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2	(Wednesday, 8 May 2024)	Governor. The role I saw it was to support
2	(10.00)	2 Lieutenant General Davis in him carrying out
3	MR SANTOS: Good morning, sir. Our next	3 his constitutional and other duties. There is
4	witness is the former Deputy Governor, Mr	4 also the link and the bridge work and the soft
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7	Questioned by MR SANTOS Q. Good morning Mr Pyle.	8 Gibraltar did nothing to embarrass HMG.
8 9	A. Good morning.	9 Lieutenant General Davis and I worked very
10	Q. First and foremost, can we just deal with	10 closely and collegiately. We were mutually
10	your witness statements? You should have a	supportive. I would step up and support him
12	bundle in front of you marked "Witness	and he would step down and support me, and
13	Statements." Behind the first tab should be	we very quickly agreed that it was important
14	your first affidavit to this inquiry. Can I ask	that I establish good relationships with
15	you to please check that that is your affidavit,	15 everybody from the Chief Minister
16	your first affidavit, and that your signature is	downwards, not least so I could act in his
17	on the final page, please?	absence with credibility and knowing who
18	A. It is.	18 the players were, so to speak.
19	Q. And do you confirm that the contents of	19 Q. During that period, as you alluded to, I
20	that affidavit are true to the best of your	20 understand that you served as what is
21	knowledge, information and belief?	21 commonly referred to as Acting Governor,
22	A. They are.	that is under section 23 of the Constitution,
23	Q. And can we now move to behind the	23 for short periods while the Governor was
24	second tab, please. That should be your	absent from Gibraltar. Is that correct?
25	second affidavit to this inquiry. Can I ask	A. It is, and it happened quite frequently.
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1 February to June 2020. Is that correct? 1 objection to my attendance should be enough 2 A. Correct. 2 to preclude it. This gives the GPA a say in 3 3 Q. Were you a member of the Gibraltar how it operates." Why did you feel it 4 4 Police Authority throughout your time as appropriate to make that suggestion to Dr 5 Deputy Governor? 5 Britto[?]? 6 6 A. I saw my role as the Governor's sort of A. No, I think as my evidence shows, I 7 7 emailed Dr Britto quite early on, probably representative on the GPA in a slightly 8 8 different way than had happened previously. after the first day, in effect recusing myself 9 9 Until that extent with the then Chief from involvement with the GPA. 10 10 Q. I am going to take you to that email Secretary, Ernest Gomez, I drafted a note 11 11 imminently but just before I ask that, apart which I sent to the Chair of the GPA 12 from that period of time when you were 12 explaining that I saw myself as the 13 acting as Interim Governor, were you on the 13 Governor's representative and therefore I 14 14 GPA otherwise? would obviously brief him on GPA issues 15 15 A. Yes, I was, and occasionally as Acting and bring any concerns he had to GPA 16 16 Governor, I would attend a GPA meeting, meetings as necessary and as appropriate. 17 17 declare the interest that I was Acting So, I think it was meant in that type of open 18 Governor and offer that if that caused any 18 collegiate helpful way that I've always 19 19 issues I would recuse myself from the operated. 20 20 Q. Is it correct that after this point you did meeting. 21 Q. If we can go first of all to B1 961, now 21 not attend any GPA meetings while you were 22 22 you should have a file in front of you that Interim Governor? 23 23 will have all of these documents, hopefully, A. That is correct. 24 in hard copy but they will also be on screen, 24 Q. Did you stay in contact with Dr Britto on 25 25 so it's up to you whether you prefer to look GPA matters? Page 5 Page 7 1 1 A. I don't believe I did. on screen or -2 2 A. I am happy to look at the screen. Q. Other than, obviously, the section 34 3 3 Q. If there is any document you would like process? 4 to read more of, just let us know. 4 A. Correct. 5 5 A. Sure. Q. Is it correct to say that under section 6 Q. And I am told you might want to move 6 471(c) of the Constitution and section 11 of 7 7 the microphone down a little just to make The Police Act, the Governor is responsible 8 8 sure that for internal security, including the police? 9 9 THE CHAIRMAN: Or move it just a bit A. Yes. 10 closer to you. The base of the thing will 10 Q. And the GPA's independence in its 11 move, probably. Okay, great. functions is guaranteed by section 48 of the 11 12 MR SANTOS: Thank you. This is an email 12 Constitution? 13 dated 9 February 2020 from you to the Chair 13 A. Correct. 14 of the GPA where you say, "Joey, I was 14 Q. And finally, under section 49, you are 15 thinking about the best way forward in terms 15 required to keep the Chief Minister fully 16 of maintaining or not my role of interest in 16 informed concerning the general conduct of 17 the GPA as Governor and have a suggestion 17 matters for which you are responsible, 18 for you. Why don't you send an email to all 18 including internal security and police? Do 19 19 the GPA members save me stating that for as you accept that? 20 20 long as I am Governor, you intend to omit A. Correct, ves. 21 21 me from general GPA correspondence etc. Q. There is a similar provision in section 13(2) of the Police Act. What do you 22 22 but that I have offered to continue to attend 23 GPA meetings recusing myself as necessary 23 understand keeping the Chief Minister 24 or at anyone's request. I'd put it as a 24 informed to entail? 25 suggestion and ask for their views. One 25 A. I think exactly what it states, that the Page 6 Page 8

1 Chief Minister and I, when we had our 1 various reporting social media, media and 2 2 meetings, would occasionally move on to newspapers about concerns people had over 3 3 matters relating to policing. the RGP, whether there were listening 4 4 Q. Would you agree that those provisions do devices - I think I referred to that in my 5 not permit the Chief Minister to make 5 statement, that there was - I called it 6 decisions about areas for which the Governor 6 anecdotal, which I did not feel strong enough 7 7 to explore or investigate but nevertheless is responsible? 8 8 A. He cannot make decisions but of course caused some concern. 9 9 Q. Would you describe your loss of he would have an informed decision by 10 10 consulting those other stakeholders. confidence as progressive but tolerable until 11 11 Q. Would he be in your view permitted to May 2020? 12 persuade or influence a governor to make a 12 A. I think I had deep concerns. Loss of 13 particular decision? 13 confidence would possibly not have 14 14 A. Never. happened without the incident at sea. 15 15 Q. If we now go to A245, please, this is your Q. What would you say was the event that 16 16 first witness statement at paragraph 20.1. spurred you to act as you did in May 2020? 17 17 You have the whole witness statement in A. Unequivocally the incident at sea. 18 front of you, again, if you want to see it in 18 Q. Can we go to now an email that we 19 19 hard copy, but it should appear on the screen. received on 8 March 2024 from Caruana & 20 20 I just want to focus on paragraph 20.1 -Co? This is not in the bundle but it should 21 sorry, 20 first of all. "My loss of confidence 21 appear on the screen. This is to do with your 22 22 in Mr McGrail. ". As I have already stated, WhatsApps and disclosure of WhatsApps. I 23 23 my loss of confidence in Mr McGrail's just want to read the second paragraph there 24 24 probity and integrity, and his leadership of where your lawyers say, "In respect of Nick 25 25 the RGP had been progressive over a period Pyle, we can confirm that he does not have Page 11 Page 9 1 of time and by reason of a number of 1 access to any relevant WhatsApps. Such 2 incidents and matters, which I now explain. 2 WhatsApps as he has referred to in his 3 3 They began early on after my arrival in affidavit have been obtained by him from the 4 Gibraltar." Was the airfield incident, which 4 document entitled, "Timeline of 5 5 Communications between COP and officials" you refer to, the earliest incident that caused 6 you to lose confidence in Mr McGrail? 6 appended to Ian McGrail's section 15 report." 7 7 Why do you not have any access to any A. Yes. 8 8 Q. If we go to C4676 now, please, this is relevant WhatsApps? 9 9 your letter to the GPA on 3 June 2020. If we A. Mainly because I followed FCO policy 10 10 can just look at the previous page, perhaps, on doing work over WhatsApp and I believe 11 just to show you the first page of the letter, 11 I provided a copy of that. We call it 12 and then at 4676 you say - the second 12 guidance. A guidance in Foreign Office 13 paragraph I want to read to you: "My deep 13 language is an instruction of how to use 14 14 concerns with the COP's leadership qualities social media in doing our work. I can briefly 15 15 have absolutely nothing to do with that tell you what that was if it would be helpful. 16 16 investigation", so the Op Delhi investigation. Q. I think it would be yes, thank you. 17 17 "The already existing concerns that I have A. So, the guidance was simply that if you 18 had with the COP were confirmed by the 18 did any work of any sensitive nature, or 19 19 incident at sea and the HMIC report." Can indeed any nature at all, you had to transcribe 20 20 it on to a note or into a diary and then at you briefly summarise what your already 21 21 existing concerns that you are referring to some stage save it as a Word file or 22 22 there were? something else and then delete the 23 23 A. That was starting with the airfield WhatsApps, so I regularly deleted my 24 incident. There is what I refer to as the 24 WhatsApps. 25 25 helicopter incident and then there is the THE CHAIRMAN: Mr Pyle, I missed a bit Page 10 Page 12

1 about what you said about WhatsApps. You 1 individual and surrendered him to the RGP. 2 2 are speaking very quickly. These events naturally became public and 3 3 A. Okay, I apologise. caused considerable consternation given the 4 4 THE CHAIRMAN: You transcribe it as a close and friendly nature of the constitutional 5 note and save it as a Word document? 5 relationship between the UK and Gibraltar, 6 6 and indeed the very friendly relations that A. Yes, you need to find some way of 7 recording. 7 have always existed between the MOD and 8 THE CHAIRMAN: It's the next bit I didn't 8 Gibraltar." Are you aware that the RGP 9 9 officers who blockaded the runway were 10 10 A. And then the WhatsApp had to be acting on the orders of Commissioner of 11 11 Police Yome? destroyed or deleted. 12 12 THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. A. Yes, I was. 13 MR SANTOS: Have those notes that record 13 Q. Do you nevertheless consider that Mr McGrail was responsible for the actions of 14 14 what was in your WhatsApps been disclosed 15 15 to the inquiry? the RGP that day? 16 16 A. No, because when I left my office, I think A. No, he would not have been although he 17 17 most of my documentation was destroyed, was involved, and my point, and I apologise 18 but they would be incorporated into the 18 if I did not make it as clear as I should have, 19 19 emails and the reporting I sent to London. was more about the arrests and the 20 20 Q. Have you requested those notes, access to subsequent action than the actual incident 21 those notes from -21 and the blocking of the plane from taking off. 22 22 Q. But turning to the arrests, you deal with A. No, the notes would have been mine but 23 23 my point is, and I can evidence this - I keep them at 21.5. "On I March, the RGP arrested 24 24 three of the most senior MOD members of my black book and when I transcribe my 25 25 note into a report to London, I take the note staff in Gibraltar on suspicion of conspiracy Page 13 Page 15 1 page out and then I destroy that note to 1 to pervert the course of justice. Those 2 ensure -2 arrested were: the Chief of Staff, British 3 3 Q. So, when you say that those notes would Forces Gibraltar, Colonel Frank Green; 4 have been destroyed, you mean you would 4 Station Commander Wing Commander Liz 5 5 have destroyed the notes? Hutchison; and Squadron Leader Provost 6 A. Yes, I would have destroyed the notes, 6 Marshall Chris Collins in connection with 7 7 ves. I have to say that that is best practice in this incident. One of them, the Provost 8 8 Marshal, was, with quite unnecessary drama, FCO methodology. 9 9 Q. Can we now turn to the airport incident, removed from a civilian, commercial flight 10 10 please? If we can look first of all at your from the UK as soon as it landed in Gibraltar. 11 witness statement at paragraph 21.1, you 11 Colonel Green was arrested in front of his 12 refer to it as the airfield incident, but I don't 12 superior, the Commander of British Forces 13 think we are in any confusion as to what we 13 Gibraltar, Commodore Mike Walliker. 14 14 are referring to. You say, "My concerns over Station Commander Hutchison was arrested 15 the leadership and management of the RGP, 15 in front of her team at RAF Gibraltar Station 16 and over the behaviour and judgment of Mr 16 Headquarters. The manner of the arrests were 17 McGrail as its Commissioner of Police, 17 unpleasant." Just before I ask you any 18 started with what I call the Airfield Incident 18 questions, Mr McGrail responds about this at 19 19 which happened on 8 February 2017, five A152, which is his fifth witness statement at 20 20 months after my arrival in Gibraltar. I was paragraph 29. He says in paragraph 21.5, 21 Acting Governor at the time of the incident." 21 "NP claims that the Provost Marshall was 22 22 And then if we can skip ahead, you refer to with quite unnecessary drama removed from 23 an investigation by Leicestershire Police and 23 a civilian commercial flight from the UK as 24 then at 21.4, please, "After a period of 24 soon as it landed in Gibraltar. This statement 25 standoff, the MOD relented, disembarked the 25 is also incorrect. No RGP officer stepped on

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1 to the airfield tarmac or boarded any civilian 1 the wrong call. 2 2 aircraft. The individual in question, Mr Q. Is your issue with the arrests themselves 3 3 or the manner of them? Collins, disembarked of his own accord with 4 4 the rest of the passengers. He was met by A. Well, I can't argue against the arrests 5 RGP officers at the baggage collection area 5 because they have the right to do so, so it is 6 and arrested there. There was no 6 the manner and if you would - there's a tiny 7 7 bit of background to the incident, because I unnecessary drama caused as has been 8 8 claimed, quite the opposite. My was Acting Governor at the time. One of the 9 9 understanding is that the officers were very roles I have as Deputy Governor, as well as 10 10 discreet and accommodating in their being on the Gibraltar Police Authority, is 11 11 approach. In fact, Mr Collins was permitted the Judicial Services Commission and the 12 to greet his family who were waiting for him 12 Specified Appointments Commission. As I 13 at the arrivals hall. Mr Collins was treated 13 said, the Governor had briefed me on the 14 14 with due courtesy and respect, and I issue of the suspect being on Gibraltar and I 15 15 understand he thanked the RGP officers for was in an interview and I got a call - and I'd 16 16 allowing him to see his family." Do you left my phone in the car, because when I 17 17 accept Mr McGrail's account in that interview it's quite right that nobody's 18 paragraph? 18 disrupted - by somebody from HR who said 19 19 A. I do in part and when I said that he was the Chief Minister wanted to speak to me 20 20 urgently. I suggested it wait until I'd finished arrested in effect off the plane, he was 21 arrested two minutes later in front of 21 that interview. Five minutes later, I got 22 22 another interruption and I apologised to the everybody else from the plane and in a 23 23 baggage hall. candidate and took the call and had a 24 24 Q. Do you nevertheless maintain that he was discussion with the Chief Minister and I 25 25 arrested with unnecessary drama? agreed to see him probably, I think, in about Page 17 Page 19 1 A. I think that was an expression told to me 1 an hour's time, and I quickly rang the Foreign 2 at the time, whether it was by Mr Collins or 2 Office just to ask them to check that the 3 3 one of the other people, CBF, I don't know, MOD legal position was one with which they 4 but that was certainly the impression I got 4 agreed. By the time I got to the Chief 5 5 from MOD at the time. Minister's office, the Foreign Office had told 6 Q. Mr Goncalvez, who was the Chairman of 6 me that yes, it was indeed their position that 7 7 the GPA at the time, has given evidence to the MOD had jurisdiction so I stood my 8 8 the inquiry that he was not surprised to learn ground a bit in a difficult conversation with 9 9 of the arrests as, he put it, no one is above the the Chief Minister which, as an aside, I think 10 10 law. What is your reaction to that? helped to establish our working relationship 11 11 A. I still find it quite incredible to this day that we could have difficult conversations in 12 that two weeks after an event which nearly 12 the right way, and I remember waking up the 13 13 next morning to an email from the FCO caused a rupture in the relationship between 14 14 Gibraltar and the MOD/UK after the issue of saying, "Oops, we've got that wrong." I then 15 15 had to go and see the Chief Minister and jurisdiction had been resolved, that two-and-16 16 a-half weeks later a decision was taken to apologise that yes, indeed, HMG now accept 17 that it was Gibraltar's jurisdiction. arrest three senior military people when I'd 17 18 18 have thought the opposite should be Q. But if the RGP had reason to suspect that 19 19 these individuals had perverted the course of happening and steps are being taken to 20 20 ensure that this wouldn't happen again. justice, do you maintain that they 2.1 21 Q. Are the RGP not entitled to make their nevertheless should not have arrested them? 22 22 own operational decisions as to the conduct A. I think there is another way to address 23 23 of arrests? that issue. I believe there was a dinner at the 24 A. Absolutely. I don't know if anybody was 24 Convent hosted by the Governor with the 25 suggesting otherwise. I just think that was 25 Chief Minister, CBF and Commissioner of Page 18 Page 20

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1	Police Yome when the suggestion that three	1	<u> </u>
2	senior officers would present themselves for	2	Commissioner Yome and Chief of Staff
3	questioning at New Mole House was made.	3	Frank Green. I remember very clearly sitting
4	Q. If we turn to Mr McGrail's third affidavit,	4	in the room waiting for Colonel Green to
5	paragraph 148A, that is at A120, please, I	5	arrive and he didn't, unfortunately.
6	just want to pick up from just before halfway	6	Q. Given the role that Mr McGrail alleges
7	down on that last paragraph at the bottom of	7	you played in the airport incident or didn't
8	the page where he says, "I did not deal with	8	play there, I suppose is a fairer way of
9	NP on the matter". Can you see that?	9	putting it, is it fair for you to rely on this
10	A. Yes.	10	nevertheless as a factor contributing to your
11	Q. "I did not deal with NP on the matter but	11	loss of confidence in him?
12	I know my predecessor did and was	12	A. As I said, I think the loss of confidence
13	unsuccessful in diffusing attention because of	13	came from the incident at sea, and that's the
14	some very entrenched positions. I distinctly	14	only incident or issue that really fixed in my
15	recall senior counsel for the Crown in	15	mind as in its own right would lead me to a
16	Gibraltar, Ricky Rhoda QC, who was	16	loss of confidence. The others when I looked
17	possibly Acting AG at the time and who	17	at the incident at sea and I reflected back, I
18	incidentally supported the RGP's position	18	did see this pattern of behaviours that I
19	advising NP on the matter, and NP still	19	thought were sometimes not appropriate.
20	opting for UK FCO legal advice, which was	20	Within that, there were many good elements
21	not necessarily in concert with the AG's. It is	21	of the work that the RGP have and are doing,
22	my strong view that NP's inert activity during	22	including its leadership, whether that, as said
23	this dilemma was a contributory factor to the	23	before is Grace 1 or their work on the Covid
24	unfortunate escalation of events which	24	pandemic.
25	attracted a lot of adverse interest from the	25	Q. Can I ask you to turn to C260 now,
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1	local international media and caused a	1	please? Well, you do not have to turn to it; it
2	serious fracture in the relationships between	2	should appear on screen. This is a letter from
3	HMGOG and the MOD which was only	3	Rear Admiral Radakin dated 8 March 2017
4	resolved after the intervention of the current	4	and I just want to show you a couple of
5	Chief of Defence Staff, Admiral Sir Anthony	5	passages from that. first of all, at the bottom
6	David Radakin and in which coincidentally	6	of C260, the penultimate paragraph, he says,
7	Mr Gomez acted for the principal military	7	"Joint Forces Command regret the events that
8	officers in Gibraltar at the time." Do you	8	took place in Gibraltar on 8 February. This
9	accept what Mr McGrail - well, how do you	9	includes the events at Gibraltar International
10	respond to that criticism from Mr McGrail?	10	Airport and the dispute as to jurisdiction that
11	A. I think I would probably refer everybody	11	led to the confusion by British Forces
12	to the statement made by Lieutenant General	12	Gibraltar over the appropriate handling of the
13	Ed Davis, that said that he and I worked quite	13	individual suspected of downloading
14	hard, quite tirelessly, were in regular contact,	14	indecent material whilst in the United
15	which is another point about how the	15	Kingdom and the detailed management of
16	relationship between the Governor and	16	this particular case." Then over the page, and
17	Deputy Governor - he was Acting Governor	17	a little bit lower down, the very large
18	- certainly with General Davis. When	18	paragraph - I am taking it from halfway
19	everybody's away, we were in regular	19	down again: "It is in seeking to implement
20	contact. For somebody in that position,	20	this approach that unfortunately personnel
21	there's no such thing as a holiday. Inert	21	from British Forces Gibraltar had were
22	activity is an interesting description of me	22	clearly unfortunate altercations with officers
23	which I've never heard of before, but I	23	of the Royal Gibraltar Police who were
24	worked quite hard and I think in my second	24	acting in the lawful execution of their duties.
25	statement, mentioned a meeting I had called	25	I cannot emphasise to you how much we
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1 regret, with the benefit of hindsight and the 1 that correct? 2 2 later legal advice we have received, that we A. Correct. 3 3 were not better able to cooperate with those Q. Do you agree that Sir Alan and the high 4 4 of your officers in question. These ranks of the FCDO seem to hold a positive 5 altercations should not have happened and 5 view of how the incident was resolved? 6 6 A. I think what they are saying is they are any active disagreement as to jurisdiction 7 7 happy to have reached a good outcome. It should in any event have been handled in the 8 8 more dignified and usual manner for issues doesn't mean that they're happy with how we of this type. I must express to you in 9 9 got there. This is diplomacy. This is our 10 10 particular our genuine regret to hear trade craft. This is how we get over events 11 11 accusations of British Forces Gibraltar and reset relationships to start again. 12 12 personnel behaved disrespectfully towards Q. Did you communicate your concerns 13 officers of the Royal Gibraltar Police and that 13 about the incident to the FCO? 14 14 A. Yes, I did. they were inconsiderate of the requirements 15 Q. If we can now go to C207, please, this is 15 under which your officers were seeking to 16 16 an email of 3 March 2017 from the Chief undertake their lawful activities and 17 17 Minister to the then Commissioner of Police investigations. That is not in the nature of the 18 relationship we have long enjoyed between 18 and the Attorney General, and it is on 3 19 our organisations." That is on 8 March, so 19 March, so two days after the arrests where he 20 20 some seven days after the arrests. I do not says, "Eddie, Michael, I've now read this and 21 have to take you there but there is also an 21 Michael's response. My impression and clear 22 22 understanding is that MOD have now fully apology from Squadron Leader Chris Collins 23 23 and from Wing Commander Hutchison. Do understood the position and the nonsense and 24 24 you nevertheless maintain that it was Mr bravado being displayed by fools such as 25 25 McGrail who was to blame for the fallout those you refer to below. In fact, this Page 25 Page 27 1 from this incident? 1 illustrates why and how we have found A. No, there was clearly fault on both sides. 2 2 ourselves in this unnecessary and unpleasant 3 3 All I have seen are apologies from the MOD situation. If it requires another turn of the 4 4 screw, which I will not hesitate to support side. To this day I have still not seen any 5 5 apology for any actions by the Royal you in, it will once again have been brought 6 Gibraltar Police, which I've heard 6 about by those who fail to recognise the need 7 7 accusations about, so Tony Radakin here to show proper and genuine contrition and said, "Regret to hear accusations." Those 8 8 respect for the RGP and for our Constitution. 9 accusations must have come Gibraltar. 9 Failing to respect our Constitution is not to 10 10 Accusations were put by MOD not least in fail to respect just Gibraltar. It is to fail to respect the UK Parliament and the same 11 the complaint to the Police Complaints 11 12 Board. I've heard those as well. 12 monarch that these clowns in uniform have 13 13 sworn an oath to." And then just skipping Q. If we can go to C291, please, at the 14 bottom of that page, 9 March 2017, there is 14 over one paragraph: "I can tell you that the 15 an email from a contact at the FCO to the 15 Minister for Europe and the Governor would 16 Chief Minister and it says, "Dear Chief 16 not be impressed at all if I shared this with 17 17 Minister, I just want to update Sir Alan them, which I will not do. I can also tell you 18 Duncan on the latest situation in relation to 18 that Gibraltar will not be home for the people 19 19 the events of 8 February and beyond. The in question for long and they won't be 20 20 Minister was very happy that we appeared to blocking the tarmac for a moment to delay 21 21 have reached a good outcome. He asked me the plane when the time soon comes for them 22 22 to pass on his personal gratitude to you and to wave goodbye to the best place these 23 23 the Commissioner of Police for helping us idiots have ever had the good fortune to live 24 get to this point." Sir Alan Duncan was, I 24 in their petty lives. Good riddance and 25 believe, Minister for Europe at the time. Is 25 goodbye won't come soon enough. I can tell Page 26 Page 28

