only thing is that we 25 Q. ... the accounts. Page 66 Page 68

A. That's when we established that it hadn't 1 sense in the RGP that there was a bullying 2 2 taken place. issue out there, however ill-defined or 3 3 Q. Yes. Had not taken place off Europa unspecified it might have been? Or is this a 4 4 figment of the Police Federation's Point? 5 A. Correct. The interception, the pursuit 5 imagination? Just give, in your own words. 6 6 A. There may have existed bullying in the and the collision all took place outside 7 **British Gibraltar Territorial Waters.** 7 past because I was personally bullied in the 8 8 past, but those days were gone a long time MR WAGNER: Thank you. (Pause) Thank 9 9 ago. But there is an element of a conflicts 10 10 SIR PETER CARUANA: I can do it in less arising here and there with this new 11 than four minutes - I can do it in four 11 generation, with this entitlement, and 12 12 obviously we're a disciplined body and things minutes. 13 Cross-examination by SIR PETER 13 have to be conducted in a certain way. The 14 14 **CARUANA** new people coming up seem to steer away 15 15 SIR PETER CARUANA: Good morning, from discipline, and it's every time that we 16 16 Mr Field. Just fourth question where we left call them to order when things come out and, 17 17 off there, your last answer. Do you recall yeah, you know, no matter how you say 18 seeing any evidence of communication 18 things sometimes to an individual that they 19 19 between the police boat on the morning, will take it wrongly; if they don't want to 20 20 radio communication or telephone perform a certain function or something, no 21 communication, with Central Police Station 21 matter how low your tone is, how 22 22 or anybody else about engagement in British emotionally intelligent you are and you try to 23 23 Waters? In other words, was there a report portray yourself, they still won't accept it. 24 of a launch, a suspect boat operating in 24 Q. Okay. So plainly you think it was not 25 25 **British Waters?** justified, but justified or not in your opinion, Page 69 Page 71 1 A. There were calls to and from with their 1 was there this issue out there, and did 2 mobiles, with the RGP Marine Base mobile. 2 management address it in any way? 3 3 Q. Do you recall to what effect those A. I think we've addressed it through a 4 communications were? 4 number of policies internally. 5 5 A. No. Because we did ask the Spanish Q. If it was addressed, presumably it was 6 authorities if they could provide us with 6 because it was thought it might exist. 7 7 A. The perception among the lower ranks is audios and recordings but we never got 8 8 anything back. that there was, yes. 9 9 Q. But there is nothing logged in Central Q. That is all I was trying to get to. The 10 10 Police Station about having received a issue exists out there, regardless of whether it 11 communication from the boat by phone or by 11 was justified or not, there was this perception 12 radio: "We are initiating a chase in British 12 that it existed as an issue. 13 13 Waters." A. Correct. 14 A. No. As far as I can recall, I received 14 Q. Okay. Just one final point. I wonder if 15 15 information that they had not indicated that you could put up 801, Mr Triay, which is 16 16 your witness statement. So this is the they were out there carrying out a matrix 17 patrol and that they had not ensued a chase 17 paragraph in which you deal with the briefing 18 18 either. at 11.05 on the morning of 8th, paragraph 38. 19 19 Q. Exactly. Thank you. Moving on, in Just to give you the opportunity to 20 20 relation to allegations of bullying, and I am familiarise: 21 21 not concerned with whether it happened or "At 11.05hrs, I briefed Commissioner of 22 not or who was responsible, can you just give 22 Police, Detective Superintendent Paul 23 23 the Chairman, give the Inquiry, a sense of Richardson and The Attorney General, Mr 24 whether, regardless of what you thought of it, 24 Llamas who was also there, concerning the 25 25 whether it was justified or not, was there a suspected exact co-ordinates. I remember a Page 70 Page 72

1 discussion taking place and being asked if the 1 question ... 2 chase had been plotted/recorded as the 2 SIR PETER CARUANA: It is not the first 3 3 coordinates were well out of BGTW, I was time it has been asked. So in paragraph 64, 4 4 unable to answer this. Considering that the this was your witness statement. If - you did 5 initial report," 5 not recall then either presumably. Why did 6 6 you not put here anything about not etc, etc, and it goes over the page by a line or 7 two. That is the paragraph in your witness 7 recalling? Surely if you had spoken to Mr 8 statement in which you deal with that 8 Pyle about coordinates you would have put 9 9 briefing. Do you agree? something there, you would not describe it as 10 10 A. Yes. a fleeting hello whilst I pop into the 11 11 Commissioner's office that you do here. Q. You agree that Mr Pyle is not listed by 12 you there as being present. 12 A. As I've said, unfortunately I have no 13 A. He was not there. 13 record of a time and it was insignificant to 14 14 Q. He was not there. If I could just now me. If I had maybe relayed or discussed the 15 information I would have been, I think, more 15 refer you to paragraph 64, which is your brief 16 allusion to meeting Mr Pyle, there you say: 16 time there and I would have made a note on 17 17 "I also remember visiting the COP suite on it. But I don't, so I don't know what else to 18 one occasion to see Mr McGrail and at the 18 say, I can't remember. 19 19 time Mr Nicholas Pyle was there. He briefly Q. But at paragraph 38 in the same witness 20 20 introduced me to him and shortly after I left. statement --21 Unfortunately, I have no record of the date as 21 THE CHAIRMAN: I have got the point. 22 22 SIR PETER CARUANA: Yes. So that is at the time it was insignificant to me." 23 23 Two points I would like just to put to you, the answer that you want to leave, that you 24 24 do not recall whether you did or you did not. Mr Field, if I may. As to the date, you are 25 25 not even clear that this was on 8th? Thank you. Page 73 Page 75 1 A. No, I am not clear. 1 MR SANTOS: One follow-up question. 2 Q. It would appear that, given that the whole 2 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes. 3 3 issue was collisions, locations, information MR SANTOS: It may be --4 availability, when you allude in paragraph 64 4 THE CHAIRMAN: Hang on, there might 5 5 to your very brief encounter with Mr Pyle, is just be a supplementary point coming. There 6 it more or less likely in your view that you 6 7 7 would have mentioned something in this Further questioned by MR SANTOS 8 8 witness statement if you had discussed MR SANTOS: Apologies. In your 9 9 anything to do with location with Mr Pyle? experience, was it common for AIS to be 10 10 A. I can't recall what was said. It was a brief switched off? 11 update which I notified the Commissioner 11 A. No, the instructions were that it had to be 12 with. As I've said before, I must have been 12 switched on. 13 there less than a minute and I do not think the 13 THE CHAIRMAN: That is --14 MR SANTOS: Did you have any knowledge coordinates or anything like that were 14 15 15 as to whether it was switched on or off, as a mentioned. 16 16 Q. Yes. It is because you now say that you practice, as a matter of practice? 17 17 do not recall that I am standing here asking A. I wouldn't have had governance on that. you these questions. What do you mean by 18 18 THE CHAIRMAN: Sorry, what did you cannot recall? Do you mean I may or I may 19 19 say? 20 not have, or I have no recollection of doing 20 A. I wouldn't have had governance on the 2.1 21 so and therefore I do not think I did? marine section, and if they were or not being 22 22 A. I can't recall, maybe I did, maybe I didn't, turned on, the AIS. 23 but I'm telling you I can't recall so we're 23 MR SANTOS: So you had no knowledge as 24 playing with words here. I can't recall. 24 to whether in practice it was being switched 25 25 THE CHAIRMAN: I think that is a lawyer's on or off, other than the procedures that were Page 74 Page 76

1 in place. 1 Q. Roughly when did you take over? 2 2 A. But the instructions were clear, yes. A. I took over Acting Commissioner when 3 3 Q. Were you aware of any circumstances he departed, and then when I was 4 4 where it was deemed appropriate for AIS to subsequently promoted in July 2020 by his 5 be switched off? 5 **Excellency the Governor.** 6 6 Q. How long have you known Mr McGrail? A. That would have been contrary to 7 7 A. Since I joined the Service, which was in instructions. 8 MR SANTOS: Thank you. Nothing further. 8 1988, so it would be 36 years. 9 9 THE CHAIRMAN: Okay, thank you very Q. What was your relationship with Mr 10 10 much indeed. Suitable time to break? McGrail like when you were both police 11 MR SANTOS: I think it is a very good time 11 officers? 12 to pause, yes, for ten minutes, I think. 12 A. So there was a personal relationship and 13 THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. 13 there was a professional relationship. 14 14 MR SANTOS: Thank you. Personally, both Ian and I were very, very 15 15 good friends, probably best friends, and we (Adjourned for a short time) 16 16 MR SANTOS: thank you, sir. Our next were there for each other during difficult 17 17 witness is Commissioner Richard Ullger. times in our lives and during good times in 18 COMMISSIONER RICHARD ULLGER, 18 our lives. At a professional, he was four 19 19 sworn years senior to what I was, so I was always 20 20 chasing him in regards of career progression. Examined by MR SANTOS 21 MR SANTOS: Commissioner Ullger, can I 21 We worked in different departments together 22 22 just please ask that you open the file in front and we had a very good professional 23 23 of you that should have your statements relationship. 24 inside it. I cannot actually assist with which 24 Q. During the time that Mr McGrail was 25 Commissioner of Police how would you 25 one it is. Page 79 Page 77 A. Correct, yes. 1 describe his relationship with the senior 2 Q. Yes. You should have your first witness 2 management team? 3 3 A. A very good working relationship. statement to the Inquiry, please. 4 4 Q. How would you describe Mr McGrail's A. Correct. 5 5 Q. Can you please confirm that that is your policing style? 6 first statement and that your signature is on 6 A. In respect of policing style or leadership 7 7 style? I think that's probably two -the final page. 8 8 A. It is. Q. Perhaps let us deal with both. 9 9 Q. Do you confirm that the contents of that A. So policing style, you know, police 10 10 statement are true to the best of your officers have to work and abide to our code 11 knowledge, information and belief? 11 of ethics, there are ethical standards to abide 12 A. I do. 12 by and abide by the principles of policing. A 13 13 Q. Can I now ask that you do the same for very professional individual, a very hard the second statement. Can you confirm that 14 14 working individual, an individual who 15 15 that is there as well and that is your always had fighting crime at the centre of 16 16 signature. everything he did. And his leadership style -17 17 A. I do. well, everyone's leadership style is probably 18 18 Q. Do you confirm that the contents of that different but he had a very good, strong, 19 19 witness statement are true to the best of your ethical leadership. 20 20 Q. Would you say you have a different information, knowledge and belief? 21 21 policing style to Mr McGrail - leadership A. I do. style, sorry, to Mr McGrail? 22 22 Q. Thank you. Mr Ullger, you took over the role of Commissioner of Police after Mr 23 23 A. There are different types of leadership 24 24 styles and leadership styles suit individuals McGrail's departure, is that correct? 25 25 A. That is correct. because of their personal traits. I have a Page 78 Page 80

different leadership style to him but that 1 complimentary of what we had done and the 2 2 doesn't make my leadership better or worse manner we had done it - he said he was 3 3 proud of what the RGP and both Mr Ullger 4 4 Q. How would you say your styles are and I had done. The language he used to 5 different? 5 describe the three senior military officials 6 6 and their superiors was surprisingly uncouth A. I think we are different in respect of what 7 we achieve to aim (sic) and how we get to 7 - he described them as 'fucking idiots'." 8 the objectives, and again, like I say, there's 8 What is your recollection? Do you recall that 9 different ways of achieving different things, 9 meeting? 10 and I just think we're slightly different in that 10 A. So I have grappled with this on a few 11 regard. 11 occasions because I have read it and I have 12 Q. Can we go to A146, please. This is Mr 12 no reason to doubt what Mr McGrail is 13 McGrail's fifth witness statement to this 13 saying in his statement at all. I just can't 14 14 Inquiry and it is a reference to a meeting on remember it. 15 10 February 2017. Can I just read this out. 15 Q. You have no recollection of this meeting. 16 16 He says: A. No. But I don't doubt it in the least, if 17 17 "A few days," you understand what I am trying to say. 18 this is in relation to the airport incident, at the 18 Q. Do you have any recollection of the Chief 19 time of the airport incident. He says: 19 Minister using that language to describe 20 20 "A few days after the 10th February 2017 senior military officials? 21 and in the absence of Commissioner Yome, I 21 A. No. 22 22 attended a meeting with Fabian Picardo, at Q. Was your impression that the Chief 23 his request, at the 'Wessex Lounge', Gibraltar 23 Minister was supportive of the approach that 24 24 Airport. The Chief Minister was leaving for the RGP had taken to the runway incident? 25 25 the UK on a flight that afternoon. I was A. So I didn't have any dealings myself Page 81 Page 83 1 accompanied to this meeting by the then 1 directly with the Chief Minister but certainly 2 Superintendent Richard Ullger. Mr Picardo 2 from what I had heard from Commissioner 3 had in his possession a copy of the report of 3 Yome at the time, yes, yes, it was, very 4 the 10/02/17 which I had submitted to 4 supportive. 5 5 Q. If we can go to your witness statement at Commissioner Yome - I assumed that 6 Commissioner Yome provided him with a 6 paragraph 5, your first statement, A528, 7 7 please. This is where you address the copy. 8 8 "Mr Picardo thanked and congratulated Mr appointment process in 2017 where Mr 9 9 Ullger and myself for the manner the RGP McGrail was appointed as new 10 10 had dealt with the incident. I recall that Mr Commissioner of Police. You were the other 11 Picardo commented that he had read my 11 applicant for the role and you say in 12 report with great interest describing it as a 12 paragraph 5: 13 'gripping John Grisham novel' and adding 13 "In respect of first question," 14 14 that he expected the three senior military which is the question put to you by the 15 15 officials to now face due process for their 16 16 "the application process consisted of a actions. He was quite forceful in saying this, 17 17 I would describe it as close to an order as it submission to the GPA that included 18 18 could be interpreted to be. I informed Mr evidence of our Competency Values, a paper 19 19 Picardo that I would be reporting these outlining our vision for the RGP, a 20 20 presentation to the GPA, followed by an expectations up to Commissioner Yome. 21 21 interview on a separate date, again by the "At no point during that meeting did Mr 22 22 Picardo express anything approaching 23 23 discontent or disapproval at how the RGP or Is it correct that the recruitment process 24 24 consisted of written submission, a any individual officer acted in this matter -25 25 quite the contrary, Mr Picardo was over presentation and an interview with the GPA, Page 82 Page 84