1 you one thing, Eddie. Gibraltar, it's Chief 1 exonerated the RGP. The GPA methodology 2 2 Minister, its government and its people are however was in my opinion seriously flawed, 3 3 proud of their police and the SNT not least as they did not conduct any 4 4 Commissioner and their Attorney General. interviews with MoD nor seek any 5 The UK as a whole conversely has been 5 information from them." These concerns that 6 6 you said that you raised with the GPA as to embarrassed by its senior ranks on the Rock 7 7 Mr McGrail's behaviours, what behaviours of and can be seen by the reports in the 8 8 Mr McGrail did you raise with those parties? newspapers of the actions taken here. I 9 9 would rather be in your shoes than theirs". A. So, I was informed by not just Colonel 10 10 Do you agree with the Chief Minister's Frank Green but people who were in the 11 reaction to the events of 1 March and 8 11 tower at the same time and the CBF that Mr 12 February 2017? 12 McGrail was just a bit aggressive - I think 13 A. No, I don't. 13 that's the word I would use to sum it up. The 14 14 Q. Do you think that the sentiments cross between Sweeney and Life on Mars 15 15 expressed in that email were conducive to a came from one of the senior MOD people. 16 16 good relationship between the government That's exactly how they described their 17 17 and the MOD? actions to me. I have no reason to doubt, and 18 A. It would not be and indeed I think it took 18 I was reflecting what I was told by MOD 19 19 a lot longer for the relationship to fully repair senior officials. 20 20 and get back to where it was. I suggest it Q. You say you raised these concerns with 21 took a good six to 12 months. 21 the GPA. Did you do so verbally or in 22 22 Q. When he says in the middle of the writing? 23 23 paragraph, "I can tell you that the Minister A. No, I accept that I used the word 24 for Europe and the Governor would not be 24 "formally" quite often. They were raised in a 25 25 impressed at all if I shared this with them", formal setting but not in writing, and outside Page 29 Page 31 1 do you know what is being referred to by the 1 of that I do stand by what I say in my 2 Chief Minister there? 2 statement. 3 3 A. Well, I assume the tone and content of Q. Do you have any written record of that? 4 the letter. We all have different audiences 4 Sorry, you said you had expressed not in 5 5 and this is very clearly a letter from the Chief writing. 6 Minister or a note, internal for the RGP. It's 6 A. No. 7 7 Q. But I am just asking whether there is any not the language he would use writing to the 8 Minister for Europe about the issue. 8 record 9 9 Q. Then can we go to A247, please? This is A. No, there may be in London. The way we 10 10 your witness statement again, paragraph work in London is that any reporting that I 11 11 send in, we had a weekly video conference 21.7: "I raised my concerns over the RGP's 12 above behaviours, and in particular Mr 12 and all the issues that had been reported from 13 13 McGrail's formally on numerous occasions Gibraltar to London and indeed our embassy 14 with the Gibraltar Police Authority, the 14 in Madrid were discussed at length by the 15 15 Governor, the Chief Minister and with the senior people in the team in London, and that 16 16 Foreign Commonwealth and Development is where I would get my guidance from, and I 17 17 Office. Some of the actions and behaviours think it's important to make a further 18 18 were described to me by senior MoD people comment, if I may, that the way the Foreign 19 19 as a cross between the Sweeney and Life on Office works is, policy is not formulated in 20 20 Mars, and extremely and unnecessarily Gibraltar, to use Gibraltar as an example. I 21 21 discourteous. I pushed hard for a review (not would - as Governor or acting Governor -22 22 an inquiry) into the incident to expose the look at the issues of the day, report them 23 23 RGP behaviours. This was accepted by the back to London, make a recommendation; 24 24 Chief Minister who tasked the GPA to the recommendation would be put to the 25 conduct their own review. Their report 25 minister by what we call a submission, with Page 30 Page 32

1 options as to courses of action. The minister 1 had to do was ask the MOD. Just because 2 2 will then decide that course of action. That you don't have jurisdiction and the legal 3 3 authority to do something, it doesn't mean comes back to us in Gibraltar and we will 4 4 therefore implement that instruction. you can(sic) make an inquiry as to whether 5 5 that could happen. I am absolutely, (10.35)6 6 Q. Why do you mention that in this context? unequivocal in my belief that MOD would 7 A. It's the context of: most of what I've done, 7 have said yes and provided full cooperation. 8 8 if not everything I've done, has been in Q. Do you recall Mr Nagrani - we heard agreement with London. So, it's trying to get 9 9 evidence that Mr Nagrani had advised that it 10 10 the point that whilst I didn't write formally, I was beyond the GPA's remit to seek evidence 11 11 form MOD officials. Do you recall him would use my WhatsApps into a notebook, 12 the notebook would become a written report, 12 doing so? 13 the written report would become discussed. 13 A. I do, but I can only repeat that that might 14 14 That might form the basis of a submission to be the legal case, but it doesn't stop anybody 15 15 a minister to seek a course of action that from looking to make an exception. 16 16 would meet the minister's agreement. Q. At the time, did you complain to Mr 17 17 Q. Why, in your view, was the GPA's Gonçalves or anyone else, that the 18 methodology, in its review, seriously flawed? 18 methodology was seriously flawed? 19 19 A. Well, not only did they not interview the A. I probably didn't use that at the time. I 20 20 MOD, but I don't think they interviewed the probably just expressed my view that it 21 Governor or myself. In fact, they did not. 21 wasn't right that only one side were 22 22 So, they only interviewed the RGP. approached about this. 23 23 Q. Can we go to C316, please? These are Q. Reference is made, as we saw in the 24 the minutes of a meeting on 15 May, a 24 minute, to you having reported a 25 25 meeting at which you were present, at 9:15 conversation with the Governor when the Page 33 Page 35 1 am. It says: "The meeting was called to 1 latter envisaged that the GPA should 2 discuss the CM's verbal request of the 2 recommend an independent inquiry. Did you 3 3 chairman on the 9th of May with the GPA share that view? 4 enquiry into the airfield incident on the 7th of 4 A. Yes, I did. Which goes back to my point 5 5 February 2017. VN..." - which is, I think, a that I was there, I believed, to reflect the 6 reference to Mr Vikram Nagrani - "... 6 Governor's feelings on certain matters. 7 7 referred to section 13 of the Police Act. Q. Yes. Sorry, just to clarify, when I asked 8 8 section 14 of the Police Act and section 19 of you, "did you share that view", did you 9 9 the Police Act. NP..." - which I think is a support the Governor's view that an inquiry 10 10 reference to you - "... reported on a should be held? Did you agree? 11 A. I thought it could be done by a sort of, a 11 conversation held with HE when the latter 12 envisaged that the GPA recommend that an 12 review which I said at the beginning, but 13 independent inquiry will be held". Sorry, I 13 obviously the Governor's view -- I think that 14 think we just need to go down a little bit. 14 was part of a deal/arrangement with MOD 15 15 "The matter was discussed at length and it and Tony Radakin, and you may ask me 16 16 was concluded that a formal letter be sent to about that later when it was decided not to 17 17 the CM stating that in the first instance, since have an inquiry. Again, I think it is all part 18 18 the GPA has no jurisdiction to involve the of the MOD senior officials having to write 19 19 MOD, it proposes to proceed under the letters of apology, but I think certainly - and 20 20 provisions of section 19 of the Police Act in I think the Governor's evidence does confirm 21 21 order to submit a report to him." You were that he was, and still does, I think, wish that 22 22 present at this meeting, as we can see. Did there had of been an inquiry rather than a 23 you raise any objections to using the section 23 GPA review. 24 19 procedure? 24 Q. Probably a quite esoteric question but 25 A. Probably not, but I did say that all they 25 what, in your view, is the difference between Page 34 Page 36

1	a review and an inquiry, give that you seem	1	because I don't remember doesn't mean it
2	to draw that distinction?	2	didn't happen.
3	A. So again, it may be my Foreign Office	3	Q. Do you remember expressing any
4	training, but there are degrees of how deep	4	concerns about the conclusions that were
5	you go into something. About how - I mean,	5	being drawn?
6	a review is a formal review as well. An	6	A. I think once I make a point, I very rarely
7	inquiry lifts it into - as we are seeing with	7	labour it and repetitively go on about it, but I
8	this inquiry - a completely different game.	8	suspect I might have said, again, my
9	Although, it is not a game of course.	9	frustration that this is a very one sided
10	THE CHAIRMAN: A different animal.	10	review, and you know, in respect of the
11	A. Yes.	11	Watterson incident, you know, we need to
12	THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.	12	remember that as a result of RGP actions, Mr
13	MR SANTOS: Were you present at the GPA	13	Watterson remained on the Rock for 16
14	meeting when Commissioner of Police	14	weeks before he was eventually removed to
15	Yome, Mr McGrail, Mr Ullger and Mr	15	the UK.
16	Tunbridge attended to give evidence to the	16	Q. If we can now go to your statement at
17	GPA?	17	paragraph 21.10, please, A247, you say,
18	A. I don't recall that I was.	18	"Issues over the forensic capabilities of the
19	Q. If we go to B2157, please. This is	19	RGP also came to light during this incident.
20	towards the bottom of the page. It seems as	20	The RGP insisted that they conducted the
21	though the letter, the hardcopy letter, has	21	forensic examination of the suspect's laptop
22	gone missing, but the contents of the	22	and phone etc. I can't recollect the exact
23	hardcopy letter that was sent by the GPA to	23	timeframe, but remember being told that the
24	the Chief Minister are set out in that email,	24	RGP investigations should only take a couple
25	and I do not propose to read the entirety of	25	of weeks after which the equipment would be
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1	that email, but just to go to the second	1	handed over to MoD. Some two months or so
2	paragraph over the page. We can see that the	2	later, with delays resulting from the RGP
3	letter said, "The GPA has come to the firm	3	forensic officer being off work with stress,
4	conclusion that the actions of, and the	4	the RGP pronounced there was no
5	restrain shown by the relevant RGP officers	5	incriminating evidence on the suspect's
6	during the Watterson incident were	6	computer which was then handed over to the
7	considered, deliberated, entirely proportional	7	MoD. Within two weeks, MoD forensic
8	and highly commendable. As such, we do	8	examination identified the most serious of
9	not doubt the effectiveness and probity of the	9	imagery on the computer, resulting in the
10	policing demonstrated by the RGP in respect	10	accused being found guilty and given a
11	of the Watterson incident. We would take	11	custodial sentence. Over 1000 images were
12	the liberty of adding, though it may not have	12	recovered." Do you attribute responsibility
13	been our place to do so, that the actions of	13	for that, the alleged failure in forensic testing
14	certain MOD personnel, in respect of the	14	of the computer, to Mr McGrail?
15	Watterson incident, deserve censure, and that	15	A. No, and I think I need to - to quite early
16	you should consider whether a full inquiry	16	on in my evidence, separate what I regard as
17	ought to be undertaken by a body	17	the institution, that is the RGP, and actions of
18	independent of the RGP and the MOD, so	18	individuals, and at least one of my central
19	that lessons may be learned from this	19	points, that the head of an organisation,
20	incident." Were you part of the deliberations	20	regardless of why, is ultimately responsible
21	that resulted in this letter being sent?	21	for that work behavior ethics/culture at that
22	A. I don't believe I was.	22	organisation.
23	Q. Would you have seen the draft before it	23	Q. Yes. It is fair to point out, is it not, that
24	went out?	24	he was not the head of the organisation at
25	A. That's possible. I don't remember but just	25	that point in 2017.
-	2 not a possession a don't remember but just	-5	r
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1	A. Correct.	1	Q. As far as
2	Q. Although it was as far back as 2017,	2	THE CHAIRMAN: He did say that the RGP
3	would it be fair to say that the airport	3	had done no investigation whatsoever into
4	incident coloured your attitude towards Mr	4	the incident, which in fact, turns out to be
5	McGrail for years to come, beyond his	5	completely wrong.
6	appointment and right through until May,	6	A. Yes. I mean, it is on the same level that
7	June 2020.	7	Mr McGrail initially said he knew nothing
8	A. I'd like to think that I am professional	8	about the incident, and then later on
9	enough to be able to park issues. So,	9	remembered that he was asking for reports on
10	Between the airfield incident and what I	10	it.
11	would call the recovery of the relationship,	11	MR SANTOS: If we look at A1388, please?
12	which was probably 6 to 12 months later, and	12	Just looking at paragraph 13, this is Mr -
13	then until the incident at sea, I think my	13	CBF Walliker's statement, and I just want to
14	relations, in my view, of Mr McGrail and the	14	- given that you have referred to it - I just
15	RGP was generally positive.	15	wanted to show you the, I think, what you are
16	Q. Just bear with me one second. (After a	16	referring to just for clarity's sake. It is the
17	pause) If we can go to the next paragraph in	17	fifth line in that statement towards the end.
18	your statement, which you refer to as the	18	"When I spoke to Supt McGrail about the
19	helicopter pilot incident. You say, " In	19	incident, I was told that whilst the RGP was
20	March 2017, during a stop-over in Gibraltar,	20	investigating the incident, there was evidence
21	a helicopter pilot and another member of the	21	that the helicopter pilot was drunk and
22	crew were assaulted in a bar in Gibraltar, the	22	abusive and therefore deserved what he got."
23	pilot so severely that his cheek or jawbone	23	That is the statement that you are referring to.
24	was fractured which prevented him from	24	Is that right?
25	flying. Despite witnesses and I believe	25	A. Correct.
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1	CCTV, charges were never pressed. It took	1	Q. As you accept, Mr McGrail denies having
1 2	the RGP several weeks to state that the	2	Q. As you accept, Mr McGrail denies having said that.
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2	Q. Did you say something to that effect, at	2	facts that (i) JG does not himself say that I
3	any stage during the process?	3	said this of both candidates and (ii) that I
4	A. No, I did not.	4	actually voted for Mr Ullger." Mr Lavarello
5	Q. Mr Gonçalves told the inquiry that it was	5	says that notwithstanding your vote for Mr
6	evident to him that you clearly did not like	6	Ullger, you had previously said to him, but
7	Mr McGrail. Is that a fair characterisation of	7	perhaps only him personally, that you would
8	your feeling towards Mr McGrail at that	8	not support either candidate. Do you agree
9	point?	9	with that?
10	A. Not at all. With respect, I don't know Mr	10	A. No, I don't, and if I had have said that as
11	McGrail whether to like him or not. What	11	bluntly as that, I would not support either
12	I've always looked for in leadership is	12	candidate, I would not have supported either
13	respect, admire and like. So, you respect a	13	candidate. I would have recused myself from
14	position, you admire the person for the job	14	the process. I can hardly say something to
15	that they do, and you like them for the	15	the chair of the GPA and one of its members,
16	individual they are. I didn't know Mr	16	and then do the opposite.
17	McGrail in order to have any judgement on	17	Q. Can we go to A199 now, please? This is
18	whether I liked him or not. I do have one	18	the Chief Minister's first affidavit to the
19	comment I'd like to make on that in terms of,	19	inquiry, and I just want to focus on the
20	I am quite surprised that the Chairman	20	message timed at 9:58 which is in the lightest
21	thinking that I added - I had a sort of	21	blue, and we can see on the screen, it is a
22	predisposition not to support Mr McGrail, if I	22	message of 14 May 2020 in response to a
23	was chair and I picked up that one of my	23	message from him to you, listing a number of
24	panel members held that view, I would	24	issues which are causing him to start to lose
25	remove them from the panel, quite simply.	25	confidence in the senior management of the
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1	McGrail. The GPA regularly spoke at its	1	A. I think - well it is - I think this has come
2	meetings about the allegations of bullying	2	up in evidence from Mr Morello.
3	and intimidation by Mr McGrail. As	3	Q. I will take you to Mr Morello's evidence,
4	evidence of this, an email from the	4	but just first of all, can I take you to A329.
5	Federation Chairman to the GPA dated 22	5	Sorry to cut you across, but I will come back
6	June 2020 states: 'It is no secret we have had	6	to that. If we go, first of all, to A329. The
7	numerous issues with Mr McGrail due his	7	bottom of that page, this is Dr Britto's second
8	management style and lack of respect'	8	witness statement, and he says, "The issues
9	While this issue was a concern of a lesser	9	and disputes between Mr McGrail /
10	order of gravity, it nevertheless fitted into the	10	Command on the one hand and Mr Morello /
11	pattern of behaviours by Mr McGrail which	11	GPF on the other were occasionally raised
12	was already causing me	12	with me by both sides. However, no formal
13	concern and causing me to begin to lose	13	complaint, oral or written, was ever made. I
14	confidence in him." I do not think there is	14	regarded things said to me as matters in
15	any dispute between any of the parties	15	dispute rather than complaints. Indeed, it
16	involved that there was a fractured	16	seems to be acknowledged by Mr Morello at
17	relationship between Mr McGrail and the	17	paragraph 147 of his witness statement that
18	Gibraltar Police Federation, but we want to	18	no formal complaint was made, as there was
19	focus on the complaints that you refer to.	19	no procedure in place which enabled a
20	You have already mentioned the word	20	complaint against the Commissioner to be
21	"formal". Do you maintain that formal	21	made. Mr Morello states at paragraph 148 of
22	complaints were made to the GPA about	22	his witness statement that if such procedure
23	this?	23	had been in place, he would have filed a
24	A. By myself or by others?	24	complaint of bullying against Mr McGrail.
25	Q. Well, in 23.2, you say, "The resulting	25	He said this in the context of Written
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1	tensions between the RGP leadership and the	1	Warning and Regulation 9 notices issues by
2	Police Federation culminated in formal	2	Command, which flowed from the ongoing
3	complaints	3	dispute as to superintendence and guidance."
4	A. From the Federation.	4	Do you accept Dr Britto's evidence that the
5	Q from the Federation to the GPA about	5	issues and disputes between them were
6	Mr McGrail." So, I suppose that would	6	occasionally raised with him on both sides,
7	encompass either/or.	7	but no formal complaint was ever made.
8	A. Yes. So, I was under the impression that	8	A. I have the utmost respect for Dr Britto, so
9	the Federation were, or had complained or	9	I don't have any issue with that. I think it
10	were looking to complain formally about Mr	10	does point to an issue quite similar with the
		11	airfield incident, where a gap in legislation
11	McGrail to the GPA. From my own point of	12	allowed an incident to develop, or a
12	view, I can just again refer back to something	13	- · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
13	I've said, which I can go over again if you	14	misunderstanding that the armed forced had not been extended to Gibraltar and I do
14	wish, but about the reports and the stories	15	
15	and the media reporting. I can't unread what		remember, again, having explained that I
16	I read at the time. I can't unhear what I heard	16 17	give my view at numerous GPA meetings, I
17	at the time and they tend to, when issues		would often suggest that the Police Act
18	come together, like this, they tend to sort of	18	needed revising in order to allow the GPA to
19	maybe rise up a little bit more than they	19	have a bit more management
20	should do.	20	control/leadership, over issues of the RGP,
21	Q. Do you have any recollection of	21	and of course, this would have formed part of
22	complaints being med by the police	22	that because of course there has to be a
23	federation at GPA meetings?	23	formal mechanism for the federation to
24	A. Not one that I was at.	24	complain against anybody in the RGP.
25	Q. One that you were not at?	25	Q. I will now take you to Mr Morello's
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1	evidence. It is at A1225. He says, "At some	1	recollection of that?
2	point after being served with the Written	2	A. So, as I say, just because I don't
3	Warning and Regulation 9 notices, I spoke to	3	remember doesn't meant it didn't happen. I
4	Dr Joey Britto on the phone, and asked if I	4	do have in my mind Dr Britto's quote, but
5	could address the GPA Board, not only in	5	that I used to meet Dr Britto separately,
6	relation to the ongoing internal investigation	6	we'd have coffee occasionally with the Chief
7	but the general relationship with the GPF/	7	Secretary to work things out, so whether that
8	Command and the authoritarian style of	8	came from Dr Britto or whether it's (I don't
9	leadership This meeting was held at the	9	know whether the expression is correct) an
10	GPA offices at Casemates Square [sometime	10	implanted memory from reading witness
11	in February 2020] where I can recall that	11	statements. But I have no reason to doubt Mr
12	most of the GPA Board were in attendance.	12	Morello, it is just that I simply don't recall
13	The meeting commenced and the first thing I	13	being at that meeting. I do recall, you know,
14	said was 'how do I file a complaint of	14	a meeting almost in passing in the Governor's
15	bullying against the Commissioner of	15	office with Mr Morello, which I think
16	Police?' The room was silent and I can	16	precluded this meeting with the GPA, so I
17	recall Mr Britto saying words to the effect 'no	17	may be conflating meetings.
18	please, no, that's all we need now'. Again, I	18	Q. When you in your witness statement refer
19	repeated the same 'how do I file a complaint	19	to "formal complaints" being made to the
20	of bullying against the Commissioner of	20	GPA then, you are not referring to this
21	Police?'. I paused for a few seconds and said,	21	meeting from your own recollection but
22	'you can't, there is no recourse'. I informed	22	rather the way that Dr Britto describes it, as
23	persons present that the point I was trying to	23	these matters finding their way to the GPA on
24	make was that there were no processes to	24	a number of occasions.
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1 with four on board. Two on the smuggling 1 Attorney General walking out of the room 2 2 RIB are fatalities, our crew are uninjured but with his moped helmet in his hand. I think 3 3 clearly shaken and shocked. I'm invoking Inspector Field was there, and Chipolina. I 4 4 post-incident procedures and planning for have to say that I engineered the walk past --5 consequence management. One I have 5 our dog, who's called Cabo (?) with my wife, 6 further updates I will let you know. Regards, 6 in order to pop in to have -- because I was 7 Ian". You respond, "Ian, thanks for letting 7 conscious that, you know, close to six hours 8 me know, sorry to hear this. And of course, 8 after my first contact with Mr McGrail I had 9 9 if TY need anything from us HMG just ask. no further contact with him. 10 10 Hope your guys are ok." And he says, Q. I had to use every ounce of my restraint 11 "Thanks Nick". You thanked him for letting 11 not to ask you the name of the dog, which 12 you know, you did not ask any further 12 has come up several times. But can we go to queries at that stage though. Is there any 13 13 B5735, please. This is Superintendent 14 14 reason why you did not ask any further Richardson's very brief note on that meeting, 15 15 the entry at 12.15. And he says, "HE act (?) questions? 16 16 A. Probably because I'd only just seen the arrives." I think that is a reference to you. 17 17 And he also has the name "Michael Llamas", WhatsApp, wanted to immediately respond 18 given that Mr McGrail had sent it at 06.05, 18 and a mobile number there. Given that there 19 19 and probably in the expectation that over the is a reference to the Attorney General, is your 20 20 next few hours I would be briefed, called or evidence that you recall him walking out as 21 emailed, and updated on events. 21 you walked in? Is that what you said? 22 22 Q. Presumably it is standard practice for the A. Quite close to that. Maybe he was there 23 23 Governor to be updated by the RGP when for a fleeting moment. 24 there are major incidents which fall within 24 Q. So, you say that you went past. Just to 25 25 the Governor's responsibilities under section clarify, you explained that you were walking Page 65 Page 67 1 47 of the Constitution? 1 past. Were you effectively deliberately 2 2 walking past there to see whether you could A. Absolutely. 3 3 Q. If we can go to your statement now at pick up more information? 4 paragraph 25.3, which is at A251. Or, first of 4 A. Yes. 5 5 Q. You refer to Inspector Chipolina being all, 25.1. "Without doubt, the most serious 6 incident that was the tipping point from my 6 there, do you have a clear recollection of him 7 7 'growing concerns' changing to recognising being there? 8 8 that things could not go on as they were and A. It's an impression rather than a certainty. 9 9 that change was needed, arose in relation to Q. Going back to your evidence, A251. You 10 10 this incident, which set in motion a chain of say, "Given the possibility of a diplomatic 11 events that led me to lose confidence in the 11 and political situation with Spain about this 12 abilities of the Commissioner to effectively 12 incident, which (being external affairs) would 13 lead his police force, and indeed caused me 13 be the responsibility of the Governor and 14 to lose confidence in his probity." You then 14 HMGOG, my primary concern was to 15 15 refer to the exchange that we have just been establish the location of the incident, and 16 16 looking at. And then, 25.3, you say, "Whilst whether it had occurred in Spanish territorial 17 17 walking my dog past New Mole House waters. I therefore asked Mr McGrail about 18 (NMH) at around midday on the 8th March I 18 the location and whether it was inside or 19 19 decided to call in and asked to see Mr outside BGTW. He replied with a slightly 20 20 flippant waving of his hands, 'could be in, McGrail. He was there and agreed to see 21 21 me." Who was present at the meeting that and could be out, it's difficult to tell at 22 22 night'." Mr McGrail's evidence is that you you refer to there with Mr McGrail, from 23 23 your recollection? did not raise any particular query as to the A. My impression was that the meeting was 24 24 location of the incident. Is it your evidence 25 concluding, and I have a vague picture of the 25 that your expressly asked him about the Page 66 Page 68

location? 1 have reported them to the FCDO? 2 2 A. Absolutely. A. Absolutely. And to Madrid, and to -- yes, 3 Q. How long did this meeting last, from your 3 that would have been a message that would 4 4 have gone up to -- and I -- without doubt to recollection? 5 A. I think it was possibly ten, fifteen 5 ministerial level. 6 6 minutes. I hate to say this, because my wife Q. Was there a distinction being made in 7 7 communications between on the one hand the and dog were waiting outside in part, but I 8 8 location of the collision, and on the other the just wanted to make the point. The issue for 9 9 me with exactly what I said there, and with location of the chase? 10 negotiations with Spain starting. The only 10 A. That wasn't mentioned on the Sunday, but 11 11 thing at the time, outside of concern for the it did come up in the meeting on the Monday, 12 welfare of those involved in the incident, was 12 where I'm --13 where it happened. I didn't really need to 13 Q. We will come to Monday. But, not on the 14 14 Sunday? know anything else at that moment. 15 15 Q. Did you explain to Mr McGrail why the A. It was not -- it was not mentioned on the 16 location of collision was an important factor 16 Sunday. 17 17 for you? Q. Are you aware of any motivation Mr 18 A. I would be surprised if I didn't, to set the 18 McGrail might have had for not giving you 19 context. 19 the best information available to him? 20 20 Q. But you do not have a recollection of it? A. No, and to be fair to Mr McGrail it's a 21 21 question I've asked myself numerous times. I A. No. 22 22 Q. Apart from 'could be in, and could be can only think, initially it was an oversight. 23 out', did Mr McGrail give you any indication 23 Q. Can we now go to B1436, please. 24 24 of the location of the collision. A. Sorry? 25 25 A. Absolutely not. I mean, I think I focused Q. 1346, apologies. 1346. Just looking at Page 69 Page 71 1 on, and knowing, you know, the waters quite 1 the first four messages there on 8 March, 2 well, 'could be in', 'could be out', for me was 2 starting from the top. At 13.33 hours you 3 3 uncertain to within a couple of hundred yards send a message to the Commissioner of 4 4 Police saying, "Thanks for the briefing, I'll or so, or three hundred yards maybe. So I 5 5 took Mr McGrail's words as they were, and I do a quick note for London for when it hits 6 thought: well, they obviously need to find out 6 the press. Line will be investigation ongoing. 7 7 whether they are in or out. Spanish nationals from Ceuta, did you say 8 8 Q. We have seen from the records that at that one person was Portuguese? Not sure in 9 9 moment provisional coordinates were whose waters incident took place. RGP 10 10 available to the RGP, albeit not confirmed seeking assistance from UK police 11 11 coordinates. From your perspective, would authorities, no assistance needed from FCO 12 you have considered it helpful to have been 12 at this stage." And he replies, "Yes, all 13 13 correct. Indeed one was Portuguese. Trying told of those? 14 A. Absolutely. Because without doubt, in 14 to clarify exact position of the collision." 15 my mind it would have firmly told me, 15 And you say, "ok, thanks". Knowing what 16 unequivocally, that the incident, the accident, 16 you do now, do you consider that the 17 the death at sea was firmly inside Spanish 17 information in that message exchange as to 18 18 waters. the collision was correct? 19 19 Q. Even if they were yet to be confirmed? A. No, it's not correct: without doubt in my 20 20 A. Yes. I mean, for me I think, as I said, it's, mind, Mr McGrail knew in whose waters the 21 incident took place. you know, once I was made aware of how far 21 22 22 in. It doesn't matter whether they're two Q. There is another reference in this 23 miles in, or five miles in, or one mile in. 23 exchange to the "exact position of the 24 24 Q. If you had been told the provisional collision", "Trying to clarify exact position of 25 coordinates, do you consider that you would 25 the collision." Had Mr McGrail shared with Page 70 Page 72

1 you a rough idea of the location of the 1 place and being asked if the chase had been 2 2 collision. plotted/recorded as the coordinates were 3 3 A. No, I was still under the "could be in", well out of BGTW, I was unable to answer 4 4 "could be out" assumption. this." He gave evidence that he took copies 5 Q. If we can go to B1746 now, please. This 5 of this printed-out map to the room with him. 6 is your report to the FCO at 2.09, which is a 6 If we go now to B2789, please. This is the 7 short while after that message exchange. 7 printout that Superintendent Field says he 8 8 took with him at 11.05, and his evidence was And you say, "I've just met with the 9 9 Commissioner of Police, who kindly gave me that he believed that he had left that map with 10 10 a briefing on the incident. The facts have yet him in the Commissioner's office. At least 11 to be determined and the investigation is 11 one copy, perhaps several copies. Do you 12 ongoing, but initial headlines are as follows: 12 have any recollection of being shown or 13 the incident happened at 0400 hours, though 13 seeing this map in the room when you 14 14 it is not yet known whether it took place in arrived? BGTW waters or just outside." Does that 15 15 A. I can categorically state that that map was 16 reflect the best information that you had 16 not shown to me. 17 obtained from Mr McGrail in the briefing? 17 Q. Moving on to 9 March, if we can --18 A. Yes, it does. 18 THE CHAIRMAN: Because if it had been, 19 19 MR SANTOS: We are about to move on to 9 (a) you would remember it, and you would 20 20 March, but I note the time and I wonder probably have taken a copy, and you would 21 whether perhaps now is an appropriate 21 have realised how very important it was. 22 22 moment for a mid-morning break, sir. A. Absolutely correct, sir. 23 23 THE CHAIRMAN: Short break. It is really Q. If we can go to B85. I just want to look 24 24 at the message at 10.15 on the morning of the for the benefit of the transcriber. 25 25 9th, which is about halfway down the page. NICHOLAS PYLE: Absolutely. Page 73 Page 75 1 THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. 1 This is a message from you to Mr McGrail. 2 NICHOLAS PYLE: Absolutely. 2 "Morning. I was with the AG last night, and 3 3 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you. we wondered whether it would be worth 4 MR SANTOS: Thank you. 4 having an update at some stage later this 5 5 (11.25)morning. We're keen to reach out to Spain, 6 6 (Adjourned for a short time) given talks this week in London. Please 7 7 protect". You allude to this meeting in your (11.39)8 8 Q. Can I ask that A801 be shown on screen, evidence, if we go to A252, paragraph 25.5. 9 9 please. This is the first witness statement of You say, "On the evening of 8th March, the 10 10 Superintendent John Field, where he deals Attorney General and I agreed that we with 8 March. And he says at paragraph 37, needed to see Mr McGrail the next day to get 11 11 12 towards the bottom of that page. 36, first of 12 details and clarity over the incident, not least 13 all, "At 09.40hrs, I received a report from 13 given the Gibraltar EU Exit negotiations with 14 14 Insp Paul Chipolina who had obtained the co-Spain which were then ongoing, and which 15 ordinates through his contacts in the Spanish 15 were scheduled to continue that week. I said I 16 Guardia Civil. These were 36'09 N 5'12 W, 16 would set a meeting up and did so." Given 17 approximately 6.54 miles east of Playa Santa 17 that the incident at sea was the major news of 18 Barbara." Then he says, "I then had the co-18 the day, I presume you discussed it over 19 19 ordinates plotted on a map and subsequently supper? 20 made my way to the COP suite." "At 1 20 A. It's inconceivable that we did not. We 21 1.05hrs, I briefed COP, Detective 21 absolutely would have discussed it. 22 22 Q. If we can go to B1345, and towards the Superintendent Paul Richardson and The 23 23 Attorney General, Mr Llamas who was also bottom of the page at 11.40 we can see a 24 24 there, concerning the suspected exact comessage from the Attorney General to the 25 ordinates. I remember a discussion taking 25 Commissioner of Police. This is a message Page 74 Page 76

1 that the Attorney General in fact had intended 1 have been a dreary night shift. 2 2 to send to the Chief Minister, but which it Q. Did the Attorney General share with you 3 the fact that it was six nautical miles either 3 appears was never actually sent. But I just 4 4 off the Spanish coast or into Spanish waters? want to focus on what is said within it. 5 "Been in New Mole for the last hour or so. 5 A. So, again, I can't remember that he did 6 Cooperation RGP/Spanish LEAs very good. 6 but it doesn't mean that he did not. 7 7 New RGP Press Release today will say good Q. Is there any reason why you don't provide 8 8 the details that you have provided now as to cooperation with ES, drug related activity, 2 9 deaths are Spanish nationals of North African 9 this meeting in your first affidavit to the 10 10 descent. Investigation continues. PR will Inquiry? 11 11 not say where incident occurred but it is A. So, this is the -- you mean of our dinner 12 virtually certain it was outside BGTW 12 on the... 13 eastern side opposite runway." So that is at 13 Q. Yes. 14 14 11.40 on 8 March, the Attorney General's A. Because I hadn't remembered all the 15 15 apparent knowledge of the location of the details. I knew we had a dinner, obviously, 16 16 incident. Did the Attorney General share that because that's when we said: I think we need 17 17 information with you at your dinner? to go and see Mr McGrail again. And again, 18 A. I can't remember in what way. As I said, 18 noteworthy that I still, you know, hadn't had 19 it's inconceivable that he did not share that, 19 any proactive communications from Mr 20 20 but I can't recollect in what way or which McGrail, hence asking to see him on the 21 way the discussion took. We used to 21 Monday. I suspect it might have been that, 22 22 regularly meet for supper. We became good you know -- on a Sunday evening, that after 23 friends, still are good friends. We'd meet 23 we'd finished our meal that there wasn't very 24 24 regularly. There's a lot also to discuss about much that could not wait until the Monday 25 25 the negotiations coming up, but I suspect -morning to be reported to London. Page 77 Page 79 1 what I do remember about the dinner is a 1 Q. Was this the first time that you'd been 2 comment I made to the Attorney General as 2 told information about the location? At that 3 3 we were leaving, which was my opinion that 4 4 A. I can't believe that I wouldn't have been what had happened in the incident at sea was 5 5 that on a bored night with not much going told, but as I said I can't remember bring into 6 6 my memory, you know, because I think I'd on, suspect activity was reported by Windy 7 7 Hill, the RGP decided to go and have a look, have probably knocked my bottle of beer 8 8 and I remember saying to Michael: and have over whether -- I'd have been shocked and 9 9 some fun, Miami Vice style. Which, you surprised, having been told, and firmly 10 10 know, was what I remember saying to having the impression of Mr McGrail, 'could 11 11 Michael is a sort of drawn recollection from be in', 'could be out', in my mind. 12 Michael's evidence and thinking about it 12 Q. Were you angry about the disparity of the 13 13 between now and then. information, between what was being told to 14 Q. So can you just expand on that a little bit: 14 the Attorney General and what you were 15 15 what you meant by that comment. receiving? 16 16 A. So, I still to this day can't understand why A. I'd be surprised if I wasn't. The caveat is 17 the chase happened. We now know that no 17 that I don't really do anger. I get frustrated, 18 18 part of it was in Gibraltar territorial waters. I but I'm relatively calm most of the time. 19 19 am sure we'll come on to that, so I won't --Very little angers me or annoys me. That 20 20 you know, I'll wait for the questioning to go tends to come later, when I do deeper 21 21 into that a bit detail, but in trying to explain thinking on an issue. So, I suspect my anger 22 22 the actions of the RGP all I could come up came perhaps the next day, or the day after, 23 23 with was this idea of a boat deciding to go or subsequently. 24 24 and have some fun, to try and -- you know, Q. Your evidence is that you agreed to seek 25 bring some interest into what I suspect might 25 more details from Mr McGrail because of the

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1 Spanish negotiations. Why was location 1 quickly between the agencies, and that there 2 2 relevant to those negotiations? Perhaps an is no negative impact on Thursday's talks 3 3 obvious question, but it would be good to get with the Spanish." Was this information the 4 4 your explanation. information that you had learnt from the 5 A. Yeah. As we know, the -- one of the main 5 Attorney General? 6 6 A. I think it was, but I think it was issues around the difference of opinion of 7 which we're certain and Gibraltar's certain --7 reinforced that morning. I've a memory of 8 8 the UK -- is over territorial waters. Having one of my colleagues mentioning it to me, 9 9 that the chase was outside. And forgive me if done numerous incursion-reporting briefs 10 10 and note verbales to the Spanish protesting I don't get the exact statement --11 11 incursions, I knew the sensitivities about the THE CHAIRMAN: This signal to the 12 waters. It would be fundamental, and in 12 Foreign and Commonwealth Office, you sent 13 terms of negotiations that were, you know, 13 at 07.57. That is very early in morning, eight 14 14 progressing, you know, slowly but surely, the o'clock in the morning. 15 15 last thing we needed was a curveball like this A. I was regularly in by half six, seven in the 16 16 to knock them off-kilter. morning. 17 17 Q. But your position is that despite the THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. 18 obvious impact that it would have had to 18 A. I think one thing to say at the time is that 19 19 learn of this information, you do not have a we were -- the convent was one down: we 20 20 recollection of learning about it from... had no Governor, I was Governor. There is 21 A. On Sunday night, from the Attorney 21 no such thing as Interim Governor, although 22 22 General. we use that; I'm quite happy with that. There 23 23 Q. Yes. was a great deal of work, as the Chief 24 24 A. That's correct I'm afraid, yeah. Minister and others have alluded to, going 25 25 on. But yes, the point is taken, it was early in Q. Can we now go to B1748, please. Sorry, Page 81 Page 83 1 but just focusing on that: nevertheless, you 1 the morning. Especially as London are an 2 do remember the "Miami Vice"... 2 hour behind us. 3 3 A. Yeah, I do. And it actually -- again, I'm Q. Sorry, you were just explaining... 4 4 A. Yeah, so I think Mr McGrail made a trying not to sort of impose a memory on 5 5 statement that it must have been him, and the myself, but I sort of link the "Miami Vice" to 6 the Life on Mars Sweeney comment from the 6 Chief Minister and the AG who told me, 7 7 MOD, and I suspect that might be because only they knew. And that, I'm afraid, 8 8 subliminally where my -- and I apologise for isn't true. Because the initial suspicious 9 9 being slightly flippant on such a serious activity was called in from Windy Hill signal 10 10 incident, but that's I suspect where that station by two members of the Gibraltar 11 "Miami Vice" comment from me came from. 11 Defence Police, who I think I named in some 12 Q. If we look at -- on screen we have got an 12 of the witness. So Windy Hill knew, and it 13 13 email from you on 9 March 2020 at 7.57 in would have perhaps more than two people 14 14 the morning. And you say, "There may be there. There would have been a shift change 15 complications around yesterday's incident, in 15 early in the morning, they would have 16 16 that it might have happened as much as six reported up to BFG and MOD. The Port 17 miles inside Spanish waters. If true, it's hard 17 Authority knew, the Spanish knew. And I 18 18 to fathom quite what the RGP were doing believe Windy Hill -- I'm not sure of the 19 19 chasing a vessel so deep into Spanish waters, timing, but they couldn't track because the 20 20 AIS was turned off, but they did have a and one can only hope that it was at the 21 21 invitation of the Spanish. That this may be thermal image camera recording of it and 22 22 why GoG have kept details very close and they'd managed to do a loose triangulation 23 23 have asked for no social media speculation, and plotting based on other ships that were 24 24 the only comment so far", we can skip over anchored. And I think that goes back to one 25 that. Then, "Let's hope this is all resolved 25 of my central points, if I may: I didn't need Page 82 Page 84

the exact locations, all I needed was, you 1 you to, you say, "Morning, I was with the 2 2 know, beyond reasonable doubt that the AG last night and we wondered whether it 3 3 incident happened inside Spanish waters. would be worth having an update at some 4 4 stage later this morning. We're keen to reach (11.52)5 Q. Are you saying that Windmill Hill 5 out to Spain given talks this weekend in 6 reported this to you before 0757? 6 London, please protect." You did not in that 7 A. No, it didn't come to me via Windmill 7 message say to Mr McGrail what you had 8 8 reported to the FCO. Why did you not do Hill. I have a vision of one of my colleagues 9 9 in the office, whether I mentioned to him that that? 10 I had spoken to the Attorney General the 10 A. I don't know. I tend to just, with 11 night before or whether the Gibraltar port 11 WhatsApp, be very brief, very pithy and very 12 authority knew, whether the Spanish coastal 12 precise. I don't send long messages, long 13 agencies knew, whether somehow that had 13 emails, long WhatsApps, long letters or 14 14 got into some guy I was with that morning submit long evidence. 15 15 but it did seem to confirm things to me but, Q. Would you agree that the tone of your 16 notwithstanding that, I would have reported 16 message, "We wondered whether it would be 17 17 the meeting with Michael and I would worth," is quite relaxed and does not express 18 normally have done a bit more than that, so I 18 any dissatisfaction or concern? 19 19 think that was something that I just wanted to A. Yes, I mean, I said that --- that is just the 20 20 diplomatic trade craft I've been involved in get into London quickly before I started the 21 rest of the day. 21 for 40 years. "Wondered whether it would 22 22 Q. Presumably the second hand information be worth having" is, "I'd like to come and see 23 23 that you are referring to would not have you, please." 24 disclosed, for example, that the incident 24 Q. Can we look at your second statement at 25 25 might have happened as much as six miles paragraph 19.4 please, A264? You say in Page 87 Page 85 1 inside Spanish waters? It is not clear how ---1 your second statement, "Furthermore, this is 2 2 ..." I should take you to the top of the page at 3 3 A. No, I think that's probably fair enough 19, "I note that a general theme running 4 but, as I have said, Windmill Hill do have the 4 throughout McGrail 3 is that Mr Llamas, the 5 5 ability to plot approximately without AIS and AG, was my legal adviser and that I am, 6 6 therefore, assumed that the AG was relaying 7 7 Q. Is there a reason why you did not refer to to me all the information that IM was passing 8 8 the Windy Hill exchange in your evidence? to the AG including information about the 9 9 A. Yes, there was actually. I was always location of a collision on a timely basis. As 10 under the impression that there were 10 to this I comment as follows," and then at 11 sensitivities around elements of that 19.4 you say, "Furthermore, the AG is not 11 12 operation and of course it was just again on 12 the Governor's lawyer in the sense of a 13 13 poring through the evidence and then seeing solicitor/client relationship in a matter such 14 14 the six phone calls between Windy Hill and that information conveyed to the solicitor is 15 the PMB or, you know, reporting the 15 thereby conveyed to the client. The AG is a 16 collision to Windy Hill and backwards, so 16 legal adviser to the Governor in the sense 17 there was certainly enough information 17 that he provides legal advice to the Governor 18 within what I recall the MOD family, for 18 on matters of Gibraltar law and constitution 19 19 want of a better word that would firmly allow as the Governor may request of him. 20 20 people to draw a conclusion that would be Information conveyed to the AG is not 21 hard to argue against that the incident took 21 thereby conveyed to the Governor nor can 22 22 place inside Spanish waters. anybody reasonably assume that whatever is 23 Q. Can we now go back to B85, which is 23 said to the AG will be conveyed by him to 24 24 your exchanges with Mr McGrail and focus the Governor. I knew that I was repeatedly 25 on the same message that I already referred 25 myself asking him for this information Page 86 Page 88

directly. He could not, therefore, reasonably 1 switched off and I was struck by "switched 2 2 have thought that he was discharging his duty 3 3 to me by assuming that information, different O. We will come to AIS in a moment, I am 4 4 just focusing on location. Why at that point to that which he was providing to me 5 directly, would reach me indirectly through 5 ---- sorry, why at that point were you not 6 the AG. In my opinion, this is simply 6 direct with Mr McGrail that you now knew 7 disingenuous." Do you consider that that 7 the collision was up to six nautical miles into 8 8 Spanish waters? reasoning still applies in circumstances 9 9 where you expressly told Mr McGrail that THE CHAIRMAN: Or at least had been 10 10 you had met with the Attorney General the 11 11 previous evening? MR SANTOS: (To the witness): Or had 12 A. Well, as I have previously stated, we used 12 been told? 13 to meet regularly. There was a great deal of 13 A. I don't have an answer to that. It's 14 14 work to discuss not least the negotiations, so, something that I have asked myself and I can 15 15 I mean, that statement is true, yes. accept the suggestion that I should have been 16 16 more forceful and directive and more open Q. It turns out, however, that Mr McGrail 17 17 was correct to assume that the Attorney with Mr McGrail and said that I had had 18 General would pass the information to you if 18 information that sort of quite clearly puts the 19 19 he did so that evening. Is that not right? incident inside Spanish waters. 20 20 A. Yes, you could make that assumption but Q. Would that not have been a natural thing 21 my point is that I needed, wanted and so 21 to do rather than sit on the information that 22 22 you had obtained? should have happened, Mr McGrail should 23 23 have told me directly himself when I asked A. Yes, it would and, with hindsight, as I 24 24 have said, I wished I had approached that and he should certainly not have misled me 25 25 on the Sunday when I cleared a draft email I meeting differently. Page 89 Page 91 1 was sending to London on the most 1 Q. Do you accept that if you had raised what 2 important issue of the day. That Sunday 2 you knew with him, he would have been able 3 3 rather than generally. to provide you with better information? For 4 4 example, clarifying that the collision was not Q. If we can go to A252 now, your 5 5 statement at paragraph 25.6, you say, "On 9th six nautical miles into Spanish waters but, 6 March the Attorney General and I met Mr 6 rather six nautical miles off the coast? 7 7 McGrail at NMH. I again asked Mr McGrail A. It would have and that is absolutely sure. 8 8 about the location of the incident. Mr As I said, my interest was not the exact 9 9 McGrail said he was still not sure." Was it location, my interest was inside or outside 10 10 and clearly inside Spanish waters or outside just you, the Attorney General and Mr 11 11 McGrail at this meeting or do you recall British Gibraltar territorial waters. 12 Superintendent Richardson also being there? 12 Q. If we look at paragraph 25.8 of your 13 13 I recall somebody else being there but I statement, you say, "My strong sense and 14 14 wouldn't with all certainty be able to say suspicion at the time that Mr McGrail was 15 15 who. I think people were coming in and out answering my questions prior to 11 March 16 16 as well, which might have sort of affected my about the location of the incident was that Mr 17 recollection. 17 McGrail was deliberately withholding from 18 18 Q. Can you please be as precise as possible me important information about the nature of 19 19 about your question to Mr McGrail and his his understanding of the location of this 20 20 response to that question? incident, which were matters of prime 21 21 A. It is as it is in the statement. That's importance to myself as Governor and to 22 22 almost a verbatim --- I couldn't understand HMG in terms of our responsibility for 23 23 why --- and I'm not technical so GPS, AIS, Gibraltar's external affairs. My suspicions 24 24 you know, could not provide the information, were later confirmed when I discovered from 25 25 Mr McGrail replied that they had been sight of the Section 15 Report prepared by Page 90 Page 92

Mr McGrail for the Chief Minister, that Mr. 1 important issue given the state of the 2 2 negotiations with Spain." Mr McGrail denies McGrail had information, very early on 8 3 3 March, just a few hours after the incident, saying that. Do you stand by your evidence? 4 4 which suggested, and that had caused him to A. Yes, I do. 5 believe with reasonable clarity, that the 5 Q. Have you heard about any practice of 6 incident had occurred well inside Spanish 6 AIS being switched off? 7 Waters." You refer to your strong sense of 7 A. So I have a vague recollection before I 8 suspicion at the time, so why did you not 8 read the SOLIS report of RGP vessels, again 9 9 raise your suspicion directly with Mr part of this anecdotal story, evidence, 10 10 McGrail at the time? narrative around the RGP, of RGP incursions 11 11 A. Again, it goes back to with hindsight; if I into Spanish waters and I was struck on 12 had asked that question, if I had put to him 12 reading through the evidence of procedures 13 what I knew, I think it may be an influence 13 and I think within 18 months or so before the 14 14 from the Sunday, the previous day where Mr runaway incident, I think actually possibly 15 15 McGrail had the opportunity to fully disclose two or three years before. Over a period of 16 16 what he knew. That was an oversight on his 18 months I think three separate sets of 17 17 part of such significance and magnitude that I instructions not to go outside BGTW were 18 really found it quite hard and still do to 18 issued. I can only conclude that the 19 19 understand why Mr McGrail didn't tell me frequency of those instructions being issued 20 20 that and the only conclusion --- there are only was because, you know, incursions into 21 two options, I think; either there was this 21 Spanish waters were still happening perhaps 22 22 massive oversight or it was deliberate. and I think the SOLIS report managed to 23 23 Perhaps, you know, again with hindsight I work out that there had been two 24 24 might have said that it was either deliberate transgressions. 25 25 or a massively significant oversight on the THE CHAIRMAN: (To the witness): This Page 95 Page 93 1 Sunday, 8 May. 1 incursion was one of them. 2 Q. Was it the case perhaps of you and the 2 A. Okav. 3 3 Attorney General deciding to test Mr MR SANTOS: This was one of --- it may 4 McGrail and see how long he took to tell you 4 have been one of two, I think. 5 5 the information that you already knew? THE CHAIRMAN: (To the witness): Yes, 6 A. So I have never thought of that until you 6 one of two. 7 7 put the question to me. It's not the way I A. Okay, I take the correction, thank you. 8 operate. I am normally quite straight which I 8 THE CHAIRMAN: That is how I remember 9 9 know is a slight contradiction to what I have 10 said and accepted that I should have been 10 MR SANTOS: I think that is right, yes, 11 although it was accepted in evidence that AIS more directive with what I knew to Mr 11 12 McGrail but I am not Machiavellian. 12 would have to be switched on for that to be --13 13 Q. If we can go back to paragraph 25.6, 14 14 picking up from where we left off and the THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, correct. 15 part that you were referring to about AIS, 15 MR SANTOS: --- determined. (To the 16 you said, "I queried why the GPS/AIS 16 witness): If we can look now at C3278, 17 systems could not provide this information. 17 please, this is an email from you later that 18 Mr McGrail replied that the instruments had 18 day at 4.42 and you say, "The AG and I 19 19 been switched off. I received a further briefing from the 20 asked why the officers would do that. Mr 20 Commissioner of Police this morning at my 21 McGrail replied, 'You know what it is like in 21 request; headlines are as follows," and if we 22 the heat of the moment.' I said I did not, 22 go to the fourth paragraph, the largest one, 23 adding that surely Standard Operating 23 halfway down, there is a sentence that starts, 24 Procedures dictated that such equipment 24 "The RGP helmsman did not full report the 25 should always be on. I said this was a vitally 25 start of the chase to Obs Centre as per SOPs.