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| 1  | from your recollection?   | 1  | complaints made by RGP officers or the GPF   |
| 2  | A. Correct.   | 2  | to the GPA about Mr McGrail?   |
| 3  | Q. Did you consider that that was a fair  | 3  | A. No.   |
| 4  | process at the time?  | 4  | Q. If we go to paragraph 24 you say,   |
| 5  | A. It's a very fair process. It's a process   | 5  | "Certainly Mr Morello constantly qualified   |
| 6  | that's followed by the National Police Chiefs   | 6  | Mr McGrail as a bully but, as explained, he  |
| 7  | Councils in the UK, United Kingdom, and   | 7  | never made a formal complaint to me about  |
| 8  | the College of Policing.  | 8  | it, nor did he report it to me officially." Did  |
| 9  | Q. If we go to A199, please, this is an   | 9  | you agree with Mr Morello's assessment of  |
| 10   | exchange between the Chief Minister and the   | 10   | Mr McGrail?  |
| 11   | Interim Governor at the time, Mr Pyle, and I  | 11   | A. Not at all.   |
| 12   | just want to focus on the third paragraph on  | 12   | Q. How would you describe Mr McGrail's   |
| 13   | that page, which contains a message timed at  | 13   | management style?  |
| 14   | 9.58 in the morning on 14 May. The  | 14   | A. Well, his management style is typical of  |
| 15   | Governor says:  | 15   | his leadership style, an individual who works  |
| 16   | "Agree. As we thought at the time, wrong  | 16   | very, very hard who is extremely committed   |
| 17   | appointment. Remind me to tell you about  | 17   | to the Royal Gibraltar Police and the people   |
| 18   | the recruitment process which was abject."  | 18   | of Gibraltar, dedicated, disciplined as well   |
| 19   | Did you share that impression of the  | 19   | and in respect of the police federation,   |
| 20   | application process?  | 20   | particularly Mr Morello, what we found,  |
| 21   | A. No, not at all. It was a fair and very rigid   | 21   | even myself, was that there were we were   |
| 22   | process.  | 22   | dealing with a very difficult individual who   |
| 23   | Q. Did you have any concerns about the  | 23   | was given a position as chairman, a very   |
| 24   | application process?  | 24   | important position in policing, and we felt  |
| 25   | A. No, in particular because the two  | 25   | that what he became was in many ways a   |
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| 1  | applicants that had applied for the role of   | 1  | rebel and very much trying to make life very   |
| 2  | Commissioner had been subjected to a  | 2  | difficult for the command team and in  |
| 3  | strategic command course with the College   | 3  | particular to Mr McGrail who he had a  |
| 4  | of Policing in the United Kingdom so we   | 4  | dislike to.  |
| 5  | were both two candidates ready for that   | 5  | Q. Could Mr McGrail's management style   |
| 6  | position.   | 6  | have been interpreted by some as bullying?   |
| 7  | (12.01)   | 7  | A. In what respect, sorry?   |
| 8  | Q. Are you aware of Mr Pyle making any  | 8  | Q. From your experience and his  |
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| 9  | complaint against Mr McGrail following his  | 9  | management style, do you think that his  |
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| 2  | He demanded respect from people and I          | 2  | it was important one of the main issues          |
| 3  | agree entirely with that.                      | 3  | that we were having was the Federation, our      |
| 4  | Q. Do you think that well, firstly, was        | 4  | relationship with the Federation, so I did       |
| 5  | there an issue at the time in terms of         | 5  | absolutely everything possible to try and        |
| 6  | allegations of bullying?                       | 6  | bridge that gap with them and I did so           |
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| 7  | A. There's always been allegations of          | 7  | together with the command team and the           |
| 8  | bullying even in the times of previous         | 8  | Assistant Commissioner in avoiding               |
| 9  | commissioners, Mr Wink, Mr Yome, Mr            | 9  | confrontation as much as possible. We            |
| 10 | McGrail and then even myself so there has      | 10 | wanted to collaborate with Mr Morello more       |
| 11 | always been a prevalence of bullying in our    | 11 | and we wanted to show the workforce that         |
| 12 | organisation, yes.                             | 12 | we were working together with the                |
| 13 | Q. Of allegations of bullying?                 | 13 | Federation. This may have worked for a           |
| 14 | A. That's correct, yes.                        | 14 | short period of time but after a year or two, I  |
| 15 | Q. Do you think that Mr McGrail did            | 15 | faced exactly the same as Mr McGrail had         |
| 16 | enough to address the allegations of bullying  | 16 | been facing during his two years as              |
| 17 | during his time?                               | 17 | Commissioner and that relationship between       |
| 18 | A. I think he did more than enough in actual   | 18 | myself and Mr Morello became very fraught        |
| 19 | fact. He made it so because it was so          | 19 | indeed.  |
| 20 | concerning for us as a command team, he        | 20 | Q. Can I show you an email dated 10 March        |
| 21 | strived to try and root out what the problem   | 21 | 2023 I am not sure if it is in the bundle        |
| 22 | was and in 2019 we undertook some business     | 22 | but we received it recently. This is an email    |
| 23 | with a team of ex-His Majesty's Inspectorate   | 23 | by you to all police staff on 10 March 2023      |
| 24 | of Constabulary and Rescue Services police     | 24 | and I just want to read out the first paragraph, |
| 25 | officers with a company called AAP to come     | 25 | "The Chairman of the Police Federation has       |
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| 1  | to the Royal Gibraltar Police and              | 1  | chosen to write to you all and I don't intend    |
| 2  | contextualise the issue that was being aired.  | 2  | to answer all of his negative misleading         |
| 3  | That was done and as a result of that, a       | 3  | comments in his email to you but it is suffice   |
| 4  | number of working groups were formed in        | 4  | to say that as much as I have tried to work      |
| 5  | order to address a number of issues and all or | 5  | with the Chairman and Secretary of your          |
| 6  | that was completed.                            | 6  | Federation to try and achieve better things for  |
| 7  | Q. Had you personally witnessed any            | 7  | you all, it has been an almost impossible task   |
| 8  | instances of bullying at the RGP during Mr     | 8  | and I can no longer work with them. I            |
| 9  | McGrail's time?                                | 9  | sincerely do apologise to you all because this   |
| 10 | A. During Mr McGrail's time as                 | 10 | is not my style and many of you know how I       |
| 11 | Commissioner?                                  | 11 | operate but, after much trying to collaborate    |
| 12 | Q. Yes, as Commissioner?                       | 12 | with them and avoiding confrontations, it is     |
| 13 | A. No. Sorry, are you saying Commissioner      | 13 | my back that is broken. Instead of working       |
| 14 | McGrail or the workforce?                      | 14 | with me and the command team to achieve          |
| 15 | Q. Within the workforce not by Mr McGrail      | 15 | good things for you all, they chose to           |
| 16 | himself?                                       | 16 | constantly attack us as the Chairman has         |
| 17 | A. No, have not personally I would have        | 17 | done in his email to you. The way the            |
| 18 | been the Assistant Commissioner at the time    | 18 | Gibraltar Police Federation operates is          |
| 19 | and I didn't see anything personally myself,   | 19 | completely different to the way the Police       |
| 20 | no.  | 20 | Federations in England and Wales operate         |
| 21 | Q. Since taking over command of the RGP        | 21 | and I am seriously concerned that their          |
| 22 | as Commissioner yourself, what has your        | 22 | misrepresentation of you all is doing more       |
| 23 | relationship with the Gibraltar Police         | 23 | harm than good." Is that the position that       |
| 24 | Federation been like?                          | 24 | prevails to this day?                            |
| 25 | A. When I took over command of the Royal       | 25 | A. No, not at all. So today we have a new        |
|    |  | 23 | 12. 110, not at an 50 today we have a new        |
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Chairman and we have a new Secretary and 1 opposing it? 2 2 the new Chairman who has come in, together A. Yes, basically. We felt that we were not 3 3 with the Secretary, will meet with me and the ready for another inspection by His Majesty's 4 4 Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire Rescue Assistant Commissioner and we discuss and 5 we disagree but we respect each other and we 5 Services simply because we had not done 6 are already achieving a lot of good things for 6 enough work to achieve the 7 7 the organisation. recommendations of the 2016 report. 8 Q. So would you say that the position that is 8 Q. How did Mr McGrail react when you told 9 9 reflected as you saw it on 10 March stayed in him that you were opposed to inspection? 10 10 place until the change of Chairman? A. He welcomed our --- I mean, we often 11 11 A. That is correct. had discussions about very key issues in the 12 12 Q. Did the --- around the time of 10 March Royal Gibraltar Police and things of a critical 13 or at any time when there was this 13 matter and he welcomed our discussion on it. 14 14 breakdown of the relationship between you I think Mr McGrail had another overriding 15 and the GPF did the police authority raise 15 factor and again it goes back to the whole 16 any concerns as to the relationship between 16 bullying allegations. I think he again wanted 17 you and the Federation? 17 that certification for maybe HMIC that the 18 A. I had conversations with the Chairman of 18 organisation was not a bullying organisation 19 19 the Gibraltar Police Authority and I shared and I think maybe he concentrated too much 20 20 my concerns - I think he shared his concerns on that rather than the other details of the 21 with me, too - but I also shared my same 21 previous report in fairness to Mr McGrail. 22 22 Q. So as far as you understand it, was his concerns with his Excellency, the Governor, 23 23 and again he agreed with me that the primary motivation to seek an inspection, 24 24 then the bullying --- then addressing the relationship was not the best relationship 25 25 even though I had tried as much as I could. bullying investigations? Page 93 Page 95 1 O. Can we now go to paragraph 42 of your 1 A. Principally around that, yes. 2 first statement, A451, this is --- we are now 2 Q. In your view, had Mr McGrail and the 3 3 senior management team worked hard in the turning to focus on the HMIC reports and 4 you say, "On a date that I cannot remember 4 time available to implement the 2016 5 5 Mr McGrail decided to ask the GPA for recommendations? 6 HMIC FRS to come and inspect the RGP. 6 A. I am sorry? 7 When he told the command team of his 7 Q. I am sorry, in your view, had the senior 8 8 decision, I can remember distinctively that management team worked hard in the time 9 9 we all opposed it simply because we knew available to implement the HMIC 10 10 that whilst progress had been made in some recommendations from the previous report? 11 A. So he had done some work towards the 11 areas, we had not done enough to achieve the 12 recommendations or areas of improvement of 12 2016 report but we hadn't done enough, but I 13 13 think it's important that we qualify and the previous 2016 inspection." Is that your 14 evidence --- that explanation that you give, is 14 quantify. Even though HMIC asked us to do 15 15 that the reason why you were in opposition to X, Y and Z and made a report and asked us 16 16 instructing HMIC to conduct a report or is to do certain things to make our organisation 17 17 there anything that you wish to add? better, it doesn't mean that we weren't 18 18 A. I am sorry, I haven't understood the policing and we weren't doing other things as 19 19 well, so I think it's very important that this question. 20 20 Q. I am sorry, it was not a very clear needs to be reflected that Mr McGrail had a -21 21 question. You set out in the second sentence -- he was determined to make sure that 22 22 of that paragraph the reasons why you Gibraltar continued to remain safe and there 23 23 opposed --- the command team opposed the was a lot of work that we were doing with 24 24 instruction of HMIC to conduct a report. different strategic partners, different law 25 Does that encapsulate all of your reasons for 25 enforcement agencies, particularly Spain in Page 94 Page 96