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1 CoP brushed this off to an oversight due to 1 was that at the time we thought that was the 2 2 the pressure of the moment. I was less case and that was quite important and there is 3 3 forgiving." Are you sure that your memory an important point in my mindset and 4 4 of Mr McGrail referring to the heat of the thinking around that, which is that if the 5 moment was about AIS and not to the 5 chase started in and around Gibraltar waters, 6 helmsman failing to report the start of the 6 then I think it may have leant me towards 7 7 chase as you refer to here? being more sympathetic with the 8 8 A. So this is the benefit you have with Commissioner's view that it could be in or it 9 9 could be out, in terms of --- and we have a forensic examination whereas I only have my 10 10 memory. You could be right. I could be different definition of the word "incident" 11 11 conflating the two issues. I apologise if I do which I am sure you will come to as well. 12 but the point is that issues of significant 12 Q. If we can go back to 3278, which we 13 importance were brushed off to an oversight, 13 were looking at previously, was this email 14 14 so, with respect, which issue it was, given prepared on the basis of your recollection of 15 15 that both were quite substantial issues, is the meeting or was it based on a note that 16 16 relevant but for me not pivotal. you were taking at the time of the briefing? 17 17 Q. If there had been an exchange in relation A. I am sorry, can you repeat that question 18 to AIS where he had said something along 18 so that I can get the ----19 19 those lines, the heat of the moment, the Q. This is an account of that briefing ----20 20 pressure of the moment, do you think that A. Yes. 21 you would have recorded it in this email? 21 Q. Did you take a handwritten note or a 22 22 A. Yes, I think that's --- I can accept that. typed note during the course of the briefing 23 Q. Can we now go to B5736, please, this is 23 or was this what you typed up afterwards? 24 24 A. No, this what I typed out afterwards. Superintendent Richardson's note of the 25 25 meeting and I just want to focus on two items Q. If we go to the bottom of the email, the Page 97 Page 99 1 in the final entry at 1210, which refers to a 1 last sentence you say, "I suspect this is as 2 meeting between you and the Attorney 2 much as we will get until the investigation, 3 3 General and the Commissioner of Police. including the interviews of the RGP and the 4 The second bullet point says, "Exact 4 mining of phones and IAS have been 5 5 coordinates of collision still not determined." completed." Could your reference to IAS be 6 Do you recall Mr McGrail or Superintendent 6 a typographical error and a reference to AIS? 7 7 Richardson also saying something to that Or is that something that ----8 8 effect? A. Yes, yes. 9 9 A. They undoubtedly did. I do recall the Q. Was it your understanding that AIS could 10 10 expression "we're still not certain where it be mined even if it was switched off or does 11 is," and I accept the word "certain" means 11 this suggest that AIS was still something that 12 different things to different people and within 12 was on the cards at the time? 13 the context of what I was looking for, so, yes, 13 A. Well, it must have been turned off at 14 the exact coordinates still not determined. 14 some stage; therefore, there was still relevant 15 15 Q. Would that suggest that there was a more evidence into the mining of the AIS. 16 16 high level discussion as to the rough location Q. If we can go to A254 now, please, your 17 17 of the collision in the meeting? paragraph 25.8.(iv), I want to pick it up from 18 18 A. So again a question I have not thought of about six lines down, "He had thereby caused 19 19 until now, I think undoubtedly that must be me to report to London on the basis of 20 20 incomplete, indeed erroneous information the case, so the same point that it says, "ten 2.1 21 minute chase in and around British Gibraltar and less information than was then available. 22 22 waters." Copies of my email to London dated 8 March 23 23 Q. Yes. 2020 at 14:09 is at NPI/141, and my email 24 24 dated 9 March 2020 at 16:42 is at NPI/142." A. I believe at the time, which was a key 25 point that the Attorney General focused on, 25 You have already said that the 8 March email Page 98 Page 100

1 was erroneous and incomplete, so what about 1 probable that it did occur outside BGTW. 2 2 your email of 9 March which we have just Did this take the matter any further for you 3 been looking at? Do you consider that to be 3 than what the Attorney General had told you 4 4 erroneous and incomplete? on the night of the 8th? 5 A. No, I think what I was trying to say was 5 A. No, it didn't, but I was wanting to hear 6 6 the difference between my email dated 8 from --- unequivocally from Mr McGrail 7 7 himself rather than from others. March, which was on the basis of incomplete 8 8 information, as opposed to my email on 9 Q. So did this bring you up to the level of 9 9 March which is the first time that I had your understanding in terms of information 10 10 confirmed suspicions to London that the received from the Commissioner of Police 11 11 incident happened inside Spanish waters. that you had gathered from the Attorney 12 Q. If we can go to C3294 now, please, this is 12 General and from Windmill Hill? 13 an email from you to Mr McGrail on 10 13 A. Yes, I think it did. I wished that on the 14 14 March at 1.36 and it is an exchange about Mr Sunday I had been shown the map or been 15 15 McGrail's efforts to source out an given the coordinates. That would have 16 16 independent investigation team with the Met saved all of this and I accept that at times, as 17 17 Police. Do you agree that you and Mr I have said before, that I perhaps could have 18 McGrail appear to be cooperating well in 18 been more precise and more decisive and 19 these emails? 19 more forthcoming with Mr McGrail what I 20 20 A. Of course, yes. knew but I really did want to hear from the 21 Q. At this stage it does not appear that you 21 **Commissioner of Police to the Governor** 22 22 are raising what you knew about location formally the information that was relevant. 23 23 with him still. Is that correct? Q. If we go to B1761, an email from you on 24 A. I think I had already had it confirmed in 24 12 March at 849 to a contact, presumably at 25 25 my mind, if not in other ways, that the the FCO, it is just the fourth paragraph that I Page 103 Page 101 1 incident had happened inside Spanish waters. 1 want to focus on, where you say, "I have to 2 Q. If we go to B1351, the first new message 2 say I can't quite understand why we still don't 3 3 on that page on 11 March at 6.58, this is a definitively know whether the incident took 4 message between you and Mr McGrail and 4 place inside or outside of BGTW, the exact 5 5 you say, "Ian, good to hear about progress re coordinates don't matter at this stage [I think 6 Met help. Are we any clearer as to where 6 you meant to say]. It's a matter of inside or 7 7 collision took place? London are keen to out. This leaves me worried that it was 8 8 know whether it was inside or outside significantly outside." Had either Mr 9 9 BGTW and, if the latter, approximately by McGrail or the Attorney General explained 10 10 how far," and Mr McGrail responds, "Nic, to you why the RGP had been unable to 11 we're getting there on establishing exact 11 confirm the coordinates at this stage? 12 coordinates of where collision took place. 12 A. No, they hadn't. I think I probably 13 13 We're tying up some loose ends and probing assumed that because the AIS wasn't turned 14 14 further from WHSS. I should be able to on, that it goes acknowledge to that point on 15 15 confirm soon. It is highly probable that it did the difference between exact and beyond 16 occur out BGTW. We're getting plotted 16 reasonable doubt as to where. 17 which will provide us better understanding in 17 Q. Had Mr McGrail referred to information 18 terms of distance from BGTW," and you 18 having been received from the Guardia 19 19 respond --- sorry, and then there's an email --Civil? 20 - a message between the Commissioner of 20 A. No. 21 21 Police and the Attorney General below. Q. Why did you say that the exact 22 Again, at this point you did not share with 22 coordinates do not matter? 23 23 the Commissioner of Police your A. Because they don't when it was so 24 understanding but the Commissioner of 24 significantly outside BGTW, to me that is. It 25 Police does point out to you that it is highly 25 may matter to forensic investigation by the Page 102 Page 104

1	Metropolitan Police and others but given	1	A. I do. I would probably have added a
2	what I was focusing on, as I have said	2	third, which was that it would also
3	previously, the exact location didn't matter.	3	demonstrate in the aftermath cooperation
4	Q. Then just skipping over a paragraph, you	4	between Gibraltar and Spain determining
5	say, "I copied Michael in should he know	5	how the accident happened, so a further
6	more than I." If he had known more	6	example of the good cooperation between
7	information, does that mean that you would	7	authorities.
8	have expected him to share it with you at that	8	THE CHAIRMAN: (To the witness): I
9	time?	9	think he also said in his oral evidence that he
10	A. I think I was probably referring to our	10	was making the best of a bad job.
11	meeting on the Monday rather than the more	11	A. Yes.
12	general, "Is there anything you're not telling	12	MR SANTOS: Yes, I think that is right. (To
13	me, Attorney General," which I would not	13	the witness): If we can look at A83, please,
14	suggest to the Attorney General for one	14	and the final paragraph on that page, this is
15	moment.	15	Mr McGrail's third affidavit and paragraph
16	Q. If we can go to B100, this is an update	16	92, he says, "At 1614 hrs [and this is on the
17	provided towards the bottom of the page,	17	same day, 12 March] I texted NP asking him
18	this is an update provided by Mr McGrail to	18	whether he could take a call. I have no
19	a group, a WhatsApp group that you are not	19	written record of this call but it was to update
20	included in but it is an update on 12 March at	20	him in the same vein as I had done with the
21	4.13 and the final paragraph on that page	21	other officials in the 'Maritime Incident'
22	says, "In terms of the investigation proper,	22	group chat [that is the WhatsApp that we
23	the evidence points at the pursuit and	23	have just been looking at]. I spoke to him
24	collision occurring outside BGTW, not the	24	later on the phone and updated him,
25	best news we wanted to hear." Then over the	25	accordingly, including informing him that the
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1	page, the fourth entry, the Chief Minister	1	evidence pointed to both the pursuit and
2	responds, "Thank you, Ian, location does not	2	collision occurring outside BGTW. This was
3	worry me so much, helps us in a way, will	3	the first occasion I had verified information/
4	discuss directly with you." The Chief	4	evidence that the collision had taken place
5	Minister has explained what he meant by	5	outside BGTW." You agree that this update
6	saying, "location does not worry me so	6	took place in your evidence so did Mr
7	much, helps us in a way," it is at A230,	7	McGrail share on that call what new
8	paragraph 20 of his second witness	8	information or evidence had triggered this
9	statement, his second affidavit, he says, "The	9	update?
10	reason I said that the location could help us	10	A. I don't recall with any clarity, let alone
11	was two-fold; first, in demonstrating to the	11	great clarity, the nature of the phone call but
12	general public in Gibraltar that in some	12	it would obviously have been to discuss the
13	instances police cooperation involves cross	13	incident.
14	border activity and that our own police may	14	Q. Once Mr McGrail had brought you up to
15	stray into Spanish waters in the same way as	15 16	speed on location did you raise with him the
16 17	Spanish police often stray into British	17	fact that you had known since the 8th the
18	Gibraltar Territorial Waters; secondly, I thought that although it would cause huge	18	approximate location of the collision?  A. No, I don't think I ever raised that with
19	diplomatic issues in the negotiations on foot	19	A. No, I don't think I ever raised that with him.
20	with Spain at the time, it would be helpful in	20	Q. If we can look at 25.8(vi) at A254, you
21	showing our Spanish counterparts that our	21	also refer to a debrief where you say, "I had
22	police officers were seeking out illicit	22	in fact learned on either the 18th or 19th
23	activity." Do you agree with the Chief	23	March from a debrief by Acting Detective
24	Minister's reasoning in that in those	24	Superintendent Gary Smith of the
25	paragraphs?	25	Metropolitan Police that 'All indications were
	1 "8-"1		
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that the incident had happened in Spanish 1 A. No, I ----2 2 Q. You do not have any specific reasons for waters possibly up to 3 miles out of BGTW' 3 and subsequently, on 20th March, wrote a 3 saying 18 or 19? 4 note of the debrief." If we go to A1054, this 4 A. No, it could be a slip of the pen, it could 5 is Detective Superintendent Smith's evidence 5 be that we had the debrief and the report was 6 and at paragraph 32 he says, "I regularly 6 written on the next day in the day slip but I 7 briefed with PC. From memory I had no 7 think the important thing there is Mr Culligan 8 contact with Nicholas Pyle but did meet with 8 saying, "We had a debrief," which I think 9 his successor David Steel, Commander in 9 confirms that I did indeed meet Gary Smith 10 10 Chief, during the August deployment. Once although, as I said, I wasn't there for anything 11 again we discussed the complexities of 11 but the opening remarks of the briefing. 12 criminal charges due to the alleged activity 12 Q. And that refers to the indications being 13 and jurisdictional issues." So he says that 13 that the incident had happened in Spanish 14 14 from memory he had no contact with you and waters, possibly up to three miles out of 15 went through Mr Culligan. Do you agree 15 BGTW, did you raise that with Mr McGrail? 16 16 A. No, I didn't raise any issues pertaining to with that or do you recall a direct briefing 17 17 from him? location with Mr McGrail after his 18 A. So there is a sort of two --- there are two 18 WhatsApp on the Wednesday saying, 19 19 sides to this. No contact is not true but did "Highly probable." 20 20 he brief me fully? No. As I have said, the Q. If we can now go to B1934, please, this is 21 Convent was under a great deal of pressure at 21 an email from you to the Chief Minister, 22 22 the time. We had many things on our plate. copied to the Attorney General on 29 May 23 23 I am one person down as we were awaiting 2020 at three o'clock. You say, "CM, 24 24 according to the Spanish NV, the collision the arrival or news of when Sir David would 25 25 arrive and I remember meeting Mr Smith in took place at ...." and he sets out the Page 109 Page 111 1 Phil Culligan's office where I shook his hand 1 coordinates, "This appears to be confirmed 2 and had an introduction and I was probably 2 by the photograph on page 3 of CoP's 3 3 there for about two minutes. I had a very report/letter to you dated 28 March. The 4 4 graphic attached shows where those good team and a lot of support from the team 5 5 at the Convent. Phil Culligan was a vastly coordinates relate to, not quite where I was 6 experienced officer who I admired and 6 expecting the collision to have taken place." 7 7 respected and still do and was more than If we go over the page, we have a graphic 8 8 capable of handling issues like this and in which says that it is 7.5 nautical miles off 9 9 fact Mr Culligan led for the time he arrived Europa Point, but it is difficult to see that in 10 10 on what I call the operational, tactical relation to waters because we do not have the 11 11 delineation of the waters. Why do you say at engagement with the MOD and the RGP. 12 Q. If we can now look at C4230, this is an 12 that point on 29 May that it was not quite 13 13 email of 21 May 2020 which sets out --- it where you were expecting the collision to 14 14 says, "Nic, as discussed, here is a bullet point have taken place? 15 15 record of the rushed initial debrief we had A. I'm not sure. I think I may have been 16 16 from Acting Detective Superintendent Gary swayed by the initial reference to one of the 17 Smith on 20 March," and the penultimate 17 people on the boat saying it was off the other 18 18 bullet point says, "All indications were that side of Europa Point, for want of a better 19 19 the incident happened in Spanish waters, word. 20 20 possibly up to three miles out of BGTW." Q. When did you --- when were you told 21 21 There appears to be some confusion about about that initial report in terms of Europa 22 22 the date of the debrief because that refers to Point, the person on the vessel? 23 23 20 March and your witness statement says 18 A. I can't remember, to be honest. 24 24 or 19 March. Can you shed any light as far Q. These coordinates are, however, 25 25 as that is concerned or are you ---consistent with the collision being roughly

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six nautical miles off Santa Barbara beach 1 certainly read it and briefed myself on 2 2 though; is that correct? already issues for that --- if we did indeed set 3 3 up a meeting on the Monday. It may have A. That is correct. 4 4 Q. Your email of 29 May, which we were slipped for whatever reason and, as you can 5 just looking at on the previous page, refers to 5 see, that's quite a wide group of people, that 6 NV, a Spanish note verbale, I believe, when 6 was going to be a lot of stake holders 7 was the first time that you read that note 7 involved in that meeting which I think 8 8 verbale? explains the severity of the situation. 9 9 A. I can't remember. I don't think I read it Q. We have seen that your email is on the 10 10 the day it came in, the day I was made aware Friday --- the previous email that we looked at, B1934, you send that email on 29 May, 11 11 of it, not least because it was in Spanish and 12 my Spanish is beyond that level of detail 12 and then that is a reference to the 13 which is why I think it was picked up by our 13 Commissioner of Police's report to the Chief 14 14 Embassy in Madrid and London to work Minister which had been received in the 15 15 through what that all meant and of course the preceding days. 16 16 relationship between the UK and Spain isn't A. Sorry, which email am I looking at? 17 17 dealt with from Gibraltar, it is dealt with Q. I am sorry, the one which is already on 18 from London. 18 the screen now that we just looked at, where 19 19 Q. If I can show you C3900, this is a you refer in the second sentence, "This 20 20 message, an email of 15 May 2020 and it is appears to be confirmed by the photograph 21 from someone presumably in London to you 21 on page 3 of the Commissioner of Police's 22 22 and other recipients and under points for report ...." 23 23 action, there is a reference, "The CM A. I am sorry --- I don't say --- sorry ----24 mentions a note verbale, it's not clear 24 Q. The first paragraph ---25 25 whether this might have arrived in BE A. "According the Spanish NV, the collision Page 115 Page 113 1 Madrid or from the FMA or in FCO from the 1 took place at ...." 2 Spanish Embassy, I would be grateful if you 2 Q. And then, "This appears to be confirmed 3 3 could check and let me know. I'm conscious by the photograph on page 3 of the 4 today it's a holiday in Spain so BE Madrid is 4 Commissioner of Police's report letter to 5 5 closed. Monday is fine to cheek this there," you." 6 and then after the bullet points, "The CM's 6 A. Yes, sorry. 7 7 instincts on handling looks spot on, handling Q. That is a reference to the section 15 8 8 it transparently and being seen to be doing report? 9 9 so. Once we've had sight of the note verbale A. Yes, yes. 10 10 and know what the Spanish are asking, we Q. When was the first time that you read the should have an initial meeting to discuss 11 section 15 report? 11 12 handling from our end, including what 12 A. I remember the box being delivered. I 13 13 remember groaning because it just added to should rightly be left to GoG and what 14 should be done by FCO." I think you said in 14 the work load and I am pretty sure I started 15 15 your previous response that you did not read that afternoon, took the box home and spent 16 16 the note verbale immediately because it Saturday going through it all. 17 would have to explained to you, translated 17 Q. If we can look at B1273, please, that 18 18 and explained, so you are not able to say email refers to a photograph on page 3 of the 19 19 between 15th and 29th when in fact you report, this is page 3 of the report, and that is 20 20 learned the contents of the note verbale? the photograph and just to read out what is 21 21 A. I think we would have --- I would have said about it in the report, going to the 22 22 previous page, picking it up from three lines read it in advance of the meeting and of 23 23 course that is a good example of where -- picking it up in the final paragraph, three 24 24 lines in, "At the relevant time, this decisions and how we progress are taken by 25 25 information was not available to the London in a consultative way. I had Page 114 Page 116

1 command team as according to the police 1 the incident of 8 March 2020 does not 2 2 interceptors AIS had not been activated. require explanation. By its own it has raised 3 This is contrary to standing orders. It was 3 grave concerns with wide-reaching political, 4 4 assumed that the collision was likely to have financial, reputational and sovereignty 5 taken place outside of BGTW as the radar 5 implications. They raise very serious 6 screen of the suspect vessel displayed 6 concerns about the leadership at the RGP." 7 coordinates indicating this but this required 7 Did you raise those concerns about political, 8 technical confirmation," this is the screen 8 financial, reputational and sovereignty 9 9 which shows that at 3.39 on 8 March 2020 it implications with Mr McGrail? 10 10 had those coordinates which roughly match A. I would have done on 9 March. 11 up to the coordinates that were received from 11 Q. What about with the GPA at any point 12 the Guardia Civil, in your view would it have 12 prior to this letter? 13 been helpful for the RGP to inform you of 13 A. Um, certainly to the chairman, Dr Britto, 14 14 these coordinates from the suspect vessel, when he came. 15 even though they still required technical 15 Q. On the 18th, yes, sorry, I should have --16 16 confirmation? A. But as Governor I had recused myself 17 (12.32)17 from GPA matters outside of engagement 18 A. Absolutely, especially on the point that 18 with the Chairman. 19 19 the co-operation relationship between the Q. And reading on, you say: 20 20 RGP and Guardia Civil and the Spanish "Furthermore, I suspected at the time of the 21 authorities is good, why would they doubt 21 immediate aftermath of the incident that the 22 22 COP's disclosure of information to me was the information that they were being 23 23 provided? I accepted they may have needed evasive, in particular in relation to the critical 24 24 issue of whether or not the incident had to go a bit deeper into the precise location, 25 25 but again in terms of the information I occurred within BGTW. I know that when Page 117 Page 119 1 needed I would have thought that would have 1 the COP was telling me that it was not clear 2 been enough for them to have passed that on. 2 where the incident had occurred, he was 3 3 Q. Just to be clear, these co-ordinates that informing the Chief Minister that the incident 4 you are seeing on screen are not the ones that 4 had indeed occurred outside BGTW. Indeed 5 5 were received from Guardia Civil, these were it occurred some 7.5 nautical miles beyond 6 obtained from the suspect vessel. The screen 6 Gibraltar's baseline and therefore well 7 7 outside BGTW. I find this evasiveness on of the suspect vessel when it was switched on 8 8 had these co-ordinates on it and they tally a key issue to demonstrate a total lack of 9 9 roughly with the Guardia Civil evidence. respect to the office of Governor, particularly 10 10 And Chief Inspector Field's evidence to the since the COP knew that this was the crucial 11 Inquiry, or Superintendent Field's evidence to issue for me and for both the UK and 11 12 the inquiry, was that this photograph was 12 Gibraltar governments as far as diplomatic 13 taken on 9 March. Would you have wanted 13 relations with Spain were concerned." 14 14 to know that information? Did you raise this concern with Mr McGrail 15 A. I think so. I think I would have wanted to 15 at the time given that you already had those 16 know all available information and it would 16 suspicions? 17 have then been up to me to go through and 17 A. No, I don't think I did. 18 work out what was relevant. 18 Q. And did you raise it with the GPA in your 19 19 Q. Can we go to C4675 now, please? This is role as Governor? 20 your letter of 3 June to the GPA. We have 20 A. I would have raised it with Dr Britto 21 21 looked at it once before and it is in response when we met on the Monday. 22 to the Gomez & Co letter of 29 May, which 22 Q. If we can now go to B1441, please. This 23 23 we will come to later. Just the third is the section 15 report, in response to the 24 24 paragraph on the next page, you say: section 15 report. On 19 May ... sorry, I said 25 "In relation to the former, the seriousness of 25 it is in response to the section 15 report. This

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is prior to seeking the section 15 report. On 1 section 15 might have been referred to? 2 2 19 May you have an exchange with the Chief A. Sorry, I think the 15 May was a Friday, 3 3 Minister where he says: not the weekend. 4 4 "On the other, what is your instinct on the Q. Sorry, yes, before the weekend. 5 15(1)(a) report? Shall I seek it given Met 5 A. No, I don't believe we got into that. I mean, I'm sure you may ... will you come to 6 report is not imminent? I am in two minds." 6 7 7 And you respond: that meeting? 8 "I am sure or hope COP has done his own 8 Q. Yes. Just in terms of your response, 9 internal investigation and therefore has 9 breaking it down, you say, from the second 10 10 an internal report. You could (a) ask on the line: "You could (a) ask on the basis of the 11 11 claim being filed as the peg." What did you basis of the claim being filed as the peg or 12 (b) wait until say Friday to see what Joey 12 mean by that? 13 comes up with. Slight preference to leave 13 A. Well, that was news that there was 14 14 this to the GPA but worried they will not be a claim being made in Spain on behalf of the 15 15 timely enough. Using 15(1)(a) would speed relatives. I would have thought again I could 16 16 things up and on balance I would go for make an argument that that alone was 17 that." 17 sufficient for section 15(1)(a) to be requested 18 The message suggests that you had 18 given the consequences of that claim being 19 19 previously discussed a section 15 report with made in the Spanish courts. 20 20 the Chief Minister. Did you do so and do Q. You refer to the basis of the claim being 21 you know when that occurred? 21 filed as the peg. Was that a suggestion that it 22 22 A. I don't think we did. The Chief Minister be used as an excuse for making a section 15 23 23 and I were in touch daily on many issues, request? 24 24 whether it was Covid or (inaudible), the other A. No. I mean, the Chief Minister doesn't 25 25 issues around the negotiations. I think I had need an excuse. Perhaps it would have been Page 121 Page 123 1 a sense tried a horizon scan, which I know is 1 as the reason for. Um, so I apologise. So 2 dangerous, that we would end up with 2 again slightly, that is an example where my 3 3 a situation where a section 15(1)(a) report language would have been tighter. I didn't 4 4 know this would be forensically examined. would be needed or would be requested. 5 5 And I have a vague memory kicking in at the Q. Why do you say that the separate issue 6 moment that that was part of my reason for, 6 for the legal claims supported seeking 7 7 you know, let's just speed it up and on a report on the incident itself? 8 8 balance go for it, section 15(1)(a). A. Because that was going to bring into 9 9 Q. It is just that his message to you says: question the whole, all of the issues around 10 10 "What is your instinct on the 15(1)(a) report", the incident, which goes back to my 11 11 which suggests that there has been comment on the political, the financial, the 12 a discussion. 12 reputational damage to Gibraltar. I think 13 13 A. Yes. Yes, I get that. I can't remember answers could only be, or responses to 14 a prior discussion to it. I'm sure it was raised 14 anything that might have come from Spain 15 15 in the general discussion of where we were could only be, answered on the back of a full 16 going. 16 section 15(1)(a). 17 17 Q. The Chief Minister has to keep informed Q. Then you say: "Or (b) wait until say 18 of any exercise of by him of a power under 18 Friday to see what Joey comes up with." 19 19 section 15 in accordance with section 15.2. What were you envisaging that Dr Britto 20 20 might come up with by Friday? Was this what he was doing when you were 21 21 discussing the section 15 report? A. Well, I think we had put Dr Britto on 22 22 A. That's how I took it, yes. notice and expected the GPA to take forward 23 23 Q. Was it at your meeting on 15 May, where the process of reflecting on a loss of 24 you met after the weekend to discuss your 24 confidence in the Commissioner of Police. 25 respective losses of confidence, that the 25 Given that we had given Dr Britto the Page 122 Page 124

1 reasons why, given that they should have 1 under section 15(1)(a)." 2 2 approached and called in Mr McGrail to give And that is, below, is the response from 3 3 Mr McGrail. You may be familiar with this his own representations, perhaps we would 4 4 exchange but it starts with the Assistant have got a bit more information on answering 5 5 Commissioner, sorry, now Assistant the questions we had around that. But again, 6 6 I can say this with hindsight, if I had have Commissioner, then Superintendent Yeats, 7 7 thought, and again I don't want to overplay writing to the Attorney General seeking the 8 8 this, but a lot of, um, you know, a lot of the Attorney General's advice and seeking 9 9 appointment of counsel for the RGP in stuff we reported to, as you can tell by the 10 10 timeframe, was quite quick. It doesn't mean I relation to the claims. That gets forwarded to 11 11 don't reflect on things. Um, but I think I the Chief Minister, who then applies 12 could just deal with this quite quickly and go 12 expressing concern at having only found out 13 yes. With hindsight I wouldn't have put in 13 from the Attorney General at that stage, and 14 14 (b) I think. (Pause). For the reason I say then this is the reply from Mr McGrail. Did 15 15 there, that it might not be timely enough. We you discuss this matter with the Chief 16 16 may be waiting, you know, the Spanish Minister again before he made the request on 17 17 claims were already hitting the media. 21 May? 18 Q. Were you suggesting that if Mr McGrail 18 A. I cannot recall that we did but it would be 19 19 was invited to retire and did retire it would inconceivable that in our many engagements 20 20 not be necessary to make the section 15 that we did not. 21 request at all? 21 Q. Do you consider that the Chief Minister 22 22 A. That's a good point. Um, I think I still implied with his obligation under section 15 23 would have liked to have had all the 23 of the Police Act to keep you informed --24 24 information, just for my own interest, and at A. Absolutely. 25 25 some stage possibly even, you know, quite Q. -- about the exercise of his powers? Page 125 Page 127 1 a few months later. Certainly when the 1 A. Absolutely, at all times. As I have said 2 pressure was off I would have enjoyed going 2 previously, the Chief Minister and I, which 3 3 through the boxes that I did on that weekend goes back to the point when I was Deputy 4 4 in slower time. Governor engaging with the Chief Minister 5 5 Q. Why was your preference to make the sort of provided the basis for my 6 section 15 request before the Met team had 6 governorship of having that relationship. It 7 7 delivered their report? was mutually supportive. We had our areas 8 8 A. Um, again I think that it was partly time, of disagreement, but on the whole I trusted 9 9 partly, um, I think the Chief Minister and I the Chief Minister implicitly. That does not 10 10 needed all the information possible in view mean to say that I would accept everything 11 11 of what was happening in Spain, both with that he said, so I would have reflected, I 12 the claim and negotiations. And I thought 12 would have considered, but without doubt on 13 13 this issue I would have fully agreed with him the two things could work in parallel. 14 Q. If we go to C4117, please. (Pause). 14 and endorsed it. 15 15 Thank you. This is an email from the Chief Q. Did you see the draft request before it 16 16 Minister to you on 20 May 2020 at 6.55 and went out? 17 17 it is about the legal claims arising from the A. No. I don't think there would be a reason 18 18 incident at sea. He says: 19 19 "Please see below which I have just received Q. Are you aware that the Chief Minister 20 from the Commissioner of Police. Given the 20 consulted the Attorney General on the draft 21 21 seriousness of the matter I would appreciate 22 22 the opportunity to discuss with you my A. I would have expected him to have done 23 intended response. I consider this is 23 24 24 Q. Do you feel that you should have been a trigger, the only appropriate response to 25 which will be the exercise of my own powers 25 consulted either as Governor under section Page 126 Page 128