| 1  | respect of counter-terrorism and organised     | 1  | A. We had conversations at a command             |
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| 2  | crime and potentially what happened is that    | 2  | level with other commanders and I think he       |
| 3  | we concentrated a lot of our good work there   | 3  | probably agreed with us but he was still         |
| 4  | rather than on HMIC.                           | 4  | insistent on the inspection to proceed and       |
| 5  | Q. At paragraph 44 of your statement, and      | 5  | again, in fairness to Mr McGrail, all he aid     |
| 6  | towards the end of it, about five the last     | 6  | was that we would come out better out of it      |
| 7  | five lines, you say, "During our time in       | 7  | because we would get new learning                |
| 8  | collecting the evidence for the terms of       | 8  | outcomes and that and we decided to go           |
| 9  | references, it became apparent to me that my   | 9  | ahead with it.                                   |
| 10 | concerns were indeed confirmed and that we     | 10 | Q. Was there ever a discussion about setting     |
| 11 | hadn't done what was expected of us. This      | 11 | up a working group to address the                |
| 12 | was further highlighted to me by HMIC Paul     | 12 | recommendations prior to the inspection          |
| 13 | Holewell before his visit to Gibraltar." What  | 13 | taking place?                                    |
| 14 | areas of the report were you what areas of     | 14 | A. No.   |
| 15 | the recommendations were you referring to      | 15 | Q. Can we look at 45                             |
| 16 | when you said, "We hadn't done what was        | 16 | A. I am sorry, can I just contextualise that?    |
| 17 | expected of us"?                               | 17 | There wasn't a working group as such but         |
| 18 | A. I think the two main principal key areas    | 18 | certainly the command team and the               |
| 19 | were how we managed and investigated           | 19 | commanders in the different portfolios would     |
| 20 | crime and how we recorded crime.               | 20 | be expected to start doing some work in          |
| 21 | Q. And in what way did you think that the      | 21 | respect of the HMIC recommendations but          |
| 22 | RGP had failed to do what was expected?        | 22 | no work not much work had happened,              |
| 23 | A. Well, we should have implemented            | 23 | no.  |
| 24 | policies, procedures; we should have           | 24 | Q. Can we look at paragraph 45 of your           |
| 25 | resourced departments that needed              | 25 | witness statement and skip over the first three  |
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| 1  | resourcing. I think another important thing    | 1  | lines, you say, "The team consisted of HMI       |
| 2  | here that we need to acknowledge is that       | 2  | Matt Parr and Paul Holewell and in their         |
| 3  | HMIC does come in and makes a lot of           | 3  | debrief they provided a relatively positive      |
| 4  | "asks" of you and when it makes a lot of       | 4  | outlook for the organisation but also            |
| 5  | "asks" of you, you need to potentially create  | 5  | acknowledging that some of the                   |
| 6  | different departments and this is what we      | 6  | recommendations had not been addressed           |
| 7  | were facing. To create new departments to      | 7  | from the 2016 inspection, stating that there     |
| 8  | do what HMIC were asking us to do would        | 8  | would be further recommendations arising         |
| 9  | mean that we would have gaps in front line     | 9  | out of this. I was relatively surprised at those |
| 10 | policing and we could potentially have gaps    | 10 | positive comments. I expressed my view to        |
| 11 | in our crime division and I think, in fairness | 11 | Mr McGrail that his decision to ask for an       |
| 12 | again to Mr McGrail, he opted to be fighting   | 12 | inspection had been the right decision after     |
| 13 | crime more than doing the policy work.         | 13 | all." Were any specific areas identified as      |
| 14 | Q. Did you think                               | 14 | not having been addressed during that            |
| 15 | A. I am sorry, can I just add on to there as   | 15 | debrief?   |
| 16 | well, I think we must not forget as well that  | 16 | A. The two were the two key ones that I          |
| 17 | the Royal Gibraltar Police had just gone       | 17 | have already mentioned.                          |
| 18 | through a HR audit in 2015 where we were       | 18 | Q. I think this goes from what you say           |
| 19 | seeking more police officers and we were       | 19 | but just to clarify, given the relatively        |
| 20 | going through that process, so we didn't have  | 20 | positive comments, were you expecting a          |
| 21 | the capacity to be able to do some of the      | 21 | relatively positive report?                      |
| 22 | things.  | 22 | A. I don't think with these things that you      |
| 23 | Q. Did you raise your concerns about           | 23 | expect a positive report because, again, the     |
| 24 | recording and investigating crime with Mr      | 24 | inspection is all about learning. What we        |
| 25 | McGrail before the inspection took place?      | 25 | didn't expect was for it to be as damning as it  |
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| a what hoth Matt Part I IMI and Paul Holevell bad told us in our debrief, so much so that when the meeting finished and they left New Mole House police station, I shook Mr McGrail's hand and I said, "Well done, you know, it appears to have worked and hopefully it won't be as bad." You know, we never thought it was going to be as bad as it was. We always knew that there would be learning outcomes but we didn't think it would be as critical as it was of us. Q. Can I asky you now to turn to D2193, please, which is an email of 14 April 2020 from the chair of the GPA, Dr Joe Britto, to Mr McGrail and you, subject "HMIC report," and it says, "Good morning, gents, I hope you've had a reasonably restful Easter. Would it be possible for us to meet to discuss the above caption, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. I can work around your availability so just identify a day and time, thanks, gregards Joey," Did that meeting take place after 14 April?  I I remember was as a result of that email, but certainly there was a meeting that I was in together with Mr Britto and the Commissioner where I briefed Mr Britto of what we were doing already to start working towards achieving the recommendations, Q. Do you have any notes of that meeting? A. I'm not too sure whether the meeting that Commissioner where I briefed Mr Britto of what we were doing already to start working towards achieving the recommendations, Q. Do you have any notes of that meeting? A. I'm not too sure whether the meeting that Commissioner where I briefed Mr Britto of what we were doing already to start working towards achieving the recommendations, Q. Did Dr Britto express any concerns about the IMIC report for Mr McGrail and sked me to start working towards having a steering group in addressing all the different areas and then that Commissioner McGrail had asked me to start working towards having a steering group in addressing all the different areas and understand demand, risk and vulnerability. We had a reasonably restful Easter.  22 in responding to the report?  |                      |   |                |   |
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1 are unnecessary demands in the Royal 1 inspectorate? 2 2 Gibraltar Police, we have become more A. No, not at all, sorry. 3 mature in saying "no" to those demands and 3 Q. Thank you. Sorry, I interrupted your 4 4 answer about ethics. it has taken us probably a good part of three 5 to four years to make sure that Gibraltar 5 A. I was just going to elaborate as well on 6 6 understands that we will not police certain the piece of work that we've done in respect 7 7 of promoting the Code of Ethics in our demands that were expected of us and this is 8 8 where HMIC was very critical of us. We organisation. So we have --- and in actual 9 9 were doing things that we should not be fact, Mr McGrail is the person who initially 10 10 doing when it should have been done by started it off post the 2019 inspection because 11 11 other organisations and it meant over the we knew Code of Ethics was going to be 12 months and the years with me and the 12 coming our way, we have done a lot of work 13 **Assistant Commissioner writing to different** 13 in our organisation in promoting ethics and 14 14 organisations, different strategic partners, also that meant showing that we have 15 15 relinquishing our responsibility in what we professional standards --- a professional 16 16 standards department that is resourced to be considered to be their risk areas. So that was 17 17 one of the biggest pieces of work that we able to investigate matters that are of a 18 have done and certainly when HMIC came 18 concern to us as an organisation that could 19 19 back to see us in 2022 they had seen a vast reputationally damage us because of bad 20 20 improvement of how we did this. This has behaviours of police officers. 21 come with its challenges. It has come with 21 Q. If we can turn to B1552 please, just 22 22 challenges not only with the public but also further on in the report, and I would like to 23 23 with the ministers. So, therefore --- but I am focus about halfway down the page, there is a 24 24 glad to see that people have understood what bullet point that has the heading "Role 25 25 we were doing but it has been very models.," It says, "We were told of a firm Page 105 Page 107 1 challenging and ----1 leadership style in the force and some of the 2 2 workforce perceived that some managers Q. And so ---3 3 A. Sorry, sorry. sought too readily to blame and reprimand. 4 4 We did not encounter any evidence of Q. I was going to pick up on that answer, 5 5 and so if you were going to move on to bullying although looking for it did not fall 6 6 within our terms of reference. Leadership something else? 7 7 A. No, I was going to go on to the second development is an area of improvement for 8 8 the force and it might benefit from exchanges part of the inspection which was about 9 promoting ethics and --- but if you wanted to 9 with officers in England and Wales about 10 10 these subjects. Our additional 11 Q. Just to follow on from that, it sounds 11 recommendation is that the senior leadership 12 from what you are saying that a lot of work 12 team produce an anti-bullying statement and 13 was done after the HMIC recommendations 13 improved processes to prevent bullying." 14 but you said that you disagreed, nevertheless, 14 Did you accept that conclusion at the time? 15 with the area for improvement. I asked you 15 A. Yes, I did. 16 whether there were any areas for 16 Q. Have you since implemented an anti-17 improvement that you disagreed with and 17 bullying statement/ 18 you highlighted that. 18 A. Yes, we have and in actual fact we did a 19 A. And I didn't disagree. 19 lot of work with the Gibraltar Police 20 Q. I am sorry. 20 Federation and together with the Chairman at 21 A. Oh, I thought we ----21 the time, Mr Maurice Morello. 22 Q. Thank you, then I misunderstood you. 22 Q. After this report? 23 A. I apologise, sir. 23 A. After this report, correct. 24 Q. Did you disagree with any other areas for 24 Q. Can I just ask you, you said earlier that 25 improvement that were identified by the 25 Mr McGrail's primary motivation in seeking Page 106 Page 108

this report was to address the allegations of 1 O. Could we now turn to A27 please, which 2 2 bullying, why then do you understand that is Mr McGrail's first witness statement to the 3 3 the bullying --- looking for bullying did not inquiry. I just want to look at paragraph 74 4 4 fall within HMIC's terms of reference? at the bottom of that page, where Mr McGrail 5 A. I think probably looking at it generally ---5 says, "Although in places the report is 6 6 that's the only thing that I can really say critical, there no express criticism of myself. 7 7 I had been in post for 18 months at the time about it, looking at it generally to see 8 8 of the inspection." Do you agree with Mr whether there was a perception of bullying in 9 9 McGrail's interpretation of the report? the organisation and that it would be seen by 10 10 HMIC. A. If that would have been me, I would have 11 11 Q. On the same page, just further down, the felt that I had failed but I agree with what he 12 penultimate bullet point is tackling 12 is saying, that there is no criticism about 13 misconduct and corruption. Again it says, 13 himself but I think what we need to 14 14 "This is an area for improvement. The force understand as well is that Mr McGrail had a 15 15 does not fully understand its exposure to the command team and we were all responsible, 16 16 risk of corruption. The professional so it was not only he that was leading -- well, 17 17 standards unit lacks the resource and he was leading the force, but we were 18 expertise to develop a full understanding of 18 supporting him. So it was a failure on our 19 19 the risk or to monitor and mitigate the threat. part as well. 20 20 Our recommendation is that the senior Q. As Commissioner of the Police, do you 21 leadership team determine the best model for 21 consider that you are ultimately responsible 22 22 for criticism that the RGP receives? providing counter corruption capability to 23 23 identify and pursue corrupt employees or 24 employees who are susceptible to 24 Q. And criticism in a HMIC report? 25 25 corruption." Did you agree that the RGP was A. I am. Page 109 Page 111 1 not fully aware of this risk? 1 Q. Can we go to your first witness statement, 2 A. If you asked me when this report came 2 A542, paragraph 47 please? You say, "It is 3 3 important that at this stage I also include out in 2020 I was probably a little naïve but I 4 do now. We have certainly learned a lot over 4 mention that HMICFRS returned to Gibraltar 5 5 the past four years. in April 2022, to undertake a further 6 Q. Did you agree that you lacked the 6 inspection of the RGP, that received a 7 7 favourable outcome. This was as explained resources to address this? 8 8 A. Absolutely, yes, absolutely. We didn't also a backwards looking audit that took into 9 9 have resources. We didn't have enough account changes made since the last audit." 10 10 resources but I go back to what I said earlier Can you please explain briefly what you 11 11 mean by a favourable outcome? on about the 2015 HR audit, we were asking 12 for more officers, we needed more officers 12 A. Well, the report in itself was a favourable 13 13 and if you removed officers from front line report, where HMIC had reported that we 14 14 policing into other areas of policing, what had achieved the recommendations and, bar 15 15 three of the recommendations which we takes a dent is your front line policing, your 16 16 crime investigators. In actual fact, because could not complete because of a number of 17 of HMIC coming to see us subsequently, we 17 reasons, particularly because of Covid that 18 18 invested a lot of resources into our counter had hit us and because we needed support 19 19 corruption unit and professional standards elsewhere, it was a favourable report, yes. 20 20 department as well as other departments and Q. Do you consider that that inspection was 21 21 comparable in terms of methodology and we were severely criticised by the police 22 22 federation for doing that because they said depth to the 2019 inspection? 23 23 that we were doing --- we were making ---A. Yes, in methodology, yes. 24 24 Q. You say methodology. Do you not agree we were giving too much emphasis on the 25 25 HMIC report than their plight. (12.31) in terms of depth? Page 110 Page 112