15.2 or because you were mentioned in it? 1 bullying in the force but it did find some 2 A. Consulted on the draft? 2 evidence of bullying and harassment by a 3 O. On the draft. 3 minority of managers, supervisors and peers 4 4 A. Um, in an ideal world with lots of time that was not being reported and consequently 5 and less pressure perhaps, but, as I say, given 5 not addressed. It made recommendations for 6 6 the way the Chief Minister and I worked the Commissioner to acknowledge that the 7 throughout my time in Gibraltar, um, no, I 7 force takes the Federation's concerns about 8 8 didn't think it was necessary. bullying seriously' 9 9 (iv) 'many junior officers perceived that some Q. Let us move on now to the HMIC report, 10 please. If we can go to C6560. Just before 10 senior officers were sometimes too ready to 11 11 we look at this, when did you first receive the apportion blame when something goes 12 draft of the HMIC report as far as you are 12 wrong'." 13 13 And you say: 14 14 A. I can't remember the exact date. "This represented deterioration rather than Q. If we can look at the entry on 20 April, 15 15 the expected progress and went some way to 16 16 which is at 10.50, this is an exchange validating the Gibraltar Police Federation's 17 between Mr McGrail and the Chair of the 17 grievances stated above. I believe that these 18 GPA, Dr Britto: 18 differences between the 2016 and 2020 19 "FYI I have not shared the report with 19 reports reflected Mr McGrail's management 20 20 anyone yet but will do so with GPA style." 21 colleagues at the end of play today. I am 21 It appears from your evidence that you were 22 awaiting a response from Governor and will 22 particularly concerned about the part of the 23 wait until end of play today as well, at which 23 report that touched on bullying in the RGP. 24 time I will share a report with the Chief 24 Is that correct? 25 25 Minister, Minister for Justice and His A. That's correct. Page 129 Page 131 1 Excellency first thing tomorrow along with 1 Q. Did any other sections of the report 2 my recommendations unless I am advised 2 concern you in particular? 3 3 otherwise. It goes without saying that I will A. I think the lack of progress since the 4 keep you posted." 4 previous report, um, so, you know, looking at 5 5 So do you think that you received it perhaps the two together. And I think somewhere in 6 on 21 April or thereabouts? 6 an email exchange I have seen or 7 7 A. Yes, I think that's a logical conclusion. I a WhatsApp I even went back to a previous 8 8 am pausing a bit because, um, I'm not sure report just to get a comparison. But certainly 9 9 whether I would have got the report from any in my opinion, you know, there was no 10 10 other source. progress or no substantial progress on key 11 Q. If we can look and your evidence at 24.5, 11 elements of the 2016 report. 12 A250. (Pause). You say: 12 Q. In your view was Mr McGrail responsible 13 "The 2020 Report spoke of: 13 for the criticism in the report, even though he 14 (i) '... told by less senior staff that the phrase 14 had only been in post for a short time? 15 15 "firm leadership" is occasionally used to A. I think partly. I will say, as I have said 16 16 describe management behaviours that, in a on the other issues, that the HMIC report on 17 17 small number of cases may have amounted to its own wouldn't have caused a loss of 18 18 bullying' confidence and, as I said in one of my emails, 19 19 (ii) 'a perception exists among an apparently a lot of the issues, and I know I was, you 20 large number of officers that some senior 20 know, probably a bit more reactive with my 21 21 officers sometimes behave in an first email expressing that I didn't think it 22 unacceptable manner when dealing with their 22 should be published, a lot of what was here 23 23 staff should have been, could be, was hopefully, 24 24 (iii) 'shortly before our inspection an external quite easy to put right. But then, you know, 25 review concluded that there wasn't systematic 25 a lot of the stuff in the 2016 report was quite Page 130 Page 132

easy to put right. And whilst the head of 1 think it should be published in full. Let's 2 2 an organisation, whether it's an ambassador chat tomorrow. Nick." 3 3 or a governor, is responsible and accountable Why did you not think the report should be 4 4 published in full? for actions, there is an element of a senior 5 5 A. I think what I should have said ... and leadership management team in the HMIC 6 6 report. So I wouldn't like to say that because again there is a message here in that I sent 7 it only happened, a lot of this was in 7 that email at 19.39. So when the Chairman 8 8 Commissioner Yome's time, that it didn't sort of pointed out that I was in the office 9 9 reflect down to the senior management team very early, I think we have an example here 10 10 who should also demonstrate correct that I was also in the office very late. 11 11 behaviours, ethics, etc. THE CHAIRMAN: Not by our standards. 12 Q. If we can look at your second statement, 12 A. I could answer that, Mr Chairman, but I 13 paragraph 10, which is A260, please. You 13 will not. I don't think it should be published 14 14 in full until we have had a chance to discuss 15 15 "As to question of feedback/expressing it and work out how we can handle it. Rather 16 16 concerns on the HMICFRIS report, I decided than it shouldn't be published, full stop. 17 17 to leave the issue of reacting to the HMIC MR SANTOS: So was it your view that in 18 Report in the first instance to the GPA. 18 the long run it would be better for the 19 19 Evidence which I have already submitted recommendations to be aired publicly? 20 20 demonstrates that I did raise comment on the A. I have always been open and transparent. 21 matter to the Chief Minister." 21 I don't believe in holding anything back 22 22 We will come to your email of 30 April. unless it would impact on foreign relations or 23 23 Why did you decide to leave the HMIC security or matters of that dialogue. And 24 report, the feedback and expressing concerns 24 something like this, I suspected the 25 25 on it, to the GPA first and foremost? population of Gibraltar would question why Page 133 Page 135 1 A. Well, I think it was, um, the report was 1 it was not published in full. 2 requested on behalf of the Commissioner of 2 Q. Do you meet Dr Britto on the following 3 3 Police by the GPA. So they are the day and discuss it or in the following days? 4 penholders, we would say in foreign office 4 A. Um, I can't recall. We must have because 5 5 I would not say, "Let's chat tomorrow" and speak. And I did say in the first instance. I 6 was going to ... I didn't really want to sort of 6 not follow up on that. And actually, as I said, 7 7 influence the GPA into its deliberations on Dr Britto, who I held in very high regard, 8 8 what it thought of the report. Rather I would not let me off from not chatting 9 9 wanted the GPA to tell me what it thought tomorrow if I had suggested that to him. 10 10 Q. When you spoke did you raise any and then I could add my own views to that. 11 11 Q. Did you raise your concerns with the concerns to Dr Britto about Mr McGrail 12 GPA at any point? 12 specifically? 13 13 A. Um, I can't recall but, as Dr Britto said in A. Um, I don't think so. I can't recollect that 14 I did. I don't know whether my email, um, I 14 his evidence, we did used to meet and I did 15 15 don't think I would have sent my email to talk to him quite frequently about my view of 16 16 Dr Britto expressing my views. I think I the RGP as an institution. And of course, 17 17 would have, I tried to follow the process I you know, an institution is led by its leaders 18 outline here. 18 and senior management team, which is where 19 19 Q. If we can look at C3343, please. This is I often its behaviours and actions come from. 20 think the email you are referring to. 20 So, maybe not as explicitly as you are asking, 2.1 21 A. Yes. but certainly inferring that the issues in the 22 22 Q. Which is probably the shortest email we RGP, why I believed it needed to be 23 23 have seen in this Inquiry. You say, 29 modernised, actually could only come from 24 April 2020: 24 its leadership. 25 "Joey, I have read the report twice. I do not 25 Q. Did you make any suggestion at this Page 134 Page 136

point to Dr Britto that you were starting to 1 dated 24 April 2020. Mr McGrail sent this to 2 2 lose confidence in Mr McGrail? Dr Britto and the Minister of Justice in late 3 3 April. Did he also send you this document? A. No. Not on the matter, not even, because 4 I don't think I had started to draw the threads 4 A. I don't believe he did. 5 5 together of this can't go on, something, you Q. Did he arrange a meeting with you to 6 6 know. The stage I started to get in my mind discuss the report and the response to it? 7 7 or believe that a change of leadership was A. No, he did not. 8 8 needed, um, was growing, but I didn't have Q. If we go to C3344 now, please. This is your email to the Chief Minister on 30 April 9 9 enough weight to even talk through it with 10 the Chief Minister, let alone Dr Britto. 10 that we referred to earlier, where you set out 11 Q. This was, however, well after the incident 11 your response to the HMIC report. And just 12 at sea. And you received this report. Were 12 picking up from the second paragraph, you 13 you still not starting to lose confidence? 13 14 14 A. So, the incident at sea alone is the only "Having studied the report I find it to be 15 15 issue that, with respect, matters to me in quite damning and it will need careful 16 16 terms of losing confidence. Looking at the handling. In essence HMIC found the RGP 17 17 airfield incident, the helicopter, the to have only met two out of the eight areas 18 Federation, the bullying, the reports and this 18 for improvement identified in 2016. My own 19 sort of stuff on their own would not cause me 19 sense is that HMIC were very disappointed 20 20 to lose because I believed they could be indeed to find so little progress had been 21 rectified and put right. The incident at sea 21 made since their last inspection. This is 22 22 could not be put right. a shame and their willingness to help the 23 And if you allow me just a second to speak to 23 RGP in the future may have diminished as 24 24 that, it is that we have an issue where two a result. This is something we must help 25 25 innocent people were killed in an illegal correct. Page 137 Page 139 1 chase by a vessel that had been weaponised 1 "But I do not think the issue is as bad as the headline suggests and believe it is an issue of 2 that took place X number of miles, the exact 2 3 3 location, inside Spanish waters. For yet there culture and leadership more than anything 4 is still to be justice and there is yet to be 4 else. Most of the issues should be relatively 5 5 accountability. And I just do not think and easy to fix, though it will take a collective 6 still don't think that that is right. And the 6 effort, driven bottom up from within the RGP 7 7 question I occasionally ask myself is whether as much as from its leadership, which needs 8 that level of accountability and responsibility 8 to be both more strategic and directive. 9 9 would have been different had, for example, Quite simply, as I see it, the RGP needs to 10 everybody in that incident been killed or 10 modernise in all senses of the word. 11 those on the boat had not been Spanish and 11 "But the inspection report will undoubtedly 12 had been Gibraltarian. And I think that is 12 become public at some stage. It is important 13 what I was beginning to formulate in my 13 therefore that we, Commissioner, GPA, CM, 14 14 mind before I went to see of Chief Minister, Governor, are all ready to respond 15 which is why I just said earlier that I just was 15 collectively and as one when it does. This 16 beginning to feel that a change of leadership 16 means being up front and honest about the 17 with the RGP was necessary. 17 issues and challenges as well as displaying 18 Q. If we go to C6729, please. This is ... I am 18 a commitment to put things right if we do 19 19 sorry, I do not want to give you a neck ache. not. I think the credibility of the RGP is at 20 20 A. If you give me a second I will get my -risk. Given your preoccupations I am happy 21 Q. I think we can turn this there. Mr Triay is 21 to discuss how best to take this forward with 22 22 very adept. This is a steering group road the Chair of the GPA and perhaps the Chief 23 map for the implementation of the HMIC as 23 Secretary in the first instance. My initial 24 24 far as accommodations and new areas for thought is to suggest the Commissioner 25 improvement for the Royal Gibraltar Police 25 makes the report public at the same time he

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1 publishes his road map on the way forward 1 best way to do this, which could possibly but 2 2 so being proactive rather than reactive." not necessarily include a comment from the 3 3 You say that the report is quite damning. CM and I. Within this we should also have 4 4 Were you referring to any particular some standard lines we can all deploy, so we 5 findings? 5 can be consistent in our responses. Again, 6 6 A. No, I think it was quite damning in something for Joey and your team to lead 7 general. 7 on." If we can then go to C6565. These are 8 8 Q. Focusing on that third paragraph, sorry, WhatsApp exchanges between Mr McGrail 9 the third paragraph in the email that starts: 9 and Dr Britto on the same day, and they are 10 "But I do not think the issue is as bad as the 10 discussing getting confirmation from the 11 headline suggests", do you accept that at this 11 Chief Minister to publish the report. For 12 point in time it appears that you were willing 12 example, 14.15. It is a bit lower. Can you 13 to work together with Mr McGrail to fix the 13 see there, 14.15, "Spoke to Nick, who said he 14 14 issues identified in the report? would reply to the email agreeing we should 15 go public." "Noted, let's see if that does the 15 A. Yes, of course, through the GPA. 16 16 Q. And you recommend that Mr McGrail trick. No joy on my side, I hope it's not that 17 17 should publish the report and his road map at something is bothering the CM about going 18 the same time. You have explained your 18 public and that it's more to do that he's being 19 email to Dr Britto on the day before perhaps 19 busy with other matters to give this 20 20 did not convey all of your thoughts about it. attention." "I think it's the second, or Darren 21 Is it fair to say that by this point you were of 21 will have told me." "Can't Darren also 22 22 the view that at some point it would need to nudge? I'll contact him as well." There is a 23 be published? 23 reference there, in the first message I read 24 24 out, Mr McGrail says that he has spoken to A. Yes. I mean, I think since I sent my 25 25 missive to Dr Britto I had obviously worked you. Was that a conversation purely about Page 141 Page 143 1 through the night, long hours, reading it 1 whether the report should go public, or was it 2 properly so I could send a more considered 2 more wide-ranging? Did you go into the 3 3 email to the Chief Minister the next morning. substance of the report? 4 MR SANTOS: Thank you, Mr Pyle. I know 4 A. I don't remember a conversation, so I 5 5 that it is one minute past 1, so I think that is can't really comment on that. As I said, it 6 probably a good time for us to break for 6 doesn't mean to say it didn't happen. 7 7 lunch. Q. Were you aware that the GPA was 8 THE CHAIRMAN: An hour for lunch. 8 seeking the Chief Minister's approval for the 9 9 A. Excellent. report to go public? 10 THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. 10 A. No, I wasn't. 11 MR SANTOS: Thank you. 11 Q. If we can go to C4677. This is your letter 12 (13.01)12 that we have already come to a couple of 13 (The short adjournment) 13 times, on 3 June. And I want to focus on the 14 14 (14.00)paragraph there in the middle of the page, MR SANTOS: Good afternoon, Mr Pyle. 15 15 "As a final point on this issue, I would also 16 A. Good afternoon. 16 like to reiterate that these two incidents 17 Q. If we can look at C3420, please. On 6 17 occurred on the back of a growing unease 18 May 2020 you email Mr McGrail, expressing 18 that I had been feeling over the months. In 19 19 your support for his decision to publish the particular, with the numerous allegations of 20 report. You say, "Thank you for this. It is 20 bullying and mismanagement that I had 21 21 right that we look to get ahead of this and be picked up on. I have also been gravely 22 22 concerned by the potential for corruption proactive rather than reactive. Can I suggest 23 therefore that publication of both the report 23 identified in the HMIC report, which has 24 and your statement be arranged as soon as 24 tellingly remained unaddressed by the CoP 25 possible. I'm happy for Joey to determine the 25 despite his lawyer's response casting Page 142 Page 144

1	aspersions/allegations of corruption against	1	is an exchange that we looked a little bit
2	others." Were you saying that the reference	2	lower, please. This is an exchange that we
3	to potential for corruption being identified in	3	looked at before, but we focused more on
4	the HMIC report, " which has tellingly	4	your response. I just want to focus on the 14
5	remained unaddressed by the CoP". Were	5	May 9.49 message that the Chief Minister
6	you saying unaddressed since 2016, or	6	sent to you. Forgive me for reading it out.
7	unaddressed since the newly received report?	7	"Hi. This article has just appeared. A civil
8	A. I think I was probably emphasising that	8	claim has been filed in Spain (in Ceuta) by
9	from the newly received report, to be fair.	9	the families of the deceased in the incident
10	Q. Were you concerned about potential	10	with the RGP off the Eastside. This is
11	corruption before the 2020 report, or was this	11	obviously going to cause us huge issues.
12	the first time it was drawn to your attention?	12	Damages claims, political problems etc. I am
13	A. No, I'd probably picked up on that before,	13	totally there to support the officers on the
14	as part of that sort of noise, to use for want	14	front line. I am starting to have huge
15	of a better word, around issues to do with the	15	concerns about the senior management of the
16	RGP.	16	RGP. I will alert to a particular matter when
17	Q. Had you ever discussed the issue of	17	we meet, but in terms of the past few months
18	potential for corruption in the RGP within the	18	alone: (i) this case of deaths occasioned
19	GPA?	19	outside of BGTW (where the statute gives
20	A. I don't think so, not formally, specifically,	20	them no status as police officer; (ii) the
21	but I'm sure it would have come up at some	21	HMIC inspection issues; (iii) the Federation
22	stage around the general discussion we used	22	bullying allegations; (iv) the runway
23	to have on such matters.	23	incident, where we had to go in to bat for
24	Q. So by late April, early May (which is the	24	them despite all aspects having clearly been
25	exchanges that we have just been looking at,	25	mishandled by the RGP (and parts of MoD
23	exchanges that we have just been looking at,	23	mishandica by the ROT (and parts of MOD
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1	before and after lunch), you had already had	1	also); and (v) the continuing saga of the
2	your dealings with Mr McGrail in relation to	2	Alcaidesa claims. I think I will be asking Ian
3	the incident at sea and the HMIC report. Had	3	MacGrail to provide more detail and in
4	you raised with anybody the view that Mr	4	writing as to what happened here and what
5	McGrail should no longer continue as	5	they are going to do to engage with these
6	Commissioner of Police?	6	claims before there is any requirement that
7	A. I have a sense that in one of our regular	7	they do so. I am starting lose confidence
8	weekly teleconferences with London, that	8	here. Best wishes. Fabian". And you
9	sort of team videoconference we used to	9	respond, we have looked at your response,
10	have, that that's when the issue of, you know,	10	but you agree. At that time, 14 May, prior to
11	what was happening collectively with	11	receiving that message did you have any
12	implications around the RGP, whether it's the	12	plans to approach the Chief Minister with
13	press release, the claims, etc. I think I would	13	concerns about Mr McGrail?
14	have raised, you know: there's a concern	14	A. I think I was considering formulating
15	here. I couldn't quite bring into my mind the	15	ways where I could more formally raise the
16	sharpness that I wanted to, to explain it to	16	level of my concern, yes.
17	people properly, at the time.	17	Q. Do you think you would have done so, if
18	Q. The claims were referred to you on 14	18	the Chief Minister had not approached you?
19	May, could it have been after the claims?	19	A. Yes, absolutely I would.
20	A. It could have been, yeah.	20	Q. The Chief Minister has given evidence
21	Q. And are you able to say whether you	21	that you were an open door which swung
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22	raised it before or after the Chief Minister	22 23	open before his finger touched it. Would you accept that characterisation?
22 23	raised it before or after the Chief Minister raised the matter with you on 14 May?	23	accept that characterisation?
22 23 24	raised it before or after the Chief Minister raised the matter with you on 14 May?  A. I can't say with certainty.	23 24	accept that characterisation?  A. Yes, I would. Probably not to that degree.
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Fabian I did say that very little kept me 1 -- especially in one of the newspapers on the 2 2 awake but this issue, and that had been for Rock, so I would regard that as, if you want 3 quite a while. It may have been the pressures 3 to use the word, active. 4 4 of the work, and as I said earlier I won't Q. And, then the runway incident. It is fair 5 repeat that, but I didn't have that sharp clarity 5 to say that that was three years prior to this 6 6 in my mind of how I could or wanted to sort exchange, correct? 7 7 A. Correct. I think that's such a significant of take matters forward. 8 8 Q. Why had you not raised these concerns incident, and as I think may have come 9 9 before he approached you, then? across I... frequently isn't quite true, but it's 10 10 A. Sorry, why had I not? not unusual for that incident to come back to 11 11 Q. Yes. my mind. 12 A. Well, I think I had. I think in -- and I 12 Q. But, you said that you had parked it to 13 think the Chief Minister referenced this 13 one side and moved beyond it? 14 14 vesterday, that in our almost daily A. It was parked to one side for the 15 15 engagement over the previous few months, interview process, because of the timing. But 16 16 and previously on the issues as they arose, as my mind was looking to pull together the 17 17 we often would talk about... And I pieces of this unease I felt, it obviously came 18 remember being in his office talking about, 18 back into my mind. 19 19 again, the line that Dr Britto used. So Q. And then, as far as the Alcaidesa claims 20 20 perhaps the language wasn't as strong as it is were concerned, those weren't really in the 21 here -- is here, but certainly, you know, my 21 picture at all for you? 22 22 belief -- firm belief that the RGP needed to A. No. 23 23 modernise was one I'd held for a long time. Q. You met on the following day; your 24 Q. The message also referred, (v), to "the 24 account is in your statement at paragraph 26, 25 25 continuing saga of the Alcaidesa claims." A255. And you say at 26.1, "On 14 May Page 149 Page 151 1 What did you understand that to be referring 1 2020 I received a telephone call from the 2 2 Chief Minister saying he wished to discuss 3 3 an important issue surrounding the RGP with A. So, I only had a vague knowledge of the 4 Alcaidesa claims, which happened way 4 me." Is that a reference to a separate 5 5 before my time. So, I obviously didn't telephone call, or is that an erroneous 6 discount that, because that must have been on 6 reference to the message that you received on 7 7 the Chief Minister's mind. Whether it, you the 14th? 8 8 know, was because of the civil claim being A. It could be either. As I say, such was the 9 9 filed it brought the Alcaidesa claims into the volume of communication we had on a whole 10 10 Chief Minister's mind. I suspect without the range of issues... I suspect, trying to be a bit 11 11 Chief Minister mentioning it it wouldn't have sharper now with my memory, it was 12 entered my mind, but I didn't attach much 12 probably the WhatsApp exchange. 13 13 Q. Then you say, "My response was that this weight to it because I wasn't aware of the 14 detail. 14 was a remarkable coincidence as I wanted to 15 15 Q. So from your perspective, although he discuss my deep concerns about its 16 16 says, "in terms of the past few months leadership with him. We agreed to meet the 17 17 alone", if we go through them: obviously next day." Why did this remarkable 18 18 Kram had occurred in March; the HMIC coincidence arise, if two months had passed 19 19 inspection had come to a head from mid to since the incident at sea and a fortnight has 20 20 passed since you had read the HMIC report? end of April, early May; the Federation 21 21 bullying allegations, when would you say A. I think it was probably notice of the 22 that that manifested itself? 22 claims. The Met inspection. And as I said, 23 23 A. So, I first became aware of issues around that sort of coming together of the issues. 24 24 the Federation I think probably in about And I think it was beginning to help me 25 2018-19, with a plethora of reports that were 25 sharpen my mind as to what I saw as a way Page 150 Page 152

## forward. 1 the first few days of the incident. It took 2 2 Q. It is fair to say, though, that in your until Wednesday 11th March before he told 3 3 evidence you do not seem to place much or me it was highly likely the incident took 4 4 place outside BGTW." "I told him that I any reliance on the claims as having given 5 rise to your loss of confidence? 5 thought that Mr McGrail had been evasive on 6 A. No, the claims were a consequence of the 6 this issue. I did not like his flippancy over 7 incident at sea, so I tried to separate it's -- it's 7 the location 'could be in, could be out', done 8 8 with a shake of the hand nor his answer as to more in the public domain, sort of: there's 9 evidence that this was going to be, and still 9 why the RGP boat's equipment was turned 10 is, a serious issue. But I had the claims 10 off. 'You know what it is like in the heat of 11 11 the moment'. I said that his behaviours and linked more to the incident at sea than a self-12 standing issue on their own. 12 mannerism mirrored those that he had 13 Q. And, it would have been apparent to you 13 displayed during and after the airfield 14 14 right from the outset that there was a incident." Just pausing there, at 26.4 when 15 likelihood of claims? 15 you refer to "You know what it is like in the 16 A. Correct. 16 heat of the moment", I think you accepted 17 17 Q. I am trying to recollect your evidence of this morning that it is more likely that 18 this morning, but did you say that you had 18 actually what he was referring to then was 19 discussed the potential financial implications 19 when you had reported to the FCO, which is 20 20 with Mr McGrail in the immediate aftermath, a reference to not notifying the marine base 21 either 8 or 9 March? 21 of the start of the chase, that it is something 22 22 A. I can't remember the exact line, but I they may have missed in the heat of the 23 would have certainly said political-23 24 reputational. Civil-criminal, whether that 24 A. I think it could be either, or both. 25 25 brings in claims I don't know, but it would be Q. The airfield incident, which you referred Page 153 Page 155 1 wrong of me to state categorically I did. 1 to there, had occurred in 2017, before Mr 2 Q. If we can then look at the next three 2 McGrail even became Commissioner. So, 3 3 surely that had not caused your loss of paragraphs, you say, "We met on 15 May 4 2020, at the very start of which meeting, the 4 confidence directly? I think your evidence is 5 5 that it came back to the fore as a result of the Chief Minister asked me 'to go first'. I told 6 him that I had had for some while concerns 6 more recent experiences? 7 7 about the RGP and its leadership which the A. Correct. 8 8 incident at sea has turned into a firm belief Q. If we look then at 26.5, you say, "I clearly 9 9 that change in how the RGP works is needed. remember saying something along the lines 10 10 I briefly ran through my concerns as outlined of 'now I've got that off my chest, what is on above." "I told him that the incident at sea, 11 11 your mind?' I state that as I was without 12 which had caused the loss of two lives, was 12 doubt both frustrated and deeply annoyed. I 13 13 was as close to anger as I have been. The without doubt going to cause Gibraltar 14 reputational and political damage. I said I 14 Chief Minister told me that he shared my 15 15 could still not understand how the incident concerns but that he wanted to brief me on a different issue." How was it that you became 16 16 had unfolded but what it did do was further 17 17 demonstrate a lack of control by RGP so close to anger, when the incident at sea 18 was by this point had happened two months 18 leadership. There was a culture at the RGP 19 19 that was unhealthy and it stemmed from its previously? 20 leadership. I said I believed I had at best 20 A. I think the central point is loss of life, loss 21 21 been misled by Mr McGrail over issues that of innocent life, and the manner in which that 22 22 were the Governor's direct responsibility. happened, which I won't repeat because I've 23 23 This was about where the incident had taken said that before. The frustration, and deeply 24 24 annoyed, together would get me as close to place. It was a simple question, which I had 25 posed to Mr McGrail numerous times during 25 anger as I have been. I remember very, very Page 154 Page 156