A. And in depth, sorry, yes, exactly. 1 from recollection, are you talking about 2 2 Q. Was it the same inspectors? meetings which took place before 12th May 3 3 or after 12th May? A. It was the main lead inspector, Paul 4 4 A. Before 12th May. Hullwell(?) and supported by Matt Parr, who 5 was His Majesty's Inspectorate, yes, but 5 Q. Before 12th May. 6 6 different team members. A. But again, I would not have had any 7 7 detail because this is a matter that was being Q. Do you consider that you had more 8 8 resources at your disposal than Mr McGrail led by the gold commander, Mr Richardson, 9 9 did in 2019? and supported by Mr McGrail as the 10 10 A. It really depends on where we were in the Commissioner of Police because of the 11 11 organisation in respect of when we started, delicate operation it was. I think it is 12 when we were -- so, I would not say that we 12 important to say here, at this stage, is that 13 had more resources, no. 13 Gibraltar was, as the rest of the world was, 14 14 Q. Can we look at 26 of your statement going through a Covid crisis, so we were 15 15 please? This is turning now to Operation learning how to police Gibraltar differently. 16 16 Delhi and I want to pick up about halfway We also has Brexit, you know the fact that 17 17 down that paragraph, there is a sentence that we were still sitting on a cliff edge, and we 18 starts, "During the course of the 18 were preparing for two possibilities. So there 19 19 investigation". Can you see that? It is right was a lot of work happening with the 20 20 next to the cursor. "During the course of the **National Policing Coordinating Centre to** 21 investigation"? 21 prepare us for that. We had the HMIC 22 22 A. Yes, I have got it. recommendations that we needed to work 23 23 Q. You say, "During the course of the towards. So there was a lot of strategic 24 investigation, I did learn that Mr James Levy 24 things happening besides Operation Delhi, so 25 25 KC became a suspect and that there were a I didn't have full knowledge of absolutely Page 115 Page 113 1 number of meetings where Ian McGrail the 1 everything that was happening. 2 commissioner, together with the investigating 2 Q. Did Mr McGrail ever explain to you why 3 3 team attended. I am unsure who attended he was displeased at that the support that he 4 who attended these meetings and how many 4 was receiving from the Attorney General? 5 5 meetings and how many meetings had there A. No, not in detail. 6 been, but I believe that some of these 6 Q. To your knowledge, did the Attorney 7 7 meetings were either at the Attorney General raise any concerns with the RGP or 8 8 General's ... or the Director of Public elsewhere about Mr McGrail's policing style? 9 9 Prosecution's ... office. I do also remember A. Never. 10 that on one of the occasions, Mr McGrail did 10 Q. If we now look at paragraph 27 of your 11 return to New Mole Police Station and was statement, over the next page, there -- I am 11 12 displeased with the support he was getting 12 picking it up from the top of page A535, yes 13 from the AG indicating that it would appear 13 there. Just picking up from the second line, 14 14 was not keen to proceed with the you say, "It was not until the 22nd of May investigation." Can you be any more specific 15 15 2020, that I learnt that Ian McGrail had been 16 about the dates of these meetings? 16 asked as Commissioner of Police to take 17 A. So there would not have been meetings as 17 early retirement by the Chairman of the 18 such where we were discussing strategic 18 GPA. In a meeting where I was together 19 19 direction for investigations. It was general with Paul Richardson, Cathal Yeats and 20 20 comments more than anything. Wayne Tunbridge, Ian McGrail explained of 21 Q. But in terms of the meetings that you 21 the unjust request, stating that only a week 22 22 before he had briefed the Chairman of the were referring to between Mr McGrail and 23 the AG and the DPP, I appreciate that if you 23 GPA about Operation Kram and Delhi and had dates, you probably would have put them 24 24 the HMICFRS report, and that at no time had 25 in the statement, but I just want to ask you 25 the Chairman raised any concerns about his Page 114 Page 116

| 1  | performance as Commissioner." You refer to  | 1  | Q. Did you know whether Mr Pyle or   |
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| 2  | the unjust request. Was that a quotation of   | 2  | anybody else had expressed a preference for  |
| 3  | Mr McGrail or was that your own assessment  | 3  | a UK officer at the time of Mr McGrail's   |
| 4  | of the request?   | 4  | appointment?   |
| 5  | A. That was an expression that he was   | 5  | A. Sorry, can you repeat the question?   |
| 6  | sharing with us and I think, as a command   | 6  | Q. At the time of Mr McGrail's appointment   |
| 7  | team, we just could not understand what was   | 7  |  |
| 8  | happening because, you know, it was so  | 8  | A. No, sorry, no.  |
| 9  | sudden for this to have happened and it just  | 9  | Q were you aware?  |
| 10   | did not make sense.   | 10   | A. No.   |
| 11   | Q. Can we just turn to A529 now please?   | 11   | Q. If we can now go to your paragraph 51,  |
| 12   | This is paragraph 9 of your witness statement   | 12   | A543, you say, "Mr McGrail's departure   |
| 13   | and you say, "Perhaps of some relevance is a  | 13   | from the RGP was difficult time for me, and  |
| 14   | conversation I had on the 9th of June 2020,   | 14   | many other particularly senior officers. His   |
| 15   | the day I met Mr Nick Pyle in his capacity as   | 15   | request to retire early was a shock to us and  |
| 16   | the Acting Governor, and on Mr McGrail's  | 16   | we failed to really understand the entirety of   |
| 17   | last day with us in the RGP. In the   | 17   | the ask, or even the justification in doing so.  |
| 18   | Governor's Office, we discussed Mr Pyle's   | 18   | That remains my position and I believe our   |
| 19   | preference of having a UK Senior Police   | 19   | position. We certainly did not see it coming,  |
| 20   | Officer take command of the RGP for a short   | 20   | there were no obvious or less obvious  |
| 21   | period and we discussed this. I disagreed   | 21   | warning signs or letters which made it that  |
| 22   | with him and provided him with my   | 22   | much harder to understand or comprehend  |
| 23   | rationales. During this time, he disclosed to   | 23   | and it did raise concerns at senior  |
| 24   | me that he was not questioning my ability to  | 24   | management or Command level. Perhaps   |
| 25   | Command the RGP as the Commissioner of  | 25   | this Inquiry may illuminate the matter and   |
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O. What impact, if any, did Mr McGrail's 1 Chief Minister, and His Excellency the 2 2 retirement have on morale within the RGP as Governor has been an extremely important 3 3 far as you could tell? figure whilst I've been the commissioner of 4 4 A. I heard Mr Field say earlier on that it had police. 5 an impact at the command level. Of course it 5 Q. So do you continue to expect that 6 6 does. You know, you have your top man, the support? 7 7 leader of your organisation being asked to A. Yes. 8 8 Q. Do you have any concerns that the RGP's leave the organisation and at that time, for 9 9 independence suffered as a result of Mr me at that time, it was -- you know, it just did 10 10 not make any sense whatsoever. Yes, we McGrail's retirement? 11 11 were dealing with a number of critical A. I think again it is for this public inquiry to 12 incidents, yes we were dealing with a very 12 determine that. 13 unfortunate collision at sea. The Delhi 13 Q. What is your relationship with the Chief 14 14 inquiry, the HMIC report, but we were doing Minister like? 15 15 a lot of good stuff and it was under his A. I do a lot of my business with the 16 16 command that a lot of good stuff was Chairman of the Gibraltar Police Authority, 17 17 happening. So to see an individual go who who I am answerable to in the Police Act. I 18 always had -- who has the Royal Gibraltar 18 also work extremely closely, together with 19 19 Police at his heart, to see him go the way he His Excellency the Governor, who has been a 20 20 did was heart breaking. very big support of the Royal Gibraltar 21 Q. Did Mr McGrail's retirement have any 21 Police and supported us during this 22 22 challenging time, and the Chief Minister is a impact on how the senior management team 23 23 conducts itself? person that I will go to for matters of finance. 24 24 A. Sorry, in what respect? Q. Would you say you have a good working 25 25 Q. In conducting their duties. relationship with him? Page 121 Page 123 1 A. I am sorry, I just do not understand the 1 A. Yes. Q. The next topic I want to ask you about is 2 question. In what context? 2 3 3 Q. You have explained your experience and the allegations of job offers in response to 4 the impact it had on morale, his departure 4 evidence. Are whistle blower protections 5 5 and the manner of his departure. Did that available to all members of the RGP? 6 have any impact going forwards on the senior 6 A. So there are a number of ways, the way 7 7 management team's conduct of its own work? we deal with whistle blowers. The whole 8 8 A. Obviously, I think the rest of the whistle blower has only come to light simply 9 9 command team was well shared. I think my because of this public inquiry, but the Royal 10 10 view is we were pretty upset about the fact Gibraltar Police expects its officers to report 11 11 that he was leaving us, but I remember one matters and to report matters of, you know, 12 thing that Mr McGrail said before he left. 12 criminal matters or matters of unacceptable 13 13 Q. Take your time, Mr Ullger. behaviour, particularly inside the 14 A. And he said that the Royal Gibraltar 14 organisation and this is why we have the 15 15 codes of ethics. The code of ethics sits at the Police was more important than him and he 16 16 expected us to take it forward. heart of everything that we do and 17 Q. Did you feel that you could fulfil your 17 determines our principles in policing and our 18 18 duties without fear or favour going forwards? standards of behaviour. So the code of ethics 19 19 is very, very important to us but we have also A. We had to. 20 20 Q. Has it had any impact on the senior got other ways and means that people can 21 21 management team's expectation as to support report matters that are affecting them 22 22 that it will receive from the government, internally in the organisation. So recently, a 23 23 from the Attorney General, from the DPP? lot of the work that we did in respect of the 24 24 A. Professionally, we seek support from the counter corruption work, as a result of the 25 DPP, the AG, the Minister for Policing, the 25 HMIC inspection, was having an anonymous Page 122 Page 124

1 reporting tool in the organisation which 1 him to concerns. I had about these 2 2 allows individuals to report anonymously to individuals specifically serious reservations 3 the counter corruption, or the professional 3 about their integrity. I also informed the 4 standards teams about matters which they 4 Governor that I had informed Mr McGrail of 5 5 this, as it was important to do so on the feel that should be investigated by them, 6 6 completely independent, and they are grounds of Mr McGrail's own position." You 7 7 refer to three officers here. Do you know if independent, completely independent from 8 8 those three officers have given evidence to me and they only report to the determining 9 9 officer, who is the Assistant Commissioner. this inquiry? 10 Then of course, we get some work in respect 10 A. I believe they have, yes. 11 11 of the grievance process and we have got a Q. You say in fact it -- sorry, in paragraph 12 grievance policy in place which allows 12 29, you say, "In fact, it subsequently 13 officers to go to grievance handlers, to 13 transpired that these three individuals gave 14 14 grievance managers, supported by a witness statements in a matter entirely 15 15 grievance champion, who reports to the unrelated to Operation Delhi or Hassans Law 16 16 Gibraltar Police Authority matters where Firm" and you refer to a judicial review 17 17 people may wish to report matters of claim. I just want to focus on the inquiry. 18 grievance. Then of course we have got the 18 You say you believe that they have given 19 **Employment Act, where we support people** 19 evidence to the inquiry. Are you aware 20 20 whether their evidence has been deemed and protect people who wish to become 21 whistle blowers. 21 relevant by the inquiry? 22 22 Q. Have there been examples of people A. I believe not. 23 availing themselves of that procedure within 23 Q. At A130 -- can we turn to A130 please, 24 the RGP? 24 which is Mr McGrail's third witness 25 25 A. No. statement. Paragraph 155. Mr McGrail says, Page 125 Page 127 1 Q. What would the procedure entail? 1 "On the 19th of February 2021 I received 2 A. The procedure would be them coming to 2 information from the Commissioner of 3 3 me as being the authority in place to be able Police, Richard Ullger, concerning a 4 4 suspected conspiracy against me. This to offer them the protection. 5 5 Q. If we go to your paragraph 28 please, related to two police officers who were 6 which is on A535, this is in response to a 6 subject to investigation for corrupt/improper 7 7 practices who were off work on sick leave. question by the inquiry as to the background 8 8 and circumstances to your report to His Because of their extended period of sickness 9 9 Excellency the Governor of Gibraltar about the RGP were placing them on half pay in 10 10 ex-members of the RGP being approached by accordance with General Orders. Mr Ullger 11 persons potentially connected to Operation 11 informed me that these two officers had been 12 Delhi to make allegations of professional 12 assured that they would not go in to half pay 13 misconduct against Mr McGrail. You say, 13 and that their futures would be safeguarded 14 "This was a discussion that I had had with 14 by way of being provided alternative jobs in 15 the Governor and was related to information 15 the Environmental Protection Agency. 16 that had come to my attention from a 16 However, in exchange to being helped out, it 17 confidential source regarding the suggestion 17 was expected from these officers that they 18 that three named individuals who were ex 18 had to come forward with information 19 19 police officers had information that were (whether true or not) about me to maliciously 20 20 possibly connected to Hassans Law Firm and try and tarnish my reputation before or 21 21 Operation Delhi that were intending to make during the inquiry. Mr Ullger explained that 22 allegations of professional misconduct 22 the person offering the two officers these 23 23 against Mr McGrail. I shared the assurances was James Levy, thought it was 24 information with the Governor because I 24 also strongly believed that there was 25 thought it may be relevant and simply to alert 25 involvement from No 6 Convent Place given Page 126 Page 128

1 that the RGP had been requested NOT to put 1 of the three officers you mentioned in your 2 these officers on half pay by an official at No 2 statement? 3 6 Convent Place who deals with industrial 3 A. Yes, he is. 4 4 relations, namely Mr Michael Crome." Are Q. And has that allegation also been 5 these officers two of the three officers who 5 investigated? 6 you referred to in your statement or are they 6 A. As I have just reported, yes it is through 7 7 different individuals? the courts. They have been arrested, they 8 A. They are. 8 have been charged and they are through the 9 9 Q. They are. Has the RGP investigated 10 10 these allegations? Q. Since becoming Commissioner of Police, 11 11 how many police officers have left the RGP A. So the fact that I have reported in my 12 statement the fact that they gave statements 12 pursuant to job offers made by the Chief 13 in support of a judicial review, the mere fact 13 Minister? 14 14 that they gave false evidence is the time that A. 22 officers. 15 15 Q. What ranks were these police officers? when we investigated it and subsequently 16 16 A. There was one inspector, seven sergeants arrested them, and they have been charged 17 17 and they are before the courts. and 14 constables. 18 Q. If we can now look at paragraph 159, 18 Q. Were any of these officers awaiting 19 19 please, you say -- Mr McGrail says, "On disciplinary proceedings? 20 20 22nd October 2021, I received disturbing A. So, four officers were currently going 21 information concerning an ex-police 21 through a discipline process and one 22 22 inspector of the RGP. This information was constable was being criminally investigated. 23 Q. If an officer leaves the RGP with pending 23 not dissimilar in nature to the one provided 24 24 by CoP Richard Ullger relating to the two disciplinary proceedings, what happens to 25 25 officers who were being asked to conspire those proceedings? Page 129 Page 131 1 against me. The ex-inspector is in fact a 1 A. So unfortunately, like any other 2 close acquaintance of these two other officers 2 employment, the RGP does not have any 3 3 previously referred to. They had previously recourse to be able to pursue any discipline 4 worked in a same small unit in the RGP and 4 matters when an individual leaves the 5 5 now, after leaving the RGP, worked together organisation and we are hoping to change 6 in the Environmental Protection Agency. 6 that and it is part and parcel of the work that 7 7 The said ex-inspector had to leave the RGP we are doing together with the Gibraltar 8 8 on quite bad terms following his arrest for Police Authority to ensure that, like similar 9 9 domestic violence and his subsequent to our colleagues in the United Kingdom, an 10 10 internment to rehabilitate for Cocaine in order to try and have an element of trust 11 for the public, in particular to matters of 11 addiction. As mentioned earlier, he was 12 offered a post in the Environmental 12 discipline, that this is included in our 13 Protection Agency. The information 13 discipline regulations; but as they stand at 14 14 suggested that the ex-inspector had been this present moment in time, no. 15 15 offered a cash reward by James Levy in Q. Do you know of any officers being 16 16 exchange for information that could be used offered monetary payments? 17 against me. When this reward had not been 17 A. Without going into too much detail, yes. 18 Q. And the officers who left the RGP, who 18 forthcoming and having committed to 19 19 are they now employed with, as far as you making a statement or provide information 20 20 against me, he had complained but had been are aware? 21 21 assured a promotion to Executive Officer or A. The government service. 22 O. All 22 of them? 22 Higher Executive Officer within the 23 23 Environmental Protection Agency in lieu of A. I believe there -- so there are 18 that have the cash reward as this was easier to mask 24 24 transferred into -- not transferred. They have under the circumstances." Is this officer one 25 25 resigned from the Royal Gibraltar Police and Page 130 Page 132

1 they have been employed by the government 1 senior officer expect to fill in a year, in your 2 2 service and four officers retired. Are you experience? 3 aware that any of those officers have sought 3 A. So there is a difference between day 4 4 to give evidence to the inquiry? books and pocket books. So pocket books 5 5 are usually used by officers up the rank of A. Yes. 6 6 Q. Are you able to say how many? inspector, and then day books are used by 7 A. I think all of them. 7 managing officers. It can literally be 8 8 Q. And has any of their evidence been absolutely everything. You have got people 9 9 deemed relevant to this enquiry? that record a lot of information. You have 10 A. I think there is only one person. 10 got people that do not record enough 11 11 Q. Finally, I want to ask you some questions information, so it literally can be a good 12 about Mr McGrail's day book, Commissioner 12 number. 13 Ullger. If we can have the third affidavit of 13 Q. So can you just give an indication as to 14 14 Assistant Commissioner Cathal Yeats on the different ends of the spectrum? One or 15 15 screen please. This is an affidavit produced two a year? 16 16 by Mr Yeats about the RGP's search for Mr A. Oh, in a year. So, if it is a day book, it 17 17 McGrail's day book. Have you personally would be one a year usually. 18 been involved in that search? 18 Q. I see. So it will just have to --19 A. I have, yes. 19 A. Sorry, yes. 20 20 Q. What has your role entailed? Q. How many years would you expect an 21 A. Well, just essentially searching my office 21 officer to retain day books for? 22 22 and the office of the personal assistant who A. Post-service? 23 sits just next door to me. 23 Q. Post a year? 24 Q. Does the RGP have a police for the 24 A. So what usually happens is that officers 25 25 retention of day books? have been keeping their pocket books and Page 135 Page 133 1 A. We do now. 1 their day books because they make a lot of 2 2 reference to them, particularly investigating Q. When was -- sorry. 3 3 A. I am sorry, my apologies. So part and crimes but there is an expectation that they 4 parcel of the work that we did for the HMIC 4 now hand them over to our information 5 5 recommendations was implement an management and vetting unit. So during a 6 information management and vetting unit 6 reasonable time when they no longer need 7 7 which addresses and deals with all the their pocket book or their day book, it gets 8 8 management of police information and this handed in to the information management 9 9 has been a work in progress. We have and vetting unit. 10 10 managed to resource a department with an Q. What was the practice before this? 11 11 A. Officers would just keep their own books. inspector, sergeant and a number of support 12 staff and we are starting to do the work that 12 Q. Mr McGrail gave evidence to the inquiry 13 13 saying that he had handed his day book in, or we should have been doing a couple of years 14 14 left it with the RGP. Are you aware who he ago. 15 Q. When was the day book retention policy, 15 left his day book with when he left? 16 16 or whatever policy deals with that, when was A. No, I am not, not. 17 that implemented? 17 Q. Has the RGP attempted to engage with 18 18 A. A couple of months ago but there have Mr McGrail about locating the day book? 19 19 been other policies. So the whole A. I understand in conversations with the 20 20 management of police information, that has Assistant Commissioner, who was dealing 21 21 happened before that, but the day books, how with our lawyer, that it was going to be done 22 22 we deal with day books and the process of through the lawyers. 23 how we deal with it, this happened a couple 23 Q. Did Mr McGrail leave any other papers 24 24 of months ago. 25 Q. Roughly how many day books might a 25 A. He left papers which were linked to his Page 134 Page 136

role as Commissioner of Police, so he would 1 vou. The fact of the matter is that the Royal 2 2 have been part of the child protection Gibraltar Police is supported by the 3 3 committee meetings, he would have been **Government of Gibraltar's Information** 4 4 part of the Gibraltar Contingency Council Technology and Logical Department, the 5 meetings, very sensitive documents. Those 5 ITLD, they are the people that manage all our 6 were handed over to me, yes. 6 IT for us. 7 Q. To you directly? 7 Q. At present, do you have any information 8 8 as to what happened to Mr McGrail's devices A. Correct. Sorry, not to me directly, left in 9 his office and when I took command, which 9 10 10 was a month later -- so even though I became A. No. No, I do not, none whatsoever. 11 11 the Acting Commissioner when Mr McGrail Q. And does the RGP hold images of those 12 12 left us, I did not take -- I did not go into his devices? 13 office until I was actually promoted to 13 A. No. 14 14 Commissioner. Q. Thank you, Mr Ullger, I have no further 15 Q. What has happened to the papers that he 15 questions. 16 16 MR WAGNER: Sir, I may or may not have left behind? questions arising. I know it is 1:05 and I do 17 17 A. So papers which are akin to the role of 18 Commissioner and I have continued to use 18 not want to delay everybody. However, I 19 19 and have built upon because of the different would like to take instructions on a couple of 20 20 strategic meetings that I have needed to points over the adjournment if possible. 21 attend, but I have had not sight of his day 21 THE CHAIRMAN: Are you contemplating 22 22 books. having questions? 23 23 Q. Mr McGrail said in evidence that he SIR CARUANA: I am. I think I have got 24 retained some papers that he had taken from 24 about 10 minutes' worth, 10, 15 minutes' 25 25 New Mole House before the RGP attended worth, that sort of time. Page 137 Page 139 1 his premises and that he destroyed some of 1 MR SANTOS: I think if it is going to be -- it 2 those paper documents. Has the RGP 2 sounds like it is going to be at least 15 3 3 ascertained what those documents which minutes, then perhaps we should take the 4 were destroyed were? 4 break. 5 5 A. Not that I know of, no. THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, I think that is 6 Q. So is the RGP's current position that 6 probably what we ought to do. 7 7 notwithstanding Mr McGrail's -- the MR SANTOS: It is entirely in your hands 8 8 circumstances of -- the exceptional whether you want to make it a shorter lunch 9 9 circumstances of Mr McGrail's departure, or whether you wanted to --10 10 that his day book cannot be located at THE CHAIRMAN: I am entirely in 11 present? 11 everybody else's hands but it rather depends 12 A. It would appear to be the case, yes. We 12 on how long you are going to make your 13 13 decision, which you probably do not know. are making every effort possible to try and 14 14 locate them. MR WAGNER: I do not. There are a couple 15 Q. In terms of his devices, he had a desktop 15 of points that I do want to discuss. 16 and potentially had a laptop. Have those 16 THE CHAIRMAN: Okay, well, we will 17 17 devices been located or any image of them? break for lunch. 18 A. Again, I think this is a piece of work that 18 (13.06)19 19 the Assistant Commissioner has been doing (The short adjournment) 20 20 and I think we are going to be writing to you (14.04)21 21 in the form of an affidavit to be able to MR SANTOS: I just have one further 22 22 question to clarify some of the evidence of clarify matters but I know that the Assistant 23 Commissioner has been doing a lot of work 23 this morning. At one point I asked you about 24 24 to try and establish, or try and trace things three officers who were under investigation 25 like computers and laptops and what have 25 and who you gave evidence confirming that Page 138 Page 140

1 they were in fact charged and the matter was 1 A. Correct. 2 2 being dealt with by the court. There were Q. That is almost 20 per cent. 3 two officers who you dealt with first of all 3 A. Yes. 4 4 and you said that they had been charged in Q. Yes. And you say, you refer to 5 respect of the judicial review and then there 5 whistle-blowers, were those individuals 6 6 through the formal RGP processes deemed to was an inspector and I just wanted to clarify, 7 7 be whistle-blowers? you said that that person had also been 8 8 charged. Is that in relation to the judicial A. There was no formal process with the 9 9 review as well? Royal Gibraltar Police. 10 10 Q. No. Sir, if you do not mind, I am going A. Correct. 11 to refer to them as the officers who were 11 MR SANTOS: Thank you. 12 Questioned by MR WAGNER KC 12 given job offers. Had anything similar to that 13 MR WAGNER: Thank you, good afternoon, 13 ever happened before in your knowledge? 14 14 commissioner Ullger ... Ullger. A. Not that I know of, no. 15 15 A. As you please. Q. And it must have been a very challenging 16 16 situation for the RGP. Q. Excuse me. No, as you please, it is your 17 17 name. As somebody whose surname is A. It was very challenging because the 18 mispronounced pretty much 50 per cent of 18 organisation was going through change, 19 19 the time I really want to get it right. a change process, because of HMIC. We 20 20 So just in terms of the job offers, I think you were expected to deliver on the HMIC 21 said that 22 officers had left, 18 were in 21 inspection. Um, we were expected to open 22 22 government employment and four had a new department to deal with those HMIC 23 23 retired. Is that right? recommendations, but then at the same time 24 24 A. Correct. we had a massive gap in resilience and we 25 25 Q. Yes. How many RGP officers are there were constantly challenged by the Police Page 141 Page 143 1 in total? 1 Federation chairman in that regard. 2 2 Q. Sorry, I did not quite get that. Did you A. Our complement is always around 250, 3 3 but we are never 250 because we are always say a massive gap in resilience? 4 shy of the 250 because people leave the 4 A. Correct. When you talk about 40, at our 5 5 organisation, retire and move on to worst it was 42 officers. 6 somewhere else. So we are never at the 250. 6 Q. Sorry, what was 42 officers? 7 7 A. When you take the global picture, the And that is police officers, yes. 8 8 Q. So 22 would be a pretty significant global number, you are talking about 9 9 proportion of those just under 250. whistle-blowers, you are talking about police 10 10 A. Massive. officers that ... other police officers that 11 Q. Massive. Close to 10 per cent. 11 retire, other people that move over to 12 A. Um, not close to 10 per cent, no. 12 another --13 13 Q. Sorry, I understand now. So the figure Q. Okay, well, maybe. 14 14 A. But when you take into ... so, there is was 22. If you add that --15 15 A. Sorry, you asked me about the impact it a figure that we have in our organisation 16 16 when we were managing the whistle-blowers had on the organisation and I gave you what 17 and the individuals leaving our organisation 17 was at our worst, which was 42 officers at 18 18 and it always came to a fifth. When we had the same time. 19 19 ... at our worst point in our organisation when Q. So you reached the 20 per cent figure by 20 20 we were managing the whistle-blowers adding the 22 to what you might think of as 21 21 the usual (inaudible) officers. leaving our organisation and other leavers, 22 22 genuine other leavers being officers retiring A. Correct. 23 or moving somewhere else, it was almost 23 Q. Yes. 24 24 A. Because don't forget as well, there is a fifth of our organisation. 25 25 Q. It was almost a fifth of the organisation? a delay in recruitment because the Page 142 Page 144