1 clearly that meeting. We also discussed other 1 have been that meeting. He did say he'd 2 2 issues: we started off on more softer issues discussed this. Whether it was at a time 3 around, you know, the future months, the 3 where he again on the back of, you know: 4 4 now I've got that off my chest there's an arrival of Sir David Steel. And then, when I 5 went into my narrative, which is pretty much 5 element of the Chief Minister offloading to 6 6 me, and to what degree. I'd be surprised if exactly as I remember it obviously, when I 7 7 that didn't happen, knowing the relationship I finished I remember a sigh, and I do 8 8 remember saying: right, I've got that off my had with the Chief Minister, but I can't recall 9 chest. Which I don't think I've ever said to 9 exactly the phrases that he would have used. 10 10 the Chief Minister, or anybody else indeed in Q. Did he actually spell the lie that he was 11 11 alleging Mr McGrail to have said out to you? Gibraltar. So, there was an element of 12 outpouring. With outpouring comes emotion, 12 A. I think it's inconceivable that he didn't, 13 and I accept that with emotion, you know, 13 but as I said I can't get into my mind after 14 14 often it can get quite close to anger. such a long period of time the exact 15 15 Q. Then you say at 26.6, "The Chief sequence, let alone terminology used. 16 16 Minister then outlined his belief that Mr Q. Did he mention any other matters that 17 17 McGrail had made a serious error of had given rise to a loss of confidence on his 18 judgement with regard to the execution of a 18 part, or was it only that? 19 search warrant against James Levy, gone 19 A. No, but he -- as I said, he did share my 20 20 against the advice of the DPP and AG, and concerns over the incidents that I'd referred 21 misled the Chief Minister about that. This 21 22 22 was in relation to an ongoing criminal Q. Did he tell you then that these matters 23 23 investigation." In his message the previous that you refer to at 26.6 were central to his 24 day the Chief Minister had said, "I will alert 24 loss of confidence? 25 25 to a particular matter when we meet", which A. Sorry, his ... 26.6? Page 157 Page 159 1 was a reference to Operation Delhi and his 1 Q. Yes, did he tell you that those matters 2 meeting with Mr McGrail. What exactly did 2 were central to his loss of confidence, or 3 3 he say to you about that matter? were they the only reason he gave for his loss 4 A. I think it was, you know, expanding on 4 of confidence? 5 5 what I said there: the execution of a search A. No, I think it was also accumulative, but 6 warrant against advice. I use the word 6 that -- you know, my tipping point which I 7 7 "misled" quite frequently, rather than the reported to London was the incident at sea. I 8 8 word "lie", which is the word the Chief can't speak for the Chief Minister, but I 9 9 Minister used. It was -- the detail the Chief would be surprised if he wasn't in the same 10 10 Minister went into was more than just the position, with the tipping point being how he 11 11 headline, but I don't think it was the full was misled by Mr McGrail. 12 disclosure of everything that was going on 12 Q. There are three things that you mention 13 around Operation Delhi, which I don't think 13 there, there are three points. First, "that Mr 14 the Chief Minister (even if he knew at the 14 McGrail had made a serious error of 15 15 time) mentioned the word Operation Delhi, judgement with regard to the execution of a 16 16 and I certainly didn't know Operation Delhi search warrant"; that Mr McGrail had "gone 17 17 was called Operation Delhi for quite some against the advice of the DPP and AG"; and 18 18 that Mr McGrail had "misled the Chief time. 19 Q. What was his account of -- did he 19 Minister about that." Which, if any, of those 20 mention a meeting on 12 May? 20 three did he place more emphasis on? 2.1 A. No, he did not. If he did, then I haven't 21 A. I think they're a collective. I think you 22 22 recollected that in my memory. can put them together into one issue, which is 23 23 Q. Did he mention a meeting with Mr a serious error of judgement on the issue 24 24 of... So, you know, what started the error of 25 A. I think he did, yes. I think he -- so it must 25 judgment was the execution of a search Page 158 Page 160

warrant, but actually what preceded that was 1 participate in the section 34 considerations? 2 2 going against the advice. So, I think you can, A. No, I don't. I pause there, because I do 3 3 you know, I can make an argument for remember reflecting over the next few days 4 4 reading than any way, but I would say that quite often on the totality of this issue and all 5 it's the collective weight of those three 5 elements of it. And I'm sure you're going to, 6 6 together that are quite -- make it quite or somebody will ask me about that later, but 7 7 again it goes back to the faith and trust I have significant. 8 Q. Did the Chief Minister explain to you his 8 and had in the Chief Minister, is that when a 9 9 own connection with the background to that Chief Minister has a conversation with the 10 10 investigation? Governor in which he alleges that the 11 11 A. So, of course I knew about the Chief Commissioner of Police lied to him I 12 Minister's connection to Hassans and James 12 wouldn't doubt his word on that. 13 Levy. I don't think -- I didn't know, really, 13 Q. You refer to the faith that you had and 14 14 much about sort of the intricate details of the have in the Chief Minister. Knowing 15 15 transfer of ownership and companies being everything you do now about that 16 16 set up at that time. investigation, and about his links to 36 North 17 17 Q. So, he did not tell you that he had an and to Mr Levy and Hassans, do you 18 indirect beneficial interest in the company, 36 18 consider that he was in a sufficiently 19 19 North, that was seeking to take over the independent position to be involved in the 20 20 contract? process? 21 A. I don't believe he did. 21 A. I suspect that he considered that very 22 22 Q. Did he tell you that he had been in carefully himself, and would do nothing that 23 23 communication with the directors of 36 put his position and reputation at risk. So I 24 24 North, prior to their departure from Bland? assume that he fully considered that himself, 25 25 A. I don't remember that he did. and again, as I said back on... you know, I Page 161 Page 163 1 Q. Did it occur to you that there was a 1 have no reason to doubt the Chief Minister's 2 danger, or at least a perception, that the Chief 2 actions nor motives. 3 3 Minister might have his own financial Q. So, you do not think that he should have 4 interest in the RGP not taking executive 4 recused himself from that process, given the 5 5 action against Mr Levy and Hassans? circumstances as we now know them? 6 A. With the high regard in which I regard the 6 A. The process of? 7 7 Chief Minister, that would never have Q. Of discussing whether to approach Dr 8 entered my mind. I know that his 8 Britto. 9 9 arrangement was Hassans was, whether it's --A. No. He's the Chief Minister of Gibraltar 10 10 the expression is sleeping partner, I believe and he -- you know, the lack of confidence 11 11 it's sabbatical. I knew about that, therefore I was from both of us, for ultimately different 12 knew as a partner he would get some sort of 12 reasons. One could say, although I wouldn't 13 13 remuneration from the business that Hassans want this to be taken in any flippant way, that 14 14 did, so for me that wasn't much of an issue. the coincidence of timing of these matters of 15 15 Q. But you would accept that if executive importance to both of us coming together at 16 16 action or even a charge were brought against the same time, you know, may be 17 the senior partner of Hassans, that might coincidental, but that's all they were: there 17 18 18 almost inevitably lead to a loss of income for was no conspiracy or collusion in that. 19 19 the Chief Minister? Q. I think that it as been suggested that the 20 A. I -- that never crossed my mind. I never 20 Chief Minister may have manipulated you 2.1 21 thought of it in that way. into arriving at the decision that you took. 22 22 Q. Did any of the Chief Minister's links to What is your reaction to that. 23 23 Mr Levy and Hassans make you stop to think A. Well, I assume everybody has done their 24 24 whether the Chief Minister was in a research on my background and my career. I 25 25 sufficiently independent position to find it quite insulting, to a degree, that people Page 162 Page 164

1 could suggest, with what I've done in my 1 (14.30)2 2 career and what I've achieved, and in some of A. I think it confirmed where I was heading. 3 3 the deeply challenging and complex issues It may have speeded it up. I do remember 4 4 I've been involved with (and I have to say before I went over to see the Chief Minister 5 this carefully: my work on Somalia springs to 5 having, although I could have a sense from 6 6 mind), that I could be manipulated and his WhatsApp, what would I do if he 7 7 manoeuvred is quite insulting. disagreed with me, if he said, "No, we cannot 8 8 Q. During the course of this meeting, who have this, it would, you know, reflect badly. 9 9 would you say had stronger feelings about We need to manage it and, you know, we 10 10 the matter you were discussing? Or was it an will get the GPA to do that." Um, I did have 11 11 equality as far as that was concerned? that thought. I did wonder as I was walking 12 A. It was probably the first time that I was 12 into the meeting or preparing myself for it as 13 more angry than the Chief Minister, and I 13 to what I would say, how firm I was going to 14 14 have had a couple of meetings with the Chief be in my view that, um, the change in the 15 15 Minister where he was quite angry, including leadership of the RGP was perhaps the best 16 16 with me or with FCO, HMG. But I was -- I way to bring about the change of the RGP. 17 17 was quite -- I was upset and angry, and I Q. Do you think your decision making was 18 don't know whether there's a word that 18 influenced by your concerns about 19 19 combines upset and angry. And I remember, Mr McGrail prior to his time as 20 20 Commissioner of Police in relation to the as I said, the sigh of relief when I went back 21 on the sofa and said: right, I've got that off 21 airport incident? 22 22 my chest. It was quite cathartic in some way, A. It would be wrong to say that it wasn't 23 and from that moment I was beginning to get 23 a factor, but it was a minor factor that came 24 24 the clarity I'd wanted on what I thought (and at the end. And as I have said previously, 25 25 that's just what I thought, because it was for and apologies for repeating myself, without Page 165 Page 167 1 the GPA to take forward) what next steps 1 the incident at sea I would not have lost confidence. It wouldn't mean that I did not 2 2 should be. 3 3 Q. If we now look at B1440, please. These have concerns, but there is a big difference 4 are the WhatsApp exchanges between you 4 and a big step between concerns and loss of 5 5 and the Chief Minister. And I just want to confidence. 6 focus on the one at three minutes past eight. 6 Q. You just referred to your thoughts prior 7 7 You say, "Good as always to catch up. I don't to the meeting. Just to focus on that for 8 8 see any option re CoP given the evidence. I'll a second, were you considering raising the 9 9 speak to Joey carefully sometime next week. prospect of a section 34 process at the 10 10 Quite bizarrely, the Federation could end up meeting or did you have something else in 11 'defending' Ian! Have a good 11 12 weekend. Nick". When you say, "I don't see 12 A. No. I think there's only one way forward, 13 any option re CoP given the evidence", was 13 in my opinion. I may have that wrong, um, 14 that consistent with Mr McGrail being given 14 I'm not saying I got every decision right, but 15 15 the opportunity to make representations? that's the only ... I thought this was 16 16 A. Absolutely, yeah. I mean, the "option re" something that the GPA would eventually 17 17 was following the process as set out, which, and quite quickly have to pick up on. 18 you know, we -- we're going to make our 18 Q. If we can go to C4359, please. This is 19 19 views known to the GPA. And then it was an email from you to the FCDO on 22 20 20 May 2020. You say "very interesting" in the G-- for the GPA to take the process 21 21 forward. response to the person you were 22 22 Q. Did you reach the view that there was no corresponding with saying "interesting 23 23 option independently, or do you consider that times". You say: 24 24 you were influenced by the strength of the "Very interesting. It is the James Levy angle Chief Minister's feelings as well? 25 25 as well that is interesting. I am also a touch Page 166 Page 168

nervous given that the CM has firmly taken 1 amendments that were being made to the 2 2 the lead on a competence that is more letters. That was the same day as this email. 3 3 towards us than them. But we have agreed Did you know at the time that the editing was 4 4 this approach which on balance is right. It taking place by the Chief Minister? 5 also raises issues about the GPA who should 5 A. Um, I would be surprised if I didn't. I 6 have been monitoring the COP but I cannot 6 knew that Dr Britto wanted help or guidance. 7 see it ending well for anyone." 7 So again it's an assumption I am making that 8 How had the Chief Minister firmly taken the 8 I must have. Because we agreed to this 9 lead on a competence that is more towards 9 approach, meaning we did it before the 10 10 you than the government? approach took into effect. 11 11 Q. Did you raise with the Chief Minister that A. Um, I think it's with the subsequent 12 engagement with Dr Britto on sort of giving 12 you felt nervous about him taking the lead in 13 advice on the letters that the GPA were going 13 this way? 14 14 to pass to Mr McGrail. (Pause). Having said A. I would be surprised if I didn't. That's the 15 15 that, the Chief Minister did clear or share the relationship we had. 16 16 drafts with me and, as I stated, we did agree Q. Did you at any point make clear to him 17 17 this approach and I do believe that that is that it was you and not him who had primary 18 a discussion, one of the discussions, I had 18 constitutional oversight over this matter? 19 19 with London on just checking with A. I mean, the Chief Minister doesn't need 20 20 me to tell him that. He knows that and I headquarters, for want of a better word, that 21 this was okay. 21 think from our first discussion we were very 22 22 Q. Why were you a touch nervous? clear, which is why I made the point to 23 23 A. Um, because I could see by the letter of Dr Britto, that if the GPA were in default 24 24 the Act and the Constitution that it was then the process fell only to the Governor. 25 25 possibly, you know, crossing a line. But it So I think that is a given that we had had that Page 169 Page 171 1 goes back to the working relationship the 1 discussion. And the Chief Minister doesn't 2 chief ministers had, not just with me but 2 need me or anybody else to tell him that. 3 3 current and previous governors, and that it is Q. If we can go to B1441, please. This is the 4 a partnership and we work closely together. 4 morning after your meeting of the 15th and 5 5 There is no, I think somebody has referred to the Chief Minister messages you at 11.47 6 me twice in this way, there is no colonial 6 saying: 7 7 element about how I ever operated anywhere "My pillow always gives me the best advice. 8 in my career. And I was quite content for the 8 If we are going to do this do we very 9 9 Chief Minister to take the lead, which is why discreetly at your end line someone up? We 10 10 I said: "We have agreed this approach which cannot have it headless." on balance is right." And that message and 11 11 And you respond: 12 that discussion would have given London the 12 "Thinking about it quite a lot. Need to 13 opportunity to say, "Actually, Nick, I think 13 discreetly bring Joey Britto into our thinking. 14 14 you have got that wrong, you have to get the I am happy to do that Monday." 15 lead back." And I think we have got to be, 15 He replies: 16 you know, careful on the word "lead". So, 16 "Yes, agreed. Shall we do so early? 17 17 you know, I suspect if I was asked to put Morning coffee with the three of us in my or 18 percentages on it, the split of roles, 18 yours. Let's do mine." 19 19 responsibility and leadership was nothing Was lining up a replacement ... sorry, just to 20 20 more than 55/45 and on some occasions it finish that, can we go to C3911. And this is 21 may have been 55 in my occasion. I suspect, 21 you to a contact of yours: 22 22 I would like to think, it was more often than "Thanks, I will email and we can perhaps 23 not 50/50. 23 have a chat basically and on a cumulative 24 24 Q. You say that he was taking the lead given basis both the Chief Minister and I have lost 25 faith in the Commissioner of Police. All his liaising with Dr Britto and the 25 Page 170 Page 172

highly sensitive and only the AG knows. 1 Q. C3937, please. Did you raise that 2 2 One question is how best to quickly recruit contingency with Dr Britto? 3 3 a replacement. CM agrees that we should A. I can't remember that I did, which is 4 4 look outside Gibraltar." an interesting question. And again it does 5 Do you think that lining up a replacement on 5 not mean it didn't happen, but I don't believe 6 16 May was consistent with a process where 6 Dr Britto referred to it in his memory of the 7 Mr McGrail was given the opportunity to 7 record neither did I myself. It could be that 8 8 make representations? we decided or I decided to do a bit more 9 9 A. I do. I think it would be remiss not to preliminary work first with the overseas 10 10 make such a contingency. This was the start police adviser before raising it with 11 11 in a process of looking to have somebody Dr Britto. 12 Q. Then at C3937, that we have on the that could come in, and you can question me 12 13 on the options that we put forward and the 13 screen, you email Dr Britto: 14 14 advice I got from our ... the contact is "Joey, can you make a meeting at the 15 15 Convent with the CM and I on Monday at actually a senior person. He is the overseas 16 16 9.30? Nick confirmed, regards." territory police adviser who is based in 17 17 Why did you not reveal in that email the Miami. So no, I think that was absolutely the 18 right thing to do. It was not prejudging what 18 topic of the meeting? 19 19 the GPA were going to do. It was A. I don't know. I don't know. 20 20 a contingency should they put into effect Q. Would it not have been helpful to have 21 what the Chief Minister and I were hoping 21 given Dr Britto some details in advance? 22 22 A. Yes, with hindsight it probably would would have happened. 23 23 Q. Would it be fair to say that by this stage 24 24 you and the Chief Minister had decided that Q. For example, by suggesting that he 25 25 familiarise himself with section 34 of the there was no prospect of Mr McGrail Page 173 Page 175 1 continuing in his role at this stage? 1 Police Act. 2 A. No. No, the opposite and actually in the 2 A. Well, I sort of assumed that the Chairman 3 3 email I said I was conflicted and I was being of the GPA would know without needing to 4 kept awake at night. One of the things that 4 refresh his mind on how the Police Act 5 5 worked in reference to the GPA. was keeping me awake was what happens if 6 the GPA say no. If the GPA say, "Actually 6 Q. The day --7 7 we have heard Mr McGrail's representations A. But I take the point. I don't mean to ... 8 8 and we think you have been so unfair we 9 9 want to have a discussion as to an alternative Q. If we can about to 3947, please, this is 17 10 10 way forward." May 2020 at 6.37, the day before your meeting with Dr Britto. You and the Chief 11 Q. Just going back to exchange, B1441, you 11 12 say: "Need to discreetly bring Joey Britto 12 Minister exchange emails with your 13 into our thinking." What did you mean by 13 preliminary views as to the basis for 14 that? 14 approaching and suggesting that the GPA 15 15 A. The thinking of lining up or having commence the process. Were you aware that 16 16 contingency for somebody to come in and the Chief Minister had met Mr Levy and 17 17 help with the transitional period of Mr Baglietto at his home that day? 18 18 Commissioner of Police. A. No, but I don't know why I should know 19 19 Q. So that was not in your view a reference that. 20 to the removal of Mr McGrail. 20 Q. The main reason given by the Chief 21 21 Minister for his loss of confidence related to A. No. No, because we weren't going to do 22 22 the search warrants and the lie that he said he that discreetly. We were going to do that 23 23 properly and correctly. The word "discreet" had been told, the search warrants relating to 24 does not come into that element of our 24 Mr Levy. But he did not inform you that he 25 25 had met Mr Levy that day. thinking. Page 174 Page 176

A. I don't, I still, with respect, don't see why 1 as a result, we had both lost confidence in the 2 2 that would ... the meeting I had with the Commissioner and were therefore requesting 3 Chief Minister where he told me of 3 the GPA to consider using the powers 4 4 available to them under Section 34 of the Mr McGrail going against the advice of the 5 Attorney General and the DPP and having 5 Police Act (2006) to call upon the 6 6 Commissioner to retire." misled the Chief Minister was, you know, 7 7 How much detail did the Chief Minister give something I took without needing to know all 8 8 to Dr Britto about the ongoing investigation? the intricate details of meetings, WhatsApps, 9 9 A. I think it was, um, headline fashion, not exchanges and implications around that. 10 10 Q. If we can look at the third paragraph of just bullet point. So a bit of detail but 11 11 that email, you say: without the full detail, but I can't recall the "So as I see it and to my untrained eye it is 12 12 exact sequence and terminology used. 13 for the GPA to take this forward in the first 13 Q. Did he point out to Dr Britto his own 14 14 financial interests in 36 North or in Hassans? instance. I agree with you that it is important 15 15 we follow the process to the letter, not look A. I don't believe he did. 16 16 to prejudge and allow the Commissioner to Q. Did he mention his communications with 17 put forward a defence, etc. The last thing we 17 two of the individuals who were under 18 want to do is face a charge of constructive 18 arrest? 19 19 dismissal. I suggest we therefore say to Joey A. No, not to my knowledge. 20 20 tomorrow that we have lost confidence in the Q. Dr Britto's evidence is that you did most 21 Commissioner, set out why and task him to 21 of the talking at this meeting. Do you agree? 22 22 consider options as to the way forwards." A. Um, not quite. I think it was in that 23 23 Do you consider that you carried out the balance of 50/50, 45/65. Um, it was a sort of 24 24 process in the way that you set out to do in a correct, proper meeting. It was not one 25 25 that paragraph? with interjections and it was ... and the Chief Page 177 Page 179 1 A. Yes, I do. 1 Minister and I decided that approach and I 2 Q. Were you looking to the Chief Minister 2 think, if my memory serves me correctly, the 3 3 for guidance on how the section 34 process reason why the Chief Minister set out the 4 would work? 4 issues is for then me to follow up and put the 5 5 A. No. **GPA** on notice the scrutiny they would be 6 Q. Did you consider getting legal advice on 6 under and that I would be prepared to use my 7 the sequencing of section 34 at this stage, 7 powers should they be in default. 8 8 either from the Attorney General or from the Q. Can we go to C4234, please. This is your 9 9 FCDO legal department? email to the FCDO on 21 May 2020 at 5.57 10 10 A. I didn't. Section 34 was very clear and where you are reporting on the meeting that 11 11 took place in the Convent. And you say: even to my untrained legal eye I should have 12 perhaps inserted I know how section 34 12 "At my request the CM set out the issues of 13 13 concern, namely the damning HMIC report, worked. Or should work. 14 the fatal collision, Police Federation 14 Q. On 18 May 2020 at 9.30 you met 15 Dr Britto and the Chief Minister at the 15 allegations of bullying and the mishandling 16 Convent. Your account is set out in 16 of a high-profile ongoing investigation in 17 paragraph 14.1 of your first statement, A240. 17 which the Commissioner apparently went against the advice of the Attorney General 18 And you say as follows at 14.1: 18 19 19 and Director of Public Prosecutions." "At my request, the Chief Minister set out the 20 20 Did the Chief Minister actually say that issues of concern to both of us namely the 21 21 damning HMIC report, the incident at sea Mr McGrail went against advice or did he 22 22 involving a fatal collision, the Police state that Mr McGrail had not sought advice? 23 Federation allegations of bullying, and the 23 A. My memory is that he went against the 24 mishandling of a high-profile ongoing 24 25 investigation. The Chief Minister stated that 25 Q. You did not reveal in this email at that Page 178 Page 180

stage that the person under investigation was 1 call to retire was not appropriate, I would 2 2 Mr Levy of Hassans. But you revealed this consider using the powers available to me 3 the next day, if we can go to B1780. At 3.21, 3 under Section 13.(1)(f) which allowed me to 4 4 the fifth bullet point says: call for the resignation of the Commissioner 5 "The Commissioner believes this is in part 5 and that, as things stood, I would need strong 6 6 driven by the ongoing investigation. The and persuasive arguments not to do so. I said 7 high-profile person referred to below is 7 whilst I was not looking to pre-judge the 8 8 deliberations of the GPA and was mindful James Levy." 9 Why did you not reveal that information 9 that the Commissioner is allowed to make 10 initially? 10 representations as Section 34 allows, the 11 A. I don't know. I think I mentioned it 11 GPA should be in no doubt as to the strength 12 before, or it has been referenced before here. 12 of my feelings. I concluded by saying the 13 Q. In an exchange with, I think it was, well, 13 powers I have under Section 13(1)(f) only 14 14 with someone, I do not know, it is redacted, come into play 'in default by the Authority'." 15 but it looked like it was not with the same 15 Why was it necessary or appropriate for you 16 16 to refer to section 13 at this early stage of the group. 17 17 A. I think it may have been, but I stand to be process? 18 corrected because the collective distribution 18 A. I think it was to put Dr Britto and the 19 lists that I tend to use are broad. But, um, I 19 GPA on notice that the process had to be 20 20 don't know why I didn't say that from the followed, um, correctly and properly. Not 21 outset. I think it was more to, um, to set out 21 for one moment, which I think I may 22 22 that of course everybody knows that the reference in some of my evidence, did I ever 23 Chief Minister is connected to Hassans. 23 expect to have to consider using the powers 24 24 Everybody known the high regard with under section 13(1)(f) because they can only 25 25 which the Chief Minister holds James Levy, come into play in default by the Authority. Page 181 Page 183 1 as I do. So it was just making that 1 And I think what I possibly would have said, 2 connection. Um, I wouldn't like to suggest it 2 again on a language issue, is "I concluded by 3 3 was for any other reason. saying", I should have perhaps said "I 4 4 concluded by stressing", because that's what I Q. Why the exclamation mark then? 5 5 A. Um, just because it is James Levy, head 6 of Hassans, very senior lawyer, head of the 6 Q. You said that you would need: 7 7 Jewish community, you know, etc, etc, in "Strong persuasive reasons not to use section 8 Gibraltar. And it may be that, you know, 8 13 and said that the GPA should be in no 9 9 they are actually investigating James Levy so doubt as to the strength of my feelings." 10 10 it could have been linking the first part of Do you accept that the effect of this was to 11 11 make Dr Britto think you were very likely to that bullet point to James Levy. I think if it 12 had been anybody else I might have put the 12 use your powers? 13 13 name but without the exclamation mark. A. He would have been right. I was very 14 14 Q. If we can go back to your evidence, 14.2, likely to have used my powers and it goes 15 you say, this is back to the meeting with 15 back to my comment earlier, that if the GPA 16 16 Dr Britto: were to be in default, what was I to do? 17 "I endorsed the Chief Minister's position and 17 Suddenly say, "That's okay, that is fine, let's 18 18 said that there had to be accountability for crack on as usual." Or look to sort of put into 19 19 the failings. I said the common thread effect an outcome that the Chief Minister and 20 20 through all the issues appeared to be a lack of I wanted because I couldn't suddenly re-lose 21 21 adequate management and leadership and my loss of confidence and allow us to go 22 22 that therefore in my opinion, it is the back, you know, however long to start 23 Commissioner who has to be held 23 a process again. 24 24 accountable. Q. Not even if you saw persuasive 25 "I said that should the GPA determine that a 25 representations? Page 182 Page 184

A. No. I mean, that is a fair point, and yes, 1 clear and the Chief Minister had made his 2 2 and, you know, my mind was not closed. I position clear, um, I simply thought that's the 3 hadn't fully, I was conscious of the role and 3 end of my role in this. Certainly I was 4 4 the responsibility, hence this keeping me hoping that was the end of my role in this. 5 awake at night. Um, so that was, yes, I think 5 The expectation/hope I had was that the GPA 6 6 it is fair and true to say that I was challenged would follow a thorough section 34 process. 7 7 by all of this. I can't pre-empt or prejudge or, you know, 8 8 Q. Dr Britto's evidence was that he second-guess the GPA, neither would I try to 9 9 interpreted this as you saying that he would do so. And yes, there was the possibility that 10 10 not be doing his duty if he did not invite they would have not agreed with the Chief 11 Mr McGrail to retire. Do you think that was 11 Minister and I or come back and say, as I 12 the effect of what you had told him? 12 have said before, "We have listened to 13 A. It wasn't the effect that was intended. I 13 Mr McGrail and we think he has some valid 14 14 can't really speak for how Dr Britto took points, they need exploring, we need to slow 15 15 what I was saying. And I can only apologise the process down, we need to take it in 16 16 slower time and consider things." That was to Dr Britto if I didn't make it clear enough. 17 17 What I was stressing was that, and I think I certainly one of the scenarios I played in my 18 put this in my email to London, is that the 18 mind. 19 19 GPA will come under intense scrutiny and Q. Were you not --20 20 therefore had to get it right in terms of the A. It was a possibility. 21 process. So it is the process that the 21 Q. Sorry to cut across. 22 22 important thing here, not the outcome of their A. No. 23 deliberations because I had played a scenario 23 Q. Were you not in effect saying to them: if 24 24 in my mind that they might well indeed come you do not agree with us I am going to hold 25 25 back and say, I think in one of my emails, you in default? Page 185 Page 187 1 "This is quite close to constructive dismissal, 1 A. I can't hold them in default. Only they so we want a further discussion with the 2 2 can be in default. 3 3 Chief Minister, etc, etc, etc." Q. Yes. You did stress that your powers 4 4 only came into play in default by the Q. Did you raise section 13 deliberately to 5 5 get Dr Britto to agree to the section 34 Authority. 6 6 process? A. Correct. 7 7 A. Um, no. I think we used the word Q. So you were saying to them: if you do not 8 8 "consider". You have to consider using. I agree with us --9 9 don't think we said he must and you have to. A. No, no, no. 10 10 I mean, there is a consequence of the Chief Q. -- I will deem you to be in default. 11 11 A. No, I can't deem them to be in default. Minister and the Governor losing ... 12 expressing to the Chairman of the GPA that 12 They have to be in default. I can't ... it's not 13 13 they have both lost confidence in the for me to decide whether the GPA are in 14 Commissioner of Police. I think, you know, 14 default. 15 15 Q. Let me take that word away completely it may be leading but I think there's only one 16 16 outcome from that, which is a section 34 then. Were you saying to them: if you do not 17 process. 17 agree with us you will be in default? 18 18 Q. Dr Britto's evidence is that he thought A. No, because that's not the case. And I'm, 19 19 Mr McGrail deserved the dignity of leading unless I am going into areas beyond my 20 20 the RGP in his own terms by retirement competence, I thought only the GPA can be 21 21 rather than face being asked to resign under in default. I can't say they are in default and 22 22 section 13. Did you in any way encourage they not be in default when they are not in 23 Dr Britto to exercise his section 34 power for 23 default. 24 24 Q. Would you accept that the presence of the that reason? 25 A. No. I think once I had made my position 25 GPA and the section 34 process and the Page 186 Page 188

independence of the GPA is there to avoid 1 about that on 3991 and it is beside the letter 2 2 the Chief Minister and the Governor simply 3 3 coming to the decision themselves? "The Chief Minister also shared another 4 4 event occurring last week which had left him A. Um, no, I don't think that is the case. I 5 think the Governor and Chief Minister have 5 also in a situation where the Commissioner 6 6 had expressly misled him and which left him the ability and the right to be able to reach 7 7 unable to believe the Commissioner." Do a conclusion which they then explain to the 8 8 you consider --- was it referred to more Chair of the GPA, um, and then it's up to the 9 9 GPA to decide how to take that forward. The expressly than that at the meeting with Dr 10 10 only option, as I said, and again I apologise Britto or was that how it was expressed at the 11 11 for repeating myself, is that with the Chief meeting? 12 Minister and the Governor expressing their 12 (15.00)13 loss of confidence, surely the only approach 13 A. I think that's how it was expressed at the 14 14 or way forward is through section 34. That is 15 15 not a question to you, that is more of Q. Do you think that that fairly summarised 16 16 a statement from me. I am not -the reasons for the Chief Minister losing 17 17 confidence in Mr McGrail with such little Q. Yes, I didn't interpret it as such. Thank 18 you. Did this meeting effectively present 18 information being given in respect of that 19 19 Dr Britto with a fait accompli? matter? 20 20 A. No, I don't think so at all. And again that A. I think the record of the meeting is 21 wasn't the intent. 21 shorter than the meeting itself and I find it 22 22 Q. If it is not up to you to hold or deem the inconceivable that the Chief Minister, as I 23 23 GPA is in default, then how would you know said, whilst it was headline, it was more than 24 when your section 13(1)(f) power it 24 a bullet point and it was a bit deeper than that 25 25 activated? but in terms of a record of a meeting, which Page 189 Page 191 1 A. That's another scenario I played through 1 is the same as, with respect, GPA records of 2 my mind. I couldn't see how, which is why I 2 their meetings, this is accurate but possibly 3 3 was relieved once we had handed the process not to the depth of the issue as it was 4 4 over and the GPA, you know, Dr Britto had discussed. 5 5 agreed that 34 was the way forward, as I said Q. Do you agree that Dr Britto deserved to 6 earlier, I thought that was ... because I 6 have the best possible information so that he 7 7 could communicate it to the GPA? thought how on earth could the GPA come 8 8 into default? A. Yes. 9 9 Q. But you ultimately did arrive at the Q. Do you think that those four lines were 10 10 decision that it had. sufficient for the GPA, the members of the 11 11 GPA to make an informed decision as to that A. Um, it wasn't my decision. It happened. 12 Q. Can we go to 3988, please, C3988. This 12 matter, that the key issue that had caused the 13 13 is the note that the Chief Minister prepared of Chief Minister to lose confidence? 14 14 the meeting, which you state in your A. No, no, it isn't but, as I am absolutely 15 15 evidence he cleared with you. Do you certain, the GPA would have asked for more 16 16 consider that that note accurately set out what information. 17 was discussed? 17 Q. Knowing what you do now, do you 18 18 A. Do you mind if I read it again? consider that the Chief Minister should have 19 19 Q. Of course, yes. (Pause). You may have raised this matter in the meeting in more 20 20 a hard copy if you -detail to give Dr Britto a full picture of 2.1 21 A. Yes, I know that record. Yes. Yes, it is events? 22 22 A. I think with hindsight the first meeting 23 23 Q. In terms of Operation Delhi and the lie should either have been precluded by a 24 that Mr McGrail is alleged to have told about 24 separate scene setting type of meeting, to 25 25 the DPP's advice we can find what is said allow your point of Dr Britto --- to remind Page 190 Page 192

himself of the various bits of the act and then 1 O. You say that he showed them to you, in 2 2 Dr Britto might have said, "Could you give terms of --- in hard copy or did he send them 3 3 me more information on that particular to you? 4 4 point," so for me this was part of a process, A. No, I think it was sent to me. 5 the start of a process and hindsight is 5 Q. Before they were sent or afterwards --- or 6 6 hindsight but, yes, I think we could have afterwards? 7 probably gone into --- including myself on 7 A. I can't be certain on that. I remember if it 8 8 my issues, but this is what I thought was the was the same letters, you know, tweaking a 9 9 start of a process where more information couple of typos and the Chief Minister saying 10 10 would have been provided. Mr McGrail his school teacher will be upset with him for 11 11 would have made his representations, that the making such errors which infers that I saw 12 GPA had then sort of gone into recess and 12 them before they were sent. 13 considered views and quite within their right 13 Q. Have you since read the letters sent to Mr 14 14 McGrail on 22 May? to ask further questions if not evidence from 15 15 the Chief Minister or I as well as Mr A. Yes, I have, yes. 16 McGrail. 16 Q. In your view, do they sufficiently set out 17 17 the case that Mr McGrail needed to address Q. The GPA met on 21 May but I think it is 18 right that you did not attend for obvious 18 in his representations? 19 19 reasons. A. My instinct is to say yes, but if you want 20 20 A. Well, it was correct that I didn't and it me to answer that more definitively, I would 21 was right that I didn't. 21 need a second or two to remind myself of the 22 22 Q. Yes, yes. Did you have any contact with letters. 23 23 your GPA colleagues before that meeting? Q. So why do we not go to C4282 and if we 24 A. Absolutely not. 24 look at 4283, the highlighted parts are the 25 Q. What about afterwards? 25 parts that the Chief Minister either inserted or Page 193 Page 195 1 A. I don't believe I did. 1 amended, so C4283 sets out under 3 and 4, 2 Q. How did you learn the result of the GPA 2 probity and integrity, "It was communicated 3 3 meeting? to me that both the Governor and the Chief 4 A. I think it was by letter. There may have 4 Minister felt that their dealings with you have 5 5 been a pre-emptive telephone call from Dr left them with the sense that you are lacking 6 Britto or the Chief Minister but it was the 6 in both probity and integrity ...." sorry, I will 7 7 let you get to that. I am looking at the letter --- I think I had a tip-off and it may 8 have been Dr Britto to myself but it was --- I 8 second page of that letter. 9 9 mean, I wanted to wait to see this in writing. THE CHAIRMAN: We only have the first 10 Q. When you say the letter, do you say that 10 11 THE WITNESS: I only have the first page. there was a letter from the GPA to you 11 12 informing you of the GPA's decision? 12 MR SANTOS: (To the witness): I am sorry. 13 A. It might have been an email --- I think 13 I am only going to show you one sentence, or 14 14 there's something in my mind around the two sentences. 15 15 evidence I have or something that I've seen in A. Okav. 16 the chronological evidence of --- no, I can't 16 Q. It is under the heading 3 and 4, probity 17 be sure on that. 17 and integrity. If you want to look at the 18 Q. You were referring earlier to the letters 18 whole of the letter ----19 19 that the Chief Minister helped to draft, did A. No, that is fine. 20 20 O. "It was communicated to me that both the the Chief Minister seek any input from you 21 as to the parts of the letters that referred to 21 Governor and the Chief Minister felt that 22 22 their dealings with you have left them with 23 A. As I said, I think he showed them to me. 23 the sense that you are lacking in both probity 24 24 I don't think I had comments. I think the and integrity. The maritime incident is one 25 elements of my concerns were well covered. 25 case in point." Were there any other cases in Page 194 Page 196

1 point as far as you were concerned which had 1 A. Absolutely. 2 2 left you with the sense that Mr McGrail was Q. On 29 May 2020, Gomez & Co sent a 3 lacking in both probity and integrity? 3 letter to the GPA containing representations, 4 4 A. For me personally, individually? No. so if we can go to C4652, please, you write 5 Q. That is the closest we get to an express 5 to the FCDO updating on that letter and you 6 6 reference to Operation Delhi and the alleged say, "To update you further, the Chair of the 7 7 GPA received at six o'clock this evening a 28 lie, do you think that that gave Mr McGrail 8 8 enough information to understand the case page letter from the Commissioner of 9 9 that he had to meet in representations? Police's legal representative declining the 10 A. I don't think it did in the letter but my 10 Gibraltar Police authority's request to retire. 11 scenario planning of the process was that 11 Whilst I will of course consider his 12 issues would be put to Mr McGrail in 12 representations, it looks as if I will have to 13 advance of a meeting with the GPA where 13 exercise my powers under the Police Act. 14 14 Mr McGrail would be perfectly entitled to The CM and I have agreed that we should 15 15 say, "I'd like to see the detail of that," and meet early next week with the AG as our 16 then the detail would have to be provided. 16 honorary legal adviser and chair of the GPA 17 17 On a point of note, I thought the process of to discuss a response and will be doing so on 18 the GPA section 34 would take some time. 18 Tuesday at the Convent. Not unexpected but 19 Q. In terms of the earlier letter, I think we 19 disappointing, not least as the letter calls into 20 20 question my conduct and impartiality of should give you the chance to look at that 21 one as well, so give me a second to get the 21 which I am certain, as is the AG, that I have 22 22 nothing to worry about." You state, "It looks reference; C4315, please, if we can look at 23 that, it says, "In view of the grave concerns 23 as if I will have to exercise my powers under 24 24 expressed by both the Governor and the the Police Act," why was that your view 25 Chief Minister in respect of certain aspects of 25 given that the GPA had not yet withdrawn Page 197 Page 199 1 policing that had led to a serious and 1 the invitation to retire? 2 regrettable loss of confidence in you as 2 A. Because I could see where this was 3 3 Commissioner, the authority feels that it is going. It doesn't need a crystal ball. 4 left with no option but to exercise the powers 4 Q. You state, "... the letter calls into question 5 5 afforded to the authority under section 34(1) my conduct and impartiality of which I am 6 of the Police Act. Given the above, the 6 certain, as is the AG, that I have nothing to 7 7 authority invites you to retire in the interests worry about." Do you maintain that your 8 8 of policing in Gibraltar." Do you think that conduct throughout the process was beyond 9 9 that was consistent with a section 34 --- the reproach? 10 10 order set out in section 34? A. I may not have got everything right but I 11 11 A. No. don't think in terms of process I got much 12 Q. And you say you saw this letter before it 12 wrong and in terms of how I conducted 13 13 went out? myself, I think I --- my conscience is clear. 14 14 A. I would have to remind myself of that. I Q. If we can go to A257, please, this is 15 15 thought --- I assumed and thought that the towards the end of your first affidavit, 26.1, 16 16 letters before they went were shared with me. where you say, "The decision to invoke the 17 I remember reading this and thinking, "Oh, 17 procedure relating to the exercise of my 18 18 dear," because the authority --- for me this power under 19 19 was the start of a default because, with section 13 of the Police Act to call for the 20 20 respect, it should not have invited the resignation of Mr McGrail as Commissioner 21 21 Commissioner of Police to retire until after of Police was entirely my own. At no time 22 22 they had heard his representations. That was was I put under any pressure by any person, 23 23 my understanding of the process. but in particular by the Chief Minster, to 24 Q. Was that your understanding right from 24 decide on the course of action outlined 25 25 the outset? above, although of course I was comforted Page 198 Page 200

1 by the fact that he shared my view and would 1 (Short adjournment) 2 2 be supportive of my decision if I took it." (15.27)3 3 Do you think you did enough to uphold the NICHOLAS PYLE (Continued): 4 4 constitutional separations of functions Questioned by MR SANTOS (Continued): 5 between the Crown and the executive on the 5 Q. Mr Pyle, just to go back to one of the 6 6 issue of policing? points we were covering earlier, if we can 7 7 A. In the context of Gibraltar, the time and look at section 13 very briefly, this is the 8 8 the moment, yes, I do. Governor's powers in default by authority, 9 9 Q. Could you have done more to ensure that and it says, "The following powers are 10 the GPA were left to carry out the section 34 10 exercisable by the Governor where the 11 11 process properly, fairly and independently? authority has failed to discharge or perform a 12 A. I think it was a safe assumption for a 12 responsibility imposed on the authority under 13 Governor to make that the GPA didn't need 13 this Act," and you have the power to require 14 14 any reminders of how to do that from the a report, to submit the force inspection, direct 15 15 Governor. that an inquiry into policing in Gibraltar be 16 16 made and then, over the page, is suspend Q. Can we go to B1445, please, these are 17 17 messages between you, the Chief Minister from duty or call for the resignation of the 18 and it seems to be that you are arranging a 18 Commissioner. If we can just focus on the 19 meeting and the Chief Minister says, 19 opening wording of that section again, "The 20 20 "Midday, AG and Joey works for me, I've following powers are exercisable by the 21 checked with the others, thanks." Did that 21 Governor where the authority has failed to 22 22 meeting go ahead? discharge or perform a responsibility 23 A. I would be surprised if it didn't. How it 23 imposed on the authority under this Act," if 24 24 went ahead, whether it was teleconference, you believed that the GPA would conduct a 25 25 fair and independent section 34 process, why video or in person, I can't remember. Page 201 Page 203 1 Q. Do you recall what was discussed at that 1 refer in the same conversation that sought to 2 meeting? 2 trigger that process to a power which only 3 3 comes into --- which only becomes A. I think it was probably on the way 4 forward in terms of responding to the letter 4 exercisable where the authority has failed to 5 5 from Mr Gomez to the GPA. discharge that responsibility? 6 Q. Would you accept that that was a 6 A. It was to make the point of the 7 7 coordinated response? seriousness and the absolute application of 8 8 A. I think it's quite right that we consulted those sections there that the GPA had to 9 9 each other as the letter, which I gather from a follow and that they would be under scrutiny 10 10 comment the other day, we should not have because if they didn't, and if they were in 11 11 received, bearing in mind it was marked, default, it would come down to me, so I was 12 "private and confidential." It is quite right 12 just moving ahead and going through the 13 that we should respond individually but 13 paragraph 13. 14 discuss how we were going to do so. 14 Q. Can we now look at C4715, please, this is 15 15 MR SANTOS: I am just looking at the time, an exchange between you and the Chief 16 16 sir, it is quarter past three, I wonder whether Minister on 4 June and if we can just look at 17 17 we should take our mid-afternoon break now. the bottom of that page, the Chief Minister 18 18 Just in terms of a progress update, I suspect I forwards to you --- actually, sorry, if we can 19 19 will be another three quarters of an hour. go on to the next page, we can see at the 20 THE CHAIRMAN: We will have a short 20 bottom of that page a report --- an email from 21 21 break, you take three quarters of an hour and the Assistant Commissioner Ullger --- if we 22 then we will probably finish for the day, I 22 can just go to the bottom of this page, sorry, 23 23 "Dear Chief Minister, please find attached think. 24 24 MR SANTOS: Thank you. my report to you with regard to the 25 25 accessories fitted to the RGP vessels as you (15.15)Page 202 Page 204

1 requested." If we go back up the chain, the 1 A. So I think this may infer that I was aware 2 2 Chief Minister forwards that to you and then that this was the likely outcome of their 3 3 you say, "CM, thanks, tempted to suggest we deliberations and that --- and I do remember 4 4 go straight for section 13(1)F," and then he that when I had final confirmation of their 5 says, "I think we may have no alternative in 5 default, the sense of foreboding, ill-boding 6 6 the interests of the rule of law and peace, and --- yes, that was not one of my most 7 7 memorable moments in Gibraltar. order and good governance of Gibraltar. I 8 8 Q. At that stage and in light of that report, have growing and evermore serious concerns 9 9 about this issue." You say, "I, too, am more did you ask Mr McGrail for representations 10 10 worried than hitherto. The panorama has on this issue as to the attachment to the boat? 11 11 posed the following question, will the A. I don't think so. I mean, the Chief 12 12 Convent confirm if the Commissioner of Minister had done that. For me, how and 13 Police, Ian McGrail, has either handed in his 13 why it was fitted isn't really the important 14 14 resignation or that he has been asked to point. The important point was that it had 15 15 tender his resignation. The only thing I can been fitted. 16 16 say is that this is a matter for the GPA but I Q. If we go to C4727, please, there is an 17 17 email that you send --- the second email is will not be replying. Perhaps we should, 18 however, start to draw up lines, perhaps the 18 one that you send to the Attorney General on 19 19 5 June at 9.25 and you say, "Dear Michael, I three of us could talk through the options. I 20 20 have to pop over this afternoon tomorrow have reflected on the discussion we had 21 (?)." In your view why did this new piece of 21 vesterday afternoon on the issue of the 22 22 Commissioner of Police. My preferred information justify you going straight section 23 23 13(1)F? course of action, recognising the need to 24 24 resolve this issue quickly, not least in the A. So I think it's in the whole chain, so I 25 25 might --- if we can go --- I want to refresh light of media scrutiny, that I take no action Page 205 Page 207 1 myself. The report on the collision, so the 1 until I have seen the letters that the GPA 2 television report, I think that included --- was 2 chair, the Chief Minister and yourself are 3 3 that the report that included a video of the writing to the GPA in response to the Gomez 4 4 letter. This would allow me to reflect and chase? 5 5 Q. I believe that is right, yes. consider all representations, including the 6 A. So the totality of that email exchange, 6 Commissioner's via the comments letter 7 7 before speaking to the Commissioner." Just rather than the more specific point, I 8 8 understand the message from Richard Ullger focusing on the first bit, it looks from this 9 9 about the log defender being fitted on to the email that there was a meeting between you 10 10 boat which is why I refer to it as being and the Attorney General on 4 June. Do you 11 weaponised in Gibraltar, so I think again that 11 agree? 12 just, you know, brought together --- and I 12 A. Yes. 13 didn't really also in my scenario planning see 13 Q. Actually I can assist you further, if we go to C4725, this is --- and if you go to the 14 any other option in going to section 13(1)F. 14 15 Q. When you say "go straight to section 15 second email in the chain, this is an email 16 13(1)F" were you suggesting bypassing the 16 from you to a number of recipients, or 17 GPS? 17 someone with an extremely long name, one 18 A. No, no, no, only in --- but I think by 18 of the two, and you say at 9.54, "As 19 19 then my sense was that --- did we know that discussed yesterday, things have taken a turn 20 20 they were in default? for the worse. The AG told me yesterday 21 21 Q. I think it was --that at the Gibraltar Police Authority meeting 22 22 A. In June? that was held last week to consider the 23 23 Q. --- on the next day that the letter came position of the Commissioner of Police was 24 through although I think you had had a 24 not quorate. Its deliberations are, therefore, 25 discussion with the Attorney General ----25 null and void and the chair of the GPA Page 206 Page 208