1 organisation goes through a very ... (pause). 1 A. I have no idea. Those are questions that 2 Q. Sorry, did someone say something? 2 you may have to pose other people, but I just 3 SIR PETER CARUANA: Sir Peter coughed. 3 do not have any idea what was happening 4 4 That is all that happened. with people from my workforce. 5 MR WAGNER: Excuse me. You were 5 Q. And you do not know if there were 6 talking about delay in recruitment. 6 vacancies that were being filled. 7 A. Correct, so when you are looking at 7 8 recruiting people, you go through a process 8 Q. And if the government departments had 9 9 and the Royal Gibraltar Police is known to contacted others in the RGP who may have 10 10 have a very rigid recruitment process where known about disciplinary issues or the 11 11 calibre of the individuals, would you have we go out to try to attract people. We then 12 interview them, going through the interview 12 been told that? 13 stages. 13 A. I think so, because the whole 14 14 whistle-blower issue in our organisation was THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, we need not go 15 15 down that avenue. being dealt with at the command level 16 16 A. I was just trying to explain, because of because of the impact it was having on our 17 17 the gap, yes. organisation in respect of resilience. 18 MR WAGNER: Were Hassans involved in 18 Q. Yes. Do you know whether any of the 22 19 19 officers were providing critical evidence the job offers? 20 20 about Mr McGrail to this Inquiry? A. I don't know. 21 Q. You do not know. Disciplinary charges, 21 A. That would be up to the chairman to 22 22 you say that there were some officers who decide, not me. But, um --23 23 were charged at the point they left. THE CHAIRMAN: The word "critical" is 24 24 A. No, I said that they were being ambiguous. 25 25 investigated. MR WAGNER: Sorry, sir. Were they Page 147 Page 145 1 Q. Investigated, yes, investigated. So they 1 making criticisms of Mr McGrail? 2 were being investigated and the investigation 2 A. Some were, yes. 3 3 Q. Yes. And do you know if similar job ceased when they left. 4 A. Correct. 4 offers were made to officers who were giving 5 5 Q. The officers who moved to government supported evidence for Mr McGrail? 6 6 departments, did those government A. No. 7 departments ever come to you to ask for 7 Q. You do not know. Were you offered 8 8 details of disciplinary investigations against a job when you gave evidence to this 9 9 those officers? Inquiry? 10 10 A. Mr Wagner said that there was no A. No, I wasn't. 11 Q. As far as you were aware, were any of communication whatsoever with the 11 12 government service with Royal Gibraltar 12 Mr Field, Mr Richardson or Mr Yeats offered 13 13 jobs when they gave evidence to this Police in respect of the whistle-blowers, 14 14 nothing. Inquiry? 15 Q. They did not ask for references? 15 A. I don't think they were, no. A. Nothing. 16 16 Q. Were the Operation Delhi investigation 17 Q. Do you have any idea how the 17 team offered jobs if their positions became government departments would have known 18 18 untenable when they were investigating 19 19 about the calibre of the individuals that they allegations against Mr Levy? 20 20 were taking on? 21 21 Q. Do you know of any other jobs that were A. No idea. 22 offered apart from these 22? 22 Q. Do you know if they were interviewed? 23 23 A. No. 24 Q. You do not know or you do not think 24 Q. I just want to take you to C6932, please. 25 25 (Pause). If we can just go a little bit further they were? Page 146 Page 148

| 1        | down. This is a document entitled: "9          | 1                                      | that the RGP is an organisation with limited    |
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| 2        | February". Just go a little bit further down   | 1 2                                    | resources. Is that right?                       |
| 3        | than that. Do you recognise this document?     | 2 3                                    | A. We have the resources available to us.       |
| 4        | Obviously please do not say the name of the    | 4                                      | O. Yes.   |
| 5        | individual whose name is redacted.             | 5                                      | A. Every Commissioner wants more                |
| 6        | A. I can't remember seeing it, but I may have  | $\begin{vmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \end{vmatrix}$ | A. Every Commissioner wants more resources.     |
| 7        | seen it.                                       | 7                                      | Q. Yes.   |
| 8        | Q. Is this the kind of assurance letter which  | 8                                      | A. Every Chief Constable does the same.         |
| 9        | was provided to the 22 individuals as far as   | 9                                      | But yes.  |
| 10       | you are aware?                                 | 10                                     | Q. Yes. And you said in your evidence that      |
| 11       | A. It looks like it.                           | 11                                     | HMIC comes in and makes a lot of asks of        |
| 12       | Q. And they are signed by Mr Chrome and        | 12                                     | you. Unless you receive additional resources    |
| 13       | the Chief Minister. It says there:             | 13                                     | you as Commissioner have to decide what to      |
| 14       | "X is not yet of retirement age and            | 14                                     | prioritise. Is that fair?                       |
| 15       | consequently if their position becomes         | 15                                     | A. Yes.   |
| 16       | untenable would require redeployment into      | 16                                     | Q. And if you need to create different          |
| 17       | the wider public sector through employment     | 17                                     | departments, because that is what HMIC had      |
| 18       | with the Gibraltar Development                 | 18                                     | recommended, that means potentially, unless     |
| 19       | Corporation."                                  | 19                                     | you have been given additional resources,       |
| 20       | And then:                                      | 20                                     | that might mean rebalancing other parts of      |
| 21       | "If this were to become the case, approval is  | 21                                     | the RGP.  |
| 22       | sought to commit to offering the following     | 22                                     | A. Correct.                                     |
| 23       | terms and conditions [and then there is] the   | 23                                     | Q. Is that fair as well?                        |
| 24       | grade 4 level, current RGP salary scale,       | 24                                     | A. Correct.                                     |
| 25       | retention of further allowance, retention of   | 25                                     | Q. And you have said that you did not have      |
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| 1        | current pension rights."                       | 1                                      | any more resources fundamentally than           |
| 2        | Just focusing on the point in paragraph 2      | 2                                      | Mr McGrail did. Is that right?                  |
| 3        | where it says: "If their position becomes      | 3                                      | A. Correct.                                     |
| 4        | untenable", did the Chief Minister's office    | 4                                      | Q. You said that in the 18 months that he       |
| 5        | ever contact the RGP to ask for information    | 5                                      | had available to him to implement the           |
| 6        | about whether an officer's position had        | 6                                      | findings of the previous report, one of         |
| 7        | become untenable?                              | 7                                      | Mr McGrail's focuses was maintaining the        |
| 8        | A. No.   | 8                                      | levels of frontline policing and that was       |
| 9        | Q. Was there any process in place, as far as   | 9                                      | potentially at the expense of implementing      |
| 10       | you were aware, for the Chief Minister to      | 10                                     | some of the recommendations. Is that fair?      |
| 11       | investigate that question?                     | 11                                     | A. Absolutely.                                  |
| 12       | A. There was no                                | 12                                     | Q. Did you hear any points, either whilst he    |
| 13       | MR CRUZ: I am sorry to rise without giving     | 13                                     | was in the process of leaving or after he left, |
| 14       | the counsel and the Inquiry advance notice.    | 14                                     | that Mr McGrail was criticised in May and       |
| 15       | We run a real risk of running into ongoing     | 15                                     | June by the Chief Minister or the Governor      |
| 16       | criminal investigations and I am just          | 16                                     | about the HMIC report?                          |
| 17       | concerned with the line of questioning. I just | 17                                     | A. No.  |
| 18       | raise that because it is important that I do.  | 18                                     | Q. No. Did you have to make difficult           |
| 19       | MR WAGNER: I will stop. If that                | 19                                     | decisions about where to allocate resources     |
| 20       | short-circuits it, I will stop this line of    | 20                                     | to ensure that the HMIC when they returned      |
| 21       | questioning. That is all I wanted to ask       | 21                                     | could conclude the RGP had implemented          |
| 22       | anyway and I will proceed.                     | 22                                     | A. Extremely difficult.                         |
| 23       | The second area, and in fact the only other    | 23                                     | Q their report? Extremely difficult.            |
| 24<br>25 | area I wanted to ask you about, was the        | 24                                     | Were any frontline officers relocated as        |
| 23       | HMIC report. I am sure you would agree         | 25                                     | a result of decisions you had to make?          |
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1 Q. Would you agree that different A. So, it was ...as a result of an impact, not 2 2 only on HMIC, but because of the commissioners might make different 3 3 whistleblowers that we ended up, so together decisions which, nonetheless, are part of a 4 4 with the Assistant Commissioner we created sort of reasonable range of responses? 5 5 an operation to deal with that resilience of A. Yes. 6 6 GAP and we closed certain departments Q. Looking back on why Mr McGrail 7 down which were not high-risk areas for us. 7 decided to allocate resources in the way that 8 8 (14.17)he did in those 18 months, do you look back 9 MR WAGNER: Such as what? 9 and say that was definitely the wrong 10 A. I wouldn't really want to say because it 10 decision? 11 has an impact on police con --11 A. No. Not at all. 12 Q. Do not say --12 Q. Sorry, just two small points about the 13 A. - trust and the way we do business. 13 HMIC report and then I am done. B1556, 14 Q. That is fine. 14 please. The first line of the overview of the 15 15 A. But certainly what it was, it was the areas report, "Gibraltar is a relatively safe place 16 where we don't have high risks. 16 and the Royal Gibraltar Police offers a good 17 Q. Does that mean high risks of damage to 17 level of service to the public". Would you 18 individuals or --18 say that that conclusion that the RGP offered 19 A. No. Crime, safety, security of Gibraltar. 19 a good level of service to the public was an 20 Q. Yes. Was there a consequent impact on 20 important one? 21 the visibility of policing in Gibraltar as a 21 A. I believe so, yes. 22 22 Q. At B1580. If we can go to the bottom of result? 23 23 A. Yes. there - sorry, not to the bottom of the box; 24 24 Q. Was it a positive or negative impact? the leadership style and culture - there are a 25 25 A. Negative. number of points which are critical, but there Page 155 Page 153 1 Q. So, people saw less police on the streets? 1 is a final line, "... that said on the whole we 2 A. From both externally and internally from 2 found a work force that was professional, 3 3 the federation, Mr Morello himself. committed and enthusiastic about their work 4 Q. Since Mr McGrail left, has the crime 4 and the force they worked in". Would you 5 5 level gone up? say that that was a finding that was important 6 A. So, that's - that is a very difficult 6 in the context of the report? 7 7 question to answer because our crime A. Absolutely. 8 8 recording has changed --Q. Do you disagree with either of those 9 Q. Yes. 9 findings? 10 10 A. -- considerably so it would be difficult to A. No. Not at all. 11 know whether crime has gone up or not. If (Short discussion aside) 11 12 you understand what I am saying because 12 MR WAGNER: I am very sorry, Mr Ullger. 13 crime is recorded differently, so now we 13 Can we just have on screen the email that Mr 14 have more victims of crimes because of the 14 Ullger, or the RGP disclosed in the last 15 way we record it. So, it elevates your crime. 15 couple of days. the 2023 email. 16 Q. Well, that is one interpretation of it, is 16 MALE SPEAKER: (inaudible) 17 17 that fair? MR WAGNER: I think so, yes. I do not 18 A. Correct. 18 have a - I do not think there is a reference. 19 19 Q. So, in the latest GPA reports which I That is it, yes. (To the witness) There is a 20 think was '21 and '22, the levels - it said the 20 line that you were not taken to; I just want to 21 21 levels had gone up. ask you about it. It is in the second 22 22 paragraph at the end. It says, "The negativity A. Yes. 23 23 Q. Yes. Would you agree that none of these that festers among the chairman and the 24 decisions and balances are straightforward? 24 secretary is palpable in everything they do, 25 A. None at all. 25 and I am concerned they don't represent you Page 154 Page 156

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1 all, but others". What did you mean by 1 A. For a month, sir, yes. 2 2 "others"? Q. Immediately? 3 A. Correct. A. A lot of the focus was made on the 3 4 4 whistleblowers by the Federation, and I felt Q. By April of - that is June 2020 then, and 5 that they were protecting the whistleblowers 5 by April 2022, you were inspected again by 6 more than they were protecting the whole of 6 HMIC. 7 the workforce, and I say this because the 7 A. That is correct, sir. 8 8 Royal Gibraltar Police was suffering Q. They found that you had complied with 9 immensely of the resilience gap that we had. 9 all the outstanding 2016 inspection report. 10 So, where we wanted to try and attract people 10 A. Bar three, that still were partially 11 implemented, all had been implemented. to come back and work for us in respect for 11 12 the whistleblowers to help us in respect of 12 Yes, sir. 13 the gap, I felt that the federation were hurting 13 Q. Yes. So, you were able to do it in one 14 year and ten months? 14 us more. 15 15 Q. Thank you. A. Yes, we did. 16 MR NEISH: Just a question for Mr Ullger. 16 Q. Did you get additional resources to do 17 17 A. Yes, sir. that? 18 MR NEISH: You described earlier this 18 A. No, we did not. 19 morning, your relationship with His 19 Q. Okay. Again, just to give you - moving 20 Excellency the Governor. Would you 20 on. Sorry, moving on from there now. Just 21 describe your relationship with the Gibraltar 21 to give you an opportunity by way of 22 22 Police Authority? memory triggering - if it does, and indeed if 23 23 A. I have a very good working relationship it helps - you said today - in fact, I was 24 going to ask you to clarify paragraph 51 of with Mr Joey Britto. We have always - I 24 25 have always reached out to him when I have 25 your witness statement to see if it meant that, Page 157 Page 159 1 needed to discuss with him matters or critical 1 but you clarified it yourself when you said 2 incidents or resourcing issues. Very 2 that you --3 3 supportive. THE CHAIRMAN: You have not asked him 4 MR NEISH: Thank you. 4 a question. 5 5 Cross-examined by SIR PETER CARUANA SIR PETER CARUANA: -- you had no - I 6 SIR PETER CARUANA: Good afternoon, 6 beg your pardon, sir? 7 7 THE CHAIRMAN: I have got a bit lost in Commissioner. 8 8 A. Hello, Sir Peter. the question. 9 9 Q. Commissioner, just to start where my SIR PETER CARUANA: I have not asked a 10 10 learned friend Mr Wagner finished, just to question. 11 separate, or to give you the opportunity to THE CHAIRMAN: I appreciate that. That 11 12 separate, if that is your position, the question 12 is why (inaudible due to over-speaking) 13 of whistleblowing from HMIC 13 SIR PETER CARUANA: Sorry? 14 implementation - report implementation. Is 14 THE CHAIRMAN: That is precisely my 15 it your evidence that policing in Gibraltar 15 16 suffered and crime rose because of the 16 SIR PETER CARUANA: Well, I am about 17 resources that you had to employ to comply 17 to start asking the question. I am giving him 18 or to implement the HMIC arrears of --18 some back ground information --19 19 A. No, sir. No. THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, but I will not -20 Q. You meant because of the whistle 20 SIR PETER CARUANA: I will get to the 21 21 blowing department? background information -22 22 A. Correct. Yes. THE CHAIRMAN: Everyone loses the 23 Q. So, you took over... When Mr McGrail 23 thread in the course of these long 24 24 retires, you took over on an acting basis, I dissertations. 25 suppose in June. 25 SIR PETER CARUANA: -- quite quickly. Page 158 Page 160

1 Let me just ask you this. This morning you 1 reasons why he had lost confidence in Mr 2 2 said that you had no idea why Mr Pyle had McGrail. 3 lost confidence in Mr McGrail. 3 A. Never, sir. 4 4 A. That is correct, sir. Q. Okay. Whistleblowing. Again, an 5 Q. You also said that you did not meet 5 opportunity to clarify in case you were led by 6 anyone else after that. Do you recall that? 6 my learned friend Mr Santos and had not 7 7 focused on the wording of his question. My 8 Q. You did not meet anyone else after Mr 8 learned friend asked you a question in which 9 McGrail's departure to discuss that. 9 you referred to job offers made by the Chief 10 A. Sorry, I think I answered it in respect of 10 Minister, and you confirmed there were 22. Do you remember that? 11 Mr Pyle, but I saw Mr Pyle, and I did not see 11 12 anyone after Mr Pyle. 12 A. Yes. 13 Q. Right, after the meeting --13 Q. Were you answering the precise question, 14 14 A. With Mr Pyle. in other words is it your evidence that to your 15 15 Q. -- in his office. knowledge 22 job offers were made by the 16 16 A. Correct. So, basically what I was saying Chief Minister personally? 17 17 is that I would carry on as Acting A. No. And this is in the wider context, Sir 18 Commissioner in an interim. 18 Peter, this is whistleblowers leaving the 19 Q. Okay. Do you have any recollection of a 19 **Royal Gibraltar Police into the government** 20 20 meeting with Mr Pyle at the waterfront? service. 21 A. Yes. 21 Q. I understand. That is why I --22 Q. Shortly after Mr McGrail's departure? 22 A. Yes, okay. 23 A. No. It was two years after Mr McGrail -23 Q. ... offered you the opportunity to clarify 24 if I remember correctly, it was round 24 your answer, because it was contained in the 25 25 Christmas time two years. question, the reference to the Chief Minister Page 161 Page 163 1 Q. So you do not recall a meeting with Mr 1 was contained in the question, not in your 2 Pyle in the Waterfront in which he explained 2 answer, which is why I wanted to give you 3 3 to you his reasons for losing confidence in the opportunity just to make the very point 4 Mr McGrail? 4 that you have made. Thank you. So can I 5 5 A. No. No, so the - if I can tell you what the ask you then this about whistleblowing? If a 6 conversation was about? 6 whistleblowing policy requires somebody to 7 7 be redeployed within the organisation, what Q. If you wish. 8 8 A. So essentially when I became the would that mean in the context of the RGP? 9 9 Commissioner I took over Mr McGrail's Where could they be redeployed to? 10 10 remaining two years, and then when my two A. It really depends on who the 11 11 years were up, because we were going whistleblower is reporting on, because if the 12 through the HMIC inspection, his Excellency 12 whistleblower is reporting on a commander 13 the Governor and Chairman of the Gibraltar 13 of that division you would move that officer 14 Police Authority decided that I would be 14 away from that division, maybe to another 15 15 given a one year extension to see us through division, or even move that commander from 16 16 the HMIC inspection. It was at that stage one division to another division. 17 17 that Mr Pyle wanted to meet up with me Q. But if a whistleblower were blowing a 18 because he still believed that the vacancy 18 whistle in circumstances which made his - or 19 19 should be open to UK Police serving officers her, for that matter - position within the 20 20 Force threatening to them, do you agree with and that Mr Pyle was going to be made it 21 21 known to his Excellency, and he felt that he me that in the context of the divide between 22 22 needed to tell me about it, and that's what we public and private sector the only place 23 spoke about. 23 where they could be redeployed would be 24 Q. Okay. So your evidence is that Mr Pyle 24 somewhere else in the public sector. 25 has never met with you to explain to you his 25 A. I disagree, sir, because police officers

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aren't part of the public sector, we are police 1 you shared your whistleblowing information 2 2 officers and we're not Crown servants. investigations with Mr McGrail, who was no 3 3 Q. You are not public officers? longer a member of the police force? 4 4 A. So Mr McGrail was the Commissioner of A. No, we're not part of the public sector, we 5 are separate to the public sector. 5 Police, left under very difficult circumstances 6 THE CHAIRMAN: I think he is taking issue 6 we felt at the time, and the information that 7 with the way that you have phrased the 7 came to me was that in fact these three 8 8 question. officers were attempting to provide evidence 9 9 SIR PETER CARUANA: Where else could against him in respect of misconduct matters. 10 10 a police - if it is not the public sector, Now, the three officers that were named to 11 11 elsewhere in the public sector, it can only be me were officers that I don't trust, were 12 the private sector. Where else could a police 12 officers that no longer belonged to my 13 officer in need of redeployment under 13 organisation, that are officers that don't 14 14 whistleblowing be redeployed? adhere to the Code of Ethics and officers 15 15 A. We would manage it, like we manage our who have since been arrested and charged 16 16 officers in our grievance process and and are before the courts, so I think my 17 17 anywhere else in the organisation, as we have assumption at the time with the facts I had 18 done so in the past before. We have had a 18 available to me, I thought it was important to 19 19 senior, a relatively senior officer making tell Mr McGrail, principally for his safety. I 20 20 allegations against a very senior officer, and feared that something could happen to Mr 21 that senior officer continued - the 21 McGrail. 22 22 whistleblower continued to work in the Q. His physical safety? 23 23 division that he worked in, because we A. His safety, sir, physical as well. 24 ensured that we offered him that protection if 24 Q. Okay. I am going to make the most 25 25 he needed it. general possible allusion to it. Mr McGrail Page 165 Page 167 1 O. When I asked Mr McGrail whether the 1 was prosecuted for a particular offence, do 2 Commissioner of Police was the employer of 2 you recall that? 3 3 police constables, which I think is probably A. I do, sir. 4 the position under the Act, he said that he did 4 Q. Was the complainant in that case one of 5 5 not think so, that this was the HR department the officers involved in the whistleblowing? A. No, they weren't. 6 and the government and all this comes in. 6 7 7 Q. The person in question was not involved. Does that not strike you as being in practice 8 8 A. In the disclosure information that I gave the reality? 9 9 A. It is, and it is something that the Royal Mr McGrail? 10 10 Gibraltar Police wants to come away from. Q. No, no, no. 11 Q. Yes, but as we speak the position is as it 11 A. Oh, sorry. 12 is. 12 Q. No, no, generally, were they amongst the 13 13 A. It is, sir. 22 or --14 Q. So in the context of whether police 14 A. Yes, yes. Yes. 15 officers are Crown officers - I am just trying 15 Q. The person in question was. 16 to use the widest possible expression - the 16 A. I'm sorry, sir, if I may? 17 highest level of non-private sector employee, 17 Q. Of course. 18 if there was a genuine need, and I am not 18 A. Potentially the only genuine 19 19 asking you to accept that there were genuine whistleblower. 20 20 needs here, if there was a genuine need to Q. Potentially the only genuine 21 redeploy an officer out of the RGP for 21 whistleblower. 22 A. In my view. 22 whistleblowing reasons, that could only be 23 elsewhere in the public sector, could it not? 23 Q. Okay, that is your view. Do you recall what the Magistrate said about 24 24 A. Possibly, yes. 25 Q. Would you like to say, Mr Ullger, why 25 whistleblowing in that case, about Page 166 Page 168

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| 1        | inducement?  | 1     | meetings in there, but no-one took over his                                 |
|----------|--|-------|---|
| 2        | A. No, sir.  | 2     | •   |
| 3        | Q. You are not aware the finding that the  | 3     | Q. No. Okay, thank you very much for that                                   |
| 4        | Magistrate made when handing down his  | 4     | distinction. You did not move into his office                               |
| 5        | verdict?   | 5     | <del></del>   |
| 6        | A. No, sir.  | 6     | A. Correct, sir.  |
| 7        | Q. About there not being in his view any   | 7     | Q to work from it, but you did go into                                      |
| 8        | evidence of inducement.  | 8     | his office in a physical sense from time to                                 |
| 9        | A. No, sir.  | 9     | time.   |
| 10       | Q. Okay. We have heard in evidence how   | 10    | A. Correct, sir, yes.   |
| 11       | Mr McGrail retained and then destroyed   | 11    | Q. Thank you for that clarification. Was his                                |
| 12       | information when he left - he took when he   | 12    | laptop and his desktop then in his room?                                    |
| 13       | left and subsequently destroyed information  | 13    | A. It would have been left as he would have                                 |
| 14       | relating to Operation Delhi, is that correct?                                      | 14    | left it. Sir, if he would have left his desktop                             |
| 15       | A. I believe so, yes, sir.   | 15    | and his laptop there, yes.  |
| 16       | Q. Yes. You said in answer to my learned   | 16    | Q. Where are they now, if they were there                                   |
| 17       | friend that you had not been able to ascertain                                     | 17    | when he left?   |
| 18       | what that information was. Is it permitted for                                     | 18    | A. So in respect of his desktop, I moved in                                 |
| 19       | police officers to take official information                                       | 19    | with my desktop and the desktop that was                                    |
| 20       | away with them when they retire from the   | 20    | there was returned to the ITLD employees                                    |
| 21       | force?   | 21    | that work for us. So I brought my desktop                                   |
| 22       | A. No, sir.  | 22    | from my office with me.   |
| 23       | Q. What can an officer that does that expect                                       | 23    | Q. Right, and his desktop, which was then                                   |
| 24       | to happen to him or her?   | 24    | there - are you confirming that it was there or                             |
| 25       | A. In respect of taking the data?  | 25    | are you speaking hypothetically because it                                  |
|          |  |       |   |
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| 1        | Q. Yes, and/or destroying it for that matter.                                      | 1     | would have been   |
| 2        | A. There are issues that are currently - I   | 2     | A. I'm really speaking I can't remember                                     |
| 3        | don't think I can maybe speak about certain  | 3     | the removal of it because we're talking about                               |
| 4        | issues, sir.   | 4     | four years ago, but that's probably what                                    |
| 5        | Q. All right, I do not want to put you in any                                      | 5     | happened: I moved in with my desktop, I                                     |
| 6        | difficulty. It is not permitted, that is - your                                    | 6     | would have connected it to all the cables and                               |
| 7        | answer was not permitted. That is okay. So   | 7     | screens or what have you, and his desktop                                   |
| 8        | when Mr McGrail retired on that day in June  | 8     | would have gone to ITLD and it would have                                   |
| 9        | 2020 you, as the Assistant Commissioner,   | 9     | been cleaned and then used by   |
| 10       | immediately took over.   | 10    | Q. And this is ITLD   |
| 11       | A. That's right, sir.  | 11    | A. (Government?)  |
| 12       | Q. You moved into his office?  | 12    | Q person who is   |
| 13       | A. No, sir.  | 13    | A. Working from New Mole House Police                                       |
| 14       | Q. Did you go into his office?   | 14    | Station, sir,   |
| 15       | A. No, sir.  | 15    | Q who is seconded permanently   |
| 16       | Q. For any purpose?  | 16    | A. Seconded, sir.   |
| 17       | A. No, sir.  | 17    | Q. Your in-house IT person.   |
| 18       | Q. To take over papers or files or?  | 18    | A. Correct. Not permanently. They spend three to six months stints with us. |
| 19       | A. No, the - so we made it clear that the Commissioner's office would remain as it | 19    |   |
| 20<br>21 | was until we knew who the new  | 20 21 | Q. And the same with the laptop.  |
| 21       | Commissioner would be, and I continued to  | 21 22 | A. I have no recollection of any laptop whatsoever.                         |
| 23       | work from my office. There may have been   | 23    | Q. Is the data from RGP laptops and   |
| 23       | meetings in his - because he had a boardroom                                       | 24    | desktops not backed up to the cloud or some                                 |
| 25       | table and we may have had one or two   | 25    | equivalent remote storage facility?   |
| <u></u>  | with the many many many officer that   |       | 1 stormg- ruentry.  |
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A. Unless we do work on the server, that's 1 speak. 2 2 where it's only held. Q. Thank you, Commissioner. You have 3 3 Q. So if Mr McGrail's desktop now cannot said that --- moving on to a wholly different 4 4 issue now, Operation Delhi, you have said be found, if his laptop now cannot be found 5 and if the RGP does not back up on to the 5 that then Commissioner McGrail then one 6 6 day returned to New Mole House saying he cloud or some similar service, is it the 7 7 was displeased with the support he was position - and his laptop and his desktop have 8 8 getting from the Attorney General in relation either been removed or wiped, just to borrow 9 9 to the investigation. Do you recall saying your word, is it the position that the RGP has 10 10 lost all access to the entirety of Mr McGrail's that? 11 11 data and content of his laptop and desktop all A. That's correct, it is in my statement. 12 the years that he was ...? 12 Q. I think this morning you have clarified, if 13 A. Being the computer peasant that I am, I 13 I have correctly understood you, but please 14 14 correct me if I have not, that this was before wouldn't know the details but I'm sure there 15 15 is stuff that we hold that belongs to Mr 12 May? 16 McGrail when he was the Commissioner 16 A. That is correct. 17 17 Q. Would he have reported that just to you with us and as a police officer. 18 Q. Yes, there is a particular email at B74 -18 or to the senior management team more 19 19 you do not need to turn to it - which is an generally? 20 20 email to self, dated 12 May, which Mr A. Probably to myself and the SIO involved 21 McGrail says he prepared on his laptop from 21 in the investigation but I can only remember 22 22 notes that he had created on his desktop. that it was us at the time in that conversation. 23 23 Would that be - we have asked for it and Mr Q. So you would expect Mr Richardson to 24 Yeats has given an affidavit saying that none 24 recall that if it had happened? 25 25 of it can be found. A. I can only assume. Page 173 Page 175 1 A. I think we're still making efforts to try 1 Q. You also --- in relation to this point about 2 and locate it. That is still happening, it's not 2 not getting support for the investigation from 3 3 that it isn't. the Attorney General, how is the Attorney 4 4 General's support for an investigation as Q. Yes. I cannot ask you to answer for Mr 5 5 Yeats and I am sure if that is what he says opposed to a prosecution relevant to the 6 this is what is true, but I noticed that he said 6 7 7 neither device is currently in the A. Providing legal advice and support. 8 8 Commissioner of Police's offices. Currently Q. You take legal advice from the Attorney 9 9 as opposed to when? It must have been there General in respect of investigations? 10 10 - either Mr McGrail took them with him or A. It's matters that --- you know, I've gone to 11 11 see the Attorney General only recently in they must have remained in the office and 12 then dealt with as you have described. 12 respect of matters which were very, very 13 A. Like I said, Sir Peter, when I went into 13 delicate and sought legal advice both from 14 his office, I took over as Commissioner, I 14 him and the Director of Public Prosecutions. 15 would have taken my desktop with me and 15 Q. In respect of ongoing investigations? 16 16 connected it and his desktop would have A. That is correct, sir. 17 gone to IT and they would have formatted it, 17 Q. So putting to one side the question of 18 they would have done whatever they usually 18 giving advice, am I right in saying that the 19 19 do with it and it would have gone back into Attorney General has no role in relation to an 20 20 the general collection of desktops. I can't investigation --- a police investigation as 21 21 remember the laptop. such? 22 22 Q. Would it be possible to check whether A. No, we usually go to the Director of 23 23 there is any backup of this material? **Public Prosecutions.** 24 24 A. I think the Assistant Commissioner is Q. But even the Director of Public 25 doing that piece of work at the moment as we 25 Prosecutions --- my question does not