1	should, therefore, not have called for the	1	recognising the need to resolve this issue
2	Commissioner of Police to resign. I should	2	quickly, not least in the light of media
3	get a letter this morning from the chair	3	scrutiny, is that I take no action until I have
4	informing me of this." Do you know how the	4	seen the letters," sorry, and then if we go to
5	Attorney General came to be aware of this	5	the previous page yes, the end of that
6	the day before the letter arrived?	6	email, the final sentence, "Apologies for the
7	A. No, I don't know.	7	time frame but with a media storm brewing, I
8	Q. "The Attorney General advised there is	8	would like to resolve this as soon as possible
9	no point in looking to appoint new GPA	9	and certainly before Sir David Steel arrives
10	members as they are chosen by the public	10	on Wednesday." I wanted to show you the
11	services commissioner from a list proposed	11	basis for my question.
12	by the CMNI. They are then appointed by	12	A. Thank you.
13	the Governor. Any new GPA members	13	Q. Is there a risk that this hurry to resolve
14	would, therefore, likely to be perceived as	14	matters before Sir David Steel arrived led
15	biased not least by a court. This leaves	15	you to take steps in June 2020 that you would
16	section 13(1)F of the Police Act as the only	16	not otherwise have taken?
17	way forward to secure the resignation of the	17	A. I don't think so. I think the and I used
18	Commissioner should it be determined that	18	the word "speed" and "haste" carefully, that I
19	this is the best way forward. The relevant	19	was looking to conclude the issue would
20	sections of the Police Act are attached." So it	20	have been the same whether Sir David Steel
21	does look as if you had a meeting with the	21	was arriving on Wednesday or not. I would
22	Attorney General where he advised you on	22	have looked to conclude matters quickly. I
23	the next steps?	23	thought it was time to bring the saga to a
24	A. Yes.	24	conclusion.
25	Q. And then the email we were looking at,	25	Q. Then if we go to 4743, please, the final
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1	which follows on the next day, is yours to the	1	paragraph of that letter says, "We have taken
2	Attorney General where you say, "I have	2	independent legal advice and have been
3	reflected on the decision we had yesterday	3	advised that the process which we have
4	afternoon" and you talk about taking	4	adopted under section 34 of the Police Act is
5	action but that final sentence, "This would	5	fundamentally flawed and should be
6	allow me to reflect and consider all	6	withdrawn. However, we were also advised
7	representations including the Commissioner's	7	that the complaints by you and the Chief
8	via this Gomez letter before speaking to the	8	Minister remain live and have to be
9	Commissioner," I just wanted to ask you, it	9	determined. We have also been advised that
10	appears from these exchanges that you are	10	the Authority as presently constituted is
11	very eager to resolve the issue before Sir	11	vulnerable to challenge on the grounds of
12	David Steel's arrival as Governor which was	12	bias. The Authority considers that as
13	in a matter of days, perhaps five days, why	13	presently constituted it is unable to process
14	was that?	14	the complaints without being vulnerable to
15	A. That was in part I think so that Sir David	15	legal challenge and is not, therefore, prepared
16	didn't have on his plate as one of the first	16	to do so." When you received that letter and
17	things he had to focus on, was what I might	17	the GPA considered that it was unable to
18	have referred to as to a colleague in	18	process the complaints, did that make you
19	London, as a complete mess of a situation	19	pause and consider whether it would be fair
20	which would make his first few weeks	20	to proceed with the section 13 process?
21	difficult.	21	A. I think it made me pause and then reflect
22	Q. I just want to I think I have shown you	22	that I had no option but to go to section F. I
23	the wrong sentence in advance of that	23	took this as the default of the GPA.
24	question, so it is the second sentence in that	24	Q. Did you ask the GPA which aspects of
25	email, "My preferred course of action	25	the section 34 process they concluded were
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1	fundamentally flawed?	1	one where neither the current GPA nor a
2	A. I don't believe I did but I believe it was	2	newly-constituted GPA can discharge or
3	because they weren't a quorate. Where I	3	perform its responsibility under section 34 of
4	picked that information up from I can't be	4	The Police Act. I therefore consider that the
5	certain.	5	current situation is one which falls within
6	Q. Did you consider that anything that you	6	section 13 of the Police Act. Section 13(1)
7	or the Chief Minister did and your	7	provides that a series of powers are
8	interactions with Dr Britto may have	8	exercisable by the Governor where the GPA
9	contributed to those fundamental flaws?	9	has failed to discharge or perform the
10	(15.40)	10	responsibility imposed on the GPA under the
11	A. Could you repeat the last bit, please? I	11	Police Act. One such power is the power to
12	didn't hear.	12	suspend from duty or call for the resignation
13	Q. Your interactions with Dr Britto, whether	13	of the Commissioner. My advice is that in
14	those could have contributed to the	14	the circumstances of this case, that power is
15	fundamental flaws.	15	available to you if you were to decide to avail
16	A. No.	16	yourself of it."
17	Q. Because if it was just a question of	17	Q. The advice here is about section 13(1)(f).
18	quorum, then could they not have simply had	18	Had you considered using one of the other
19	a quorate meeting and considered	19	less draconian powers in section 13 as a
20	A. No, I think I took advice from the	20	starting point before that draconian power?
21	Attorney General on that, and London and	21	A. I had looked at the options. I seem to
22	the advice from Michael is it couldn't be	22	remember in my own mind saying that
23	reconstituted. I think we've been through	23	neither the current GPA can discharge any
24	that earlier in the proceedings.	24	responsibilities under section 34. We
25	Q. You then sought the Attorney General's	25	couldn't constitute a new GPA. I quite
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1 possible, before the new Governor arrived on 1 is saying that he is going to be there from the 2 2 10 June, so that his arrival and start of tenure Wednesday. 3 3 would not be marred by such a controversial, A. Yes. 4 4 ongoing issue." If we go to C4771, this is an Q. Were you aware of section 22(3) of the 5 exchange between you and the Governor on 5 Constitution at the time --6 6 A. Yes. 5 June 2020 and the Governor - the now 7 Governor - says, "Dear Nick, thank you. 7 Q. Familiar with it? 8 8 A. Yes. This matter has been the reason that I too 9 9 Q. Did you consider whether, if you needed have not been troubling you as I know that 10 10 you have much on your plate at the moment. to exercise your section 13 powers, you 11 11 I discussed the whole issue with the person might have been prevented by section 22(3) 12 this morning as well as with PUS. Both 12 from doing so? 13 think you are doing a cracking job in difficult 13 A. No, because I was and I now remain 14 14 circumstances. I just hope the actions you are under the impression that one can only 15 15 taking will address the issue. Take good care assume the role of Governor once one has 16 16 and an extra pair of hands to help you are taken the oath. 17 17 flying out next Wednesday." Would you Q. So, in your views he was not about to 18 accept that message that if necessary Sir 18 assume the role at that point? 19 19 David was willing to address the issue on his A. He was, and the Constitution was 20 20 arrival and it was not imperative for you to carefully crafted and brilliantly negotiated by 21 have it resolved before he arrived? 21 a former Chief Secretary. I would suggest 22 22 A. I read it in a slightly different way. that for me as somebody who is not well 23 23 Worth noting that the Permanent Underversed in legal area that that has left a gap, 24 24 Secretary was Sir Philip Barton who is a that perhaps it wasn't intended, as much as 25 25 there's a gap in legislation around the airfield former Deputy Governor so somebody who Page 217 Page 219 1 knew and understood Gibraltar well, 1 incident. It cannot be right that you cannot 2 particularly as the time that Sir Philip was 2 have - you cannot have a governor in situ 3 3 here was quite a tense moment at times in the who doesn't have the authority to take actions 4 relationship. "Both think you are doing a 4 and you cannot have a governor as governor, 5 5 cracking job in difficult circumstances. I in my opinion - I stand to be corrected -6 hope the actions you are taking will address 6 until they have taken the oath. 7 7 the issue", so I think the issue was Q. Can we now go to C4782, please. This is 8 8 concluding before Sir David arrives, but I after your meeting with the Attorney General 9 9 think within that is of course as I've said in and the Chief Minister where you update the 10 10 my email, I hoped to conclude before. As I FCDO with your plan. Just picking up from 11 11 the second substantive paragraph, "The Chief think I said earlier, I fully expected a robust 12 GPA approach to section 34 taking time, 12 Minister is, however, slightly worried that 13 13 the Commissioner will use the weekend to which may then have crept over into Sir 14 David's arrival, and I think the point I want to 14 seek an injunction. I said I do not think one 15 15 could be sought yet alone approved as I make on this is that when I went to see the 16 16 Chief Minister on Friday the 18th, not only would not be disclosing my intent to the 17 17 did I not know when Sir David was arriving. Commissioner and would merely be 18 18 At the time there was a question of whether following the process as per the Police Acts. 19 19 he would be arriving, which was resolved I am meeting the CM and AG at five to talk 20 20 through this but told the AG my strong and picked up with London. The exact 2.1 21 moment I knew of the date of his arrival, I preference was to create a gap for the reasons 22 22 we discussed." Did the CM explain why he can't recollect, and certainly on the Monday, 23 23 with the meeting with Dr Britto, that was the was worried that Mr McGrail would use the 24 24 same position. weekend to seek an injunction? 25 Q. It seems clear from his email here that he 25 A. No. Page 218 Page 220

Q. What do you mean by, "My strong 1 A. Absolutely not, no. I can't stress enough 2 2 preference was to create a gap for the reasons I was not minded and not bothered about 3 we discussed"? 3 Operation Delhi to any degree that would 4 4 A. Because it was the correct thing to do. I'd influence anything I did. My sort of 5 made a commitment and I was going to make 5 acceptance of the Chief Minister's reasons for 6 6 the commitment to Mr McGrail that I would loss of confidence were what I would accept 7 7 the Chief Minister to do if I expressed my review all the papers, I would consider. This 8 8 issue put me in an incredibly difficult reasons for loss of confidence. 9 9 position, one I never asked for or envisaged Q. Then can we go to A243 which is your 10 10 that I would face, and I wanted to get it right account in your evidence at 17.1 and 17.2 of 11 11 in the right way for the right reasons. the meeting between Mr McGrail and you on 12 Q. When you say you would not be 12 5 June 2020. "Mr McGrail came to see me 13 disclosing your intent to the Commissioner, 13 late in the afternoon of Friday 5th June, as 14 14 does that mean that at that point your requested by me. He immediately said that he 15 15 intention was to go down the section 13(1)(f) had a note that he wanted me to read. I said I 16 16 too had something I wanted him to read, but 17 17 A. I thought it was the only option available. this was not a meeting to read new 18 I was still - I wanted time to clear my mind 18 documents and to then immediately get into a 19 19 and this was a Friday, so asking the debate about the issues. I said the meeting 20 20 was to allow me to set out the process Commissioner (inaudible) him on Monday I 21 knew I would spend the weekend going 21 moving forward. I said that I would review 22 22 all the papers in my possession over the through all of this but as I said, my mind and 23 23 my approach was 85, 95 per cent firm in the weekend, including the note that he had just 24 24 process but I just wanted to reflect and step given me. I said I would then like to see him 25 25 back and use the pressure to make sure that on Monday during which I would inform him Page 221 Page 223 1 what I was doing was correct. 1 of my decision as to the way forward. I said 2 Q. Then at the next sentence you say: 2 that whilst I had not made up my mind as to 3 3 "Finally, the AG accepted that there could be whether I would use the powers invested in 4 the perception of a conflict between his role 4 me, I would be prepared to do so." Mr 5 5 as our HLA and his involvement in McGrail's recollection is that you said that 6 proceedings. He thought advice from Paolo 6 you asked him to return to see him on the 7 7 well worth seeking." Had you raised that following Monday with a view of invoking 8 8 possible conflict or did he? your powers under section 13. Did you say 9 9 A. No, I think I had. I'd had that discussion that? 10 10 with the Attorney General a couple of times A. No. 11 11 over my time in the Convent. I can't - I'm Q. Was your reference to section 13 12 trying to draw in before you ask me what 12 intended to be a threat to Mr McGrail to 13 13 caused me to and what element of conflict bring about his own retirement? 14 there could be. Michael thought advice from 14 A. No, it was stating the reality of the issue. 15 the person mentioned there was well worth 15 Q. Do you accept that it could nevertheless 16 16 seeking. I had been doing that for a while. have had that effect? 17 17 That person was part of the weekly meeting A. Possibly. I mean, that wasn't the intent 18 and the collective distribution that I had been 18 but I think given that I had said that to Dr 19 19 sending emails to over the last few weeks. Britto at our meeting, I have been consistent 20 20 Q. What proceedings were you referring to? in, you know, "be under no illusion that I 21 21 A. I think the way forward. am", "I would be prepared, I am prepared to 22 Q. In terms of potential future proceedings? 22 use the powers should I deem that's the way 23 23 A. Yes. forward." 24 Q. Nothing to do with Operation Delhi or 24 Q. At 17.2 you say: "2 I asked Mr McGrail 25 25 anything like that? if he knew the reasons behind my loss of Page 222 Page 224

1	confidence in him. He said he did not. I said	1	I had and I apologise if my statement got that
2	they were contained in the letter I was going	2	wrong, I can see from the evidence here. I'm
3	to hand over to him, which was a copy of my	3	still surprised why I would get the dates
4	letter dated 3 June to the Chairman of the	4	wrong and I apologise.
5	GPA that I had written in response to the	5	Q. Do you think you gave Mr McGrail
6	letter dated 27 May 2020 written to the GP A	6	enough time to consider the allegations in the
7	by Charles Gomez on his behalf, and to	7	letters from Monday morning until 4 p.m. on
8	which I had taken some offence. I told him	8	the same day?
9	that having said to the Chief Minister and	9	A. I think if I'd have been - which goes back
10	Attorney General that I would be doing this,	10	to this dilemma I have on the timing of this -
11	they both said I could hand over copies of	11	I would have given him more notice. I'd
12	their own letters to Charles Gomez & Co. I	12	have said, "Monday morning, here are the
13	said he should read all three letters before we	13	letters. Come and see me tomorrow on the
14	meet on Monday. I then handed Mr McGrail	14	Tuesday." So, again I can't really explain
15	copies of the Three Letters." If we can go to	15	that.
16	C4860, please, if we just look at the next	16	Q. Can we now look at C4815, please? This
17	email down - sorry, just above that, it is an	17	is your letter of 6 June. In response to the
18	email at 21.49. We may have been on that,	18	email that Mr McGrail had handed you,
19	on the writing, further down. Yes, there.	19	which refers to him feeling that he had no
20	This is 7 June: "Dear Ian, the purpose of	20	option but to retire, and you say in the final
21	tomorrow's meeting is to allow me to hand	21	paragraph: "Before I review all the papers I
22	you a copy of a letter dated 3 June I sent to	22	have on this matter in advance for our
23	the GPA Chair together with one sent by the	23	meeting on Monday, can you please confirm
24	Attorney General and the Chief Minister,	24	to me by no later than midday tomorrow
25	both dated 5 June. I suggest we then meet in	25	whether it is indeed your decision and if so
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1	the afternoon at four to discuss matters." So,	1	whether you will be tendering your letter of
2	it looks from that that in fact you did not	2	resignation on Monday with immediate
3	hand Mr McGrail copies of the three letters	3	effect." You refer to "resign" here rather
4	until after the weekend, on the morning of	4	than "retire", resignation. Was that a
5	the Monday. Would you accept that?	5	deliberate decision or an oversight?
6	A. I do and I've thought about this over the	6	A. No, that was an oversight and again I
7	last few days. I still have a memory of Mr	7	apologise to Mr McGrail for that and I would
8	McGrail coming into my office on the Friday	8	have corrected it had it been challenged.
9	and handing me a copy of his. My	9	Q. Gomez & Co replied on 7 June 2020 at
10	recollection is, "Here's mine but we're not	10	11.56 and you then immediately updated the
11	going to sit down and discuss the letters at	11	FCDO, if we can go to C4825. You say:
12	the moment." I thought I had given Mr	12	"The good news is confirmation that the COP
13	McGrail the letters on the Friday so that he	13	intends to retire and the issue now is how to
14	could look at them over the weekend. When	14	achieve this. My instinct is to allow the COP
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16	I asked him had he - was he aware of my drivers and he said no, I was slightly taken		time to work out a deal but this then means Sir David will have arrived. What we don't
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Sunday saying yes, he did want to take early 1 O. Well, he says that he asked you. 2 retirement, subject to terms being agreed, so 2 A. Oh, he wanted him out. I would have 3 3 that with the note on Friday for me sort of responded, "Not that I would want you out", 4 4 but I think the best way forward for the RGP confirmed beyond reasonable doubt that Mr 5 5 is a change of leadership" and I think I just McGrail wanted to take early retirement. 6 6 Q. If we can go to your statement at 105, want to make one point as well, when Mr 7 7 McGrail said that he didn't know, as I said page A43 - sorry, it is not your statement, 8 8 apologies. It is Mr McGrail's statement, 105, before, he was written to by the GPA, setting 9 9 A43. "At 10 on 8 June 2020 I attended NP's out in broad terms the concerns we had. So, 10 10 office at the Convent. The meeting was held the purpose of me handing over my letter to 11 11 standing in the Governor's office. He started his lawyer was not to alert him for the first 12 off the conversation referring to the letter my 12 time to the concerns; it was to add weight 13 lawyer had sent to the GPA which he said he 13 and let him know in no uncertain terms the 14 14 seriousness in which I felt about the had taken serious offence to because of the 15 15 certain allegations made against him." Do situation. 16 16 you agree that that took place? Q. Then at 108 he refers to the subsequent 17 17 meeting at 4 p.m. What was Mr McGrail's A. Yes, we - yes, yes. 18 Q. Then he says: "He said that his 18 demeanour at that 4 p.m. meeting as far as 19 19 involvement in my matter was not you can recollect? 20 20 A. I think I reported to London that he was necessarily linked to the concerns the CM, 21 AG and GPA had about me but they did 21 quite confident. Mr McGrail is a confident 22 22 person who protects himself in that way and overlap. He stated that he had concerns 23 23 about the incident at sea and the HMIC FRS of course I am reminded that on the Friday 24 24 report and that these overlapped with before, he'd already through his lawyer 25 25 concerns of the CM, AG and GPA. He written to the GPA asking to take early Page 233 Page 235 1 provided me with an envelope containing the 1 retirement, so - and I do note a comment Mr McGrail used in his evidence that I put him 2 three letters in question." Do you accept that 2 3 3 summary? under intolerable pressure. The pressure 4 A. Yes. 4 surely had been relieved somewhat on the 5 5 Q. And then: "NP was taken aback that I had Friday with his letter by his legal 6 not had notice of the particulars of the 6 representative to the GPA asking to retire and 7 7 allegations against me, which is why he I would suggest the evidence proves that my 8 8 thought it fair that I was provided with a communications with Mr McGrail since the 9 9 copy of the letters." I think you have already Friday were quite temperate, quite neutral 10 10 said that that is correct? language and indeed the offer to help him 11 11 A. Yes. secure the terms and conditions that he 12 Q. And then at paragraph 107, I just want to 12 wanted were in some way supportive. 13 focus on one sentence on the fourth line. "I 13 Q. He then says at 108: "By then it dawned 14 14 asked him flat whether he wanted me out to on me that my best option was to find the 15 15 which he said that he did." Do you recall an best way out before I was made to suffer 16 16 exchange to that effect? even more. My mental health was very badly 17 17 A. I do, but not in those terms. affected. I had completed 36 years of service 18 18 Q. How do you recall it? and did not want to put in jeopardy my 19 19 pension entitlements. At four on the same A. I think it was, you know, quite obvious at 20 20 day I went back to see NP as requested and the time that I was looking for a change in 21 21 the leadership of the RGP. told him that given the short period of time I 22 22 had been given to digest the three letters, I Q. Is that what you said to him? 23 23 A. I don't think I would have used the word, would reserve my comments on them. I told 24 "out". It's not my language. It's not my 24 him that should he agree to it, I would be 25 terminology. 25 submitting an application for early retirement Page 234 Page 236

1 subject to certain personal terms. We then 1 Q. Can we go to A98 now, please, 2 2 discussed the terms of my retirement and he paragraphs 130 to 131? This is Mr McGrail's 3 took note of these. Basically, aside from 3 third statement and he refers to exchanges - I 4 4 wanting to be reimbursed for the legal fees I am sorry, 130 to 131. I am just trying to find 5 had to pay out to defend the ill-fated section 5 the date of this exchange. 8 June, I believe. 6 6 34 process, I wanted my retirement terms to It's the same day, and at 11 past seven the 7 be as close to the situation I would have been 7 Chief Secretary writes to Mr McGrail, "I 8 8 in had I not been forced to retire. A series of shall revert on this soonest I can. Best 9 9 emails and text messages followed." Do you wishes" and then Mr McGrail writes to you, 10 agree with Mr McGrail's account of that 10 "With all the uncertainty I am unable to sign 11 11 meeting? my letter to you. Government are merely 12 A. Yes, I do. 12 considering my pension and untaken leave. 13 Q. You then send an update to the FCDO, 13 They haven't committed to agreeing to it. It 14 14 C4879. That is the reference that you were is an awkward situation which I trust you 15 15 referring to, "He was assured and confident". understand. I have to safeguard my terms 16 16 100 per cent, whatever they end up being but A. Yes. 17 17 Q. And then the second paragraph: "I then certainly agree them before signing the letter. 18 went to see the Chief Secretary, AG and CM. 18 Ian." And then you say: "Ian, thanks for this. 19 whilst the AG and CM thought we should 19 I'd be grateful, therefore, if you could see me 20 20 look to accommodate the Commissioner to at nine tomorrow. Regards, Nick." "From 21 some degree, the CM rejected all terms. The 21 this message I deduced that NP was going to 22 22 invoke his powers under section 13. I was by Chief Secretary confirmed this in writing to 23 the Commissioner. With the AG's support, I 23 then in a very bad way emotionally. In fact, 24 24 my suspicions were confirmed when the CM subsequently advised the CM to try and 25 25 accommodate the Commissioner in some stated that these were NP's intentions in Page 237 Page 239 1 way", and then, "The CM is now preferred to 1 Parliament when answering questions to 2 offer X if it can be cleared with the auditor." 2 him." Why did you ask him to attend at 9 3 3 a.m. the following day? Why were you discussing the terms of Mr 4 McGrail's retirement with the Chief Minister 4 A. I think I was going to anyway, but I think 5 5 when your evidence is that you told Mr if my memory serves me, if we could perhaps 6 McGrail that it was a matter for the Chief 6 move up the screen a bit to 132 and 133, and 7 7 Secretary? I think - sorry, I think what I'd done, and 8 8 perhaps again I was perhaps too short and A. I think I went to see the Chief Secretary 9 9 first and it was perhaps at his suggestion, brief with Mr McGrail, but I spent the next 10 10 few minutes, if not a bit more in contact with although I can't be certain of this, that we 11 11 went from his office into the Chief Minister's the Chief Secretary, which is why I say, "I 12 office. I seem to remember walking into the 12 gather Darren will be in touch shortly". I 13 thought the issue was resolved and terms 13 **Chief Minister's office with the Chief** 14 14 agreed. I can see from Mr McGrail's Secretary. 15 15 Q. Did the Chief Minister explain to you messaging with the Chief Secretary -16 Q. But why did you need to see him the next 16 why he was resisting the terms sought by Mr 17 17 morning? 18 18 A. I think probably to talk through it and to A. No, and naturally I am thinking again, on 19 see whether he had any room for movement. 19 the point of language and hindsight, "rejected 20 Q. It wasn't to go down the section 13 route? 20 all terms", I think wasn't perhaps true. I think 21 A. I mean, I would have if he had not have 21 it may have been some of the terms or the 22 22 signed the letter, but I was quite confident degree or how far beyond what may be 23 that he would confirm his wish to retire. 23 statutory. It certainly wasn't an outright 24 24 Q. Just one last topic, Mr Pyle. I understand rejection of everything, but there was some that you were engaged by the Chief Secretary 25 25 resistance to certain elements of it. Page 238 Page 240

as a consultant in relation to modernisation of 1 know the waters and the beaches, well, and I 2 2 the Civil Service at some point, maybe in said I might just stay here and see what 3 3 2023? happens, and it developed from there with an 4 4 A. Yes, correct. offer of helping the Government in Gibraltar 5 Q. Can you just say what your precise role 5 out, not least because in my time as Deputy 6 6 is? Governor and Governor I used to talk about 7 7 (16.15)Gibraltar's strengths and how it punches 8 8 A. It's exactly that. It's advising the Chief above its weight. In my opinion it could and 9 9 Secretary on a reform programme in the Civil should be better, and one of the things it 10 10 Service. Expecting this question, and if you needed in my experience was civil service 11 11 will forgive me it will only take a short few reform. So I sort of opened the door, or sort 12 minutes to explain the background to that, 12 of set myself up to be asked at a later date 13 and it may head off further questions or not. 13 whether I would be willing or interested in 14 14 As a career diplomat, I was not retiring at the helping the Government of Gibraltar with 15 15 end of my time in Gibraltar, which was their reform programme. We had a few 16 16 scheduled to end in September of '21. Sir discussions around this; I approached the 17 17 David arrived, and a few months later I was Foreign Office, because I had to get 18 applying for jobs overseas within the Foreign 18 permission to take up any outside role. The 19 19 Office. Oversees jobs are posted two or three application was endorsed by the Governor, 20 20 times a year in batches and stretch for twelve who said it was a good appointment not only 21 months, it's called a boarding process. I 21 for the Government of Gibraltar but for the 22 22 applied for three jobs, one of which was in FCO, and permission came back to take up 23 23 Pakistan, in September of '21, for which I got the role. That was I think March '22, 24 24 an interview. I was not successful for that twenty... yeah, March-April. I then took 25 25 interview, and then between then and the some time off, and contracts were signed in Page 241 Page 243 1 next board I unfortunately had a medical 1 January '23, and I started work in April '23. 2 situation which took about seven months to 2 Q. And, are you still engaged by the 3 3 resolve, that grounded me (in Foreign Office Government on that basis? 4 4 A. Yes, I am. terms) because I would not get medical 5 5 clearance to go overseas. My successor, with Q. Is there an end point to the engagement? 6 two or three weeks' notice, decided not to 6 A. It's a three-year contract. 7 7 come and replace me in the December of '21 Q. Starting, you said, in early twenty-8 8 so I agreed, having sent all of our possessions twenty... 9 9 (and our dog, actually) back home to the UK A. April '23. 10 10 expecting to return to the UK, I stayed until Q. --three. Do you think that your current 11 11 June '22. In that time I also applied for a job role nevertheless allows you to give 12 with the Commonwealth War Graves 12 independent evidence to the Inquiry? 13 13 A. Yeah, I mean I would only give truthful --Commission in the UK, because I was still 14 grounded by the Foreign Office, or I wouldn't 14 I've taken the oath to give -- to provide the 15 get medical clearance. I then reached a 15 truth, the whole truth and nothing but the 16 16 moment where I though: I don't really want truth, so again with respect I find that a 17 17 to go back to the UK. My wife was working slightly odd suggestion. 18 18 in Gibraltar, so I decided to stay. Stepping Q. What about the perception of such a role 19 19 being offered during the course of the back, I was first approached by the Attorney 20 20 General in October '21 on the back of Inquiry? 21 21 A. No, I can see -- I can see that optic. But I looking to leave and then to go overseas, and 22 22 what it w-- it was a open question: what was think those that know me well enough, and 23 23 I doing next? And I said: well, now I'm know my background and my integrity, 24 24 grounded I don't really know. We have a haven't really raised any concerns about that. 25 25 small apartment in Alcaidesa, which is why I The Inquiry was delayed quite considerably Page 242 Page 244

1	from when it was first envisaged, so Yeah,	
2	I don't think I have any more to say on that.	
3	MR SANTOS: Thank you, Mr Pyle. I do	
4	not have any further questions. I note that	
5	the time is twenty past four. I think it is Mr	
6	Neish who is going next, but I suspect that he	
7	is going to be more than ten minutes.	
8	MR NEISH: Mr Chairman, given that it is	
9	quite late, it is twenty past four, it might be	
10	helpful for me to have a copy of the	
11	transcript tonight. It might even shorten my	
12	questions	
13	THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, well I think	
14	MR NEISH: because I do not want to	
15	cover ground covered by the	
16	THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, that is fair enough;	
17	I do not think twenty past four is a very good	
18	time to start.	
19	MR NEISH: Thank you.	
20	MR SANTOS: Thank you.	
21	THE CHAIRMAN: Okay, ten o'clock	
22	tomorrow.	
23	NICHOLAS PYLE (?): Absolutely.	
24	THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much.	
25	NICHOLAS PYLE (?): Thank you.	
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