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1 acknowledge a difference between them 1 dressing down that we have heard that ---2 2 because in fact they are the same emanation, you know, that had happened in the Chief 3 but, never mind, even the Director of Public 3 Minister's office. 4 4 Prosecutions, does he have a role in police Q. But did he explain to you that you can 5 investigating --- I am drawing a distinction 5 remember how he had thought the dressing 6 6 down amounted to interference in the police between investigations and legal 7 advice/prosecution, charging advice, the 7 investigation? Did he explain it to you? 8 8 conduct of an operation in an investigation? A. Not in intricate detail, no, sir. 9 9 A. No, sir. Q. So he came back complaining that he had 10 10 Q. Thank you. The question of whether the received the dressing down of his career, is 11 11 Attorney General supports or does not that it? 12 support the RGP and the conduct of 12 A. Yes, sir. 13 investigation is not an impediment, is it, to 13 Q. Did he in terms say that there had been an 14 14 the RGP conducting the investigation as they attempt to interfere in the investigation? please? 15 15 A. He was alluding to the fact that --- we are 16 16 A. I think it's the way you take it, Sir Peter. talking about an individual who works for 17 17 I think when you go to see the Director of Hassans, a very top person in Hassans and 18 Public Prosecutions and go to see the 18 felt that the Chief Minister was protecting 19 19 Attorney General and you are discussing 20 20 Q. Why? By giving him a dressing --- by matters of an investigation and matters of 21 crime, you seek that support from them in 21 disagreeing with him about whether the 22 22 search warrant was the more appropriate of respect of advice, even opinion. There is 23 23 nothing stopping that happening, either. the two options? 24 24 A. Because of the mere fact that the search Q. But if you ask somebody to give you their 25 25 advice and their opinions in respect of warrant was being executed. Page 177 Page 179 1 something which is your operation and 1 Q. But did he tell you that the Chief Minister 2 independent responsibility, and they give it to 2 tried to stop the search warrant being 3 3 you, can you then turn round and say that executed? 4 they are interfering with you? 4 A. He didn't tell me that. 5 5 A. It just depends really in the whole context Q. In fact are you aware that the search 6 6 warrant execution changed as a result of the 7 7 Q. You also say at paragraph --- at 534, if dressing down? 8 8 you want it on the screen, but at paragraph 26 A. I think one of the biggest failings in our 9 9 of your witness statement, you say --- it is investigation was not executing that warrant, 10 10 towards the bottom, do you see about ten sir, and it has been a matter that we have 11 lines from the bottom, "New Mole House, I 11 discussed on a few occasions in our debriefs. 12 do also remember that on one occasion Mr 12 Q. But do you acknowledge that whatever 13 McGrail did return to New Mole House and 13 happened or did not happen in the attempted 14 execution of a warrant was an RGP decision 14 was displeased with the support ..." that is the 15 15 point that we have just covered. "On 12 May in accordance with the options plan that Mr 16 16 Ian McGrail expressed his displeasure with Wyan had created? 17 regard to what he saw ...." I suppose the word 17 A. Exactly, it was. 18 "as" is missing there, "... interference in the 18 Q. And that --- it had nothing to do with 19 19 investigation by the Chief Minister and the anything that the Chief Minister or the Attorney General may have said during the 20 Attorney General." Why did you say, "as he 20 21 21 saw it"? dressing down? 22 22 A. Sir, I wasn't there, I wasn't part of it at all, A. It is probably ----23 23 Q. If it has no significance, then say so. I wasn't ----24 24 Q. But if it went according to plan, if it went A. I wasn't there. It was certainly Mr 25 McGrail coming back and being upset at the 25 according to the RGP's plan, and decisions Page 180 Page 178

| 1  | were made only by RGP officers, it cannot  | 1  | persons listed until after Mr McGrail's  |
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| 2  | have been the hand of the Chief Minister or  | 2  | retirement when I took over as Acting  |
| 3  | the hand of the Attorney General. Do you   | 3  | Commissioner of Police and then as   |
| 4  | agree?   | 4  | Commissioner of Police. I would regularly  |
| 5  | A. We would have achieved things that we   | 5  | update his Excellency, the Governor, the   |
| 6  | didn't achieve on the day.   | 6  | Chief Minister and the Attorney General of   |
| 7  | Q. I am sorry?   | 7  | matters related to the ongoing investigation   |
| 8  | A. We would have achieved things, had we   | 8  | which have no significant bearing now to this  |
| 9  | executed the search warrant, that we didn't on   | 9  | Inquiry." Why would you update the   |
| 10   | the day.   | 10   | Governor, the Chief Minister and the   |
| 11   | Q. If you had made if you had not made   | 11   | Attorney General on matters relating to an   |
| 12   | not you personally but if the RGP had  | 12   | ongoing criminal investigation?  |
| 13   | made different decisions   | 13   | A. That was in relation to the collision at  |
| 14   | A. That is correct.  | 14   | sea, sir.  |
| 15   | Q. But the RGP did not make different  | 15   | Q. An ongoing criminal investigation,  |
| 16   | decisions because of anything that the Chief   | 16   | Operation Kram, incident at sea, but it was  |
| 17   | Minister or the Attorney General required of   | 17   | an ongoing criminal investigation?   |
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| 18   | the RGP. Is that a fair description of the   | 1  | A. Yes, sir. If you remember, the  |
| 19   | situation?   | 19   | Metropolitan police service came into  |
| 20   | THE CHAIRMAN: Would he know the  | 20   | Gibraltar, they were the independent service   |
| 21   | answer to that?  | 21   | that took over the investigation and they were   |
| 22   | SIR PETER CARUANA: I am sorry?   | 22   | looking at in actual fact they advised us  |
| 23   | THE CHAIRMAN: Would he know the  | 23   | that the officers involved in the collision at   |
| 24   | answer to that question?   | 24   | sea should be charged with offences of   |
| 25   | SIR PETER CARUANA: Well, I am sure he  | 25   | manslaughter, emergency offices and  |
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| 1  | your evidence that you were only updating         | 1  | MR SANTOS: I think that concludes the  |
| 2  | about those aspects of the investigation that     |    |  |
| 3  | related to diplomatic and relevant business       | 2  | questions, sir.  |
| 4  | <del></del>                                       |    | •  |
| 5  | A. Correct, sir.                                  | 3  | THE CHAIRMAN: Okay, thank you very   |
| 6  | Q like location and things of that sort?          |    |  |
| 7  | A. That is correct, sir.                          | 4  | much.  |
| 8  | Q. After Mr McGrail retired, did the              |    |  |
| 9  | Operation Delhi investigation continue its        | 5  | (The witness withdrew)   |
| 10 | normal course?                                    |    | ,  |
|    |   | 6  | THE CHAIRMAN: It is a Bank Holiday   |
| 11 | A. It did, sir.                                   |    | , and the second |
| 12 | Q. By "normal" I hope we both agree that it       | 7  | tomorrow, so see you Thursday morning.   |
| 13 | means without inappropriate external              |    | , , ,  |
| 14 | interference?                                     | 8  | MR SANTOS: Yes, Thursday morning at  |
| 15 | A. The investigation continued as any other       |    | , ,  |
| 16 | investigation would continue.                     | 9  | ten o'clock.   |
| 17 | Q. And eventually the RGP decided that Mr         |    |  |
| 18 | Levy should no longer be treated as a suspect     | 10 | THE CHAIRMAN: Very good.   |
| 19 | and a report was addressed only the               |    | , 3  |
| 20 | (inaudible) ever actually saw it but we know      | 11 | (Adjourned until 10 am, Thursday, 2 May  |
| 21 | about it.   |    | , , ,  |
| 22 | A. Yes, sir, it got to me, yes, sir.              | 12 | 2024)  |
| 23 | Q. And did you approve or disapprove of it        |    | ,  |
| 24 | or perhaps your approval or disapproval were      | 13 | (15.58)  |
| 25 | not required?                                     |    | ( = = = )  |
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| 1  | A. This was a device from the the advice          |    |  |
| 2  | from the senior investigating officer and on      |    |  |
| 3  |   |    |  |
|    | his advice, Mr Levy was no longer deemed to       |    |  |
| 4  | be a suspect.                                     |    |  |
| 5  | Q. Are you satisfied that that that was a         |    |  |
| 6  | properly made decision uninfluenced by            |    |  |
| 7  | improper pressures from outside?                  |    |  |
| 8  | A. Yes, sir.                                      |    |  |
| 9  | Q. There is just one more thing and then I        |    |  |
| 10 | am done. Commissioner Ullger, you very            |    |  |
| 11 | candidly, if I may say so, said this morning      |    |  |
| 12 | that you acknowledged your role as                |    |  |
| 13 | commissioner when it came to taking               |    |  |
| 14 | responsibilities and the question was put to      |    |  |
| 15 | you in the context of the HMIC report,            |    |  |
| 16 | effectively you used more elegant language,       |    |  |
| 17 | "but the buck stops with me" was effectively      |    |  |
| 18 | your evidence, do you agree?                      |    |  |
| 19 | A. Yes, sir.                                      |    |  |
| 20 | Q. Would you take the same view about two         |    |  |
| 21 | deaths at sea in relation to the incident at sea? |    |  |
| 22 | A. Yes, sir.                                      |    |  |
| 23 | Q. Does the sorry?                                |    |  |
| 24 | A. Yes.   |    |  |
| 25 | SIR PETER CARUANA: Thank you.                     |    |  |
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