1 (Thursday, 9 May 2024) 1 Q. -- but you are conscious of the fact that 2 2 (10.06)minutes, proper minutes, have to be kept. 3 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, Mr Neish. 3 A. Correct. 4 4 Q. And you are conscious of the fact that if MR NEISH: Good morning, Mr Chairman. 5 THE CHAIRMAN: Good morning. 5 you attend a meeting and you are not happy 6 MR NEISH: Before I start questioning Mr 6 with the minutes, it is open to you to object 7 Pyle, I have been asked by Mr Vikram 7 to any part of the minutes that you do not 8 Nagrani to try and clarify something on his 8 agree with. 9 behalf. You will recall that, giving evidence, 9 A. It is. 10 Mr Lavarello stated that on one occasion Mr 10 Q. And equally, it is open to you to make the 11 11 point that something which you have said, or Nagrani gave substantial and lengthy legal 12 advice over and above the legal advice that 12 want recorded, has not been recorded. 13 he normally gave to the Authority, and that 13 A. Correct. 14 14 on that occasion payment was made. The Q. Now Mr Pyle, as Deputy Governor you 15 clarification which I have been asked to 15 are the most senior official in the Gibraltar 16 16 make is that the payment was made to Police Authority, are you not? 17 17 Hassans, and not to Mr Nagrani personally. A. I haven't thought of that, to be honest. I 18 And he would be obliged if this could form 18 mainly (?) need to think the role the Chief 19 19 part of today's transcript. Secretary has. 20 20 THE CHAIRMAN: Thereby making it clear Q. And of course, as Deputy Governor you 21 that, like everybody else, his membership of 21 are in a position to receive information which 22 22 most of the rest of the Police Authority are the GPA was gratuitous. 23 23 MR NEISH: Yes, well on that particular not privy to. 24 24 occasion he gave advice and Hassans --A. Yes, correct. 25 25 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes. Q. So, given your combined position of Page 3 Page 1 1 MR NEISH: -- was charged for it. 1 Deputy Governor and having the benefit of 2 THE CHAIRMAN: Correct. 2 all this information which flows through to 3 3 the officer of the Governor, would you agree MR NEISH: I think it was probably clear 4 4 with me that you are one of the most from the start that he... 5 5 THE CHAIRMAN: No, no, I understand the influential persons in the Gibraltar Police 6 6 Authority? clarification. 7 7 A. I never saw myself as that, I saw myself NICHOLAS PYLE, continued 8 8 Questioned by MR NEISH as a member of the Gibraltar Police --9 9 Q. Good morning, Mr Pyle. O. Yes. 10 10 A. Morning. A. -- Authority with equal weight. 11 Q. Mr Pyle, as a senior civil servant and 11 Q. But would you agree with me now, on 12 diplomat, would it be true to say that record 12 reflection, that you are one of the most 13 keeping is an important part of your 13 important persons in the Gibraltar Police --14 14 functions? A. Yes. No, I can accept the point, but my 15 15 point is: I never actually saw myself in that A. Yes, it is. 16 16 Q. And attending meetings is very much a role. 17 17 day-to-day occurrence of civil servants? Q. Thank you. Now if I may turn briefly -- I will try and be as brief as possible, because 18 A. Yes, it is. 18 19 19 Q. And, you are obviously conscious of the Counsel for the Inquiry has dealt with most 20 20 of the points. On the helicopter incident, need to keep proper minutes and records of 21 21 those meetings. when did you first learn about this? A. I think when it happened, and the day 22 22 A. Yes. The question is who keeps the 23 23 record of it. after the assault, from somebody from the --24 24 Q. Well, we will come to that -somebody from British Forces Gibraltar. 25 A. Thank you. 25 Q. But you never mentioned anything to the Page 2 Page 4

Gibraltar Police Authority, did you? 1 A. Yes. 2 2 A. No. Q. -- is a preference. It means that you 3 3 Q. Did it not occur to you, as a member of prefer somebody over another, not that you 4 4 the Gibraltar Police Authority, that there had rule somebody out. 5 been some deficiency in the police handling 5 A. Which we didn't. 6 of the helicopter incident which ought to be 6 Q. Which you did not. So, why would you 7 brought to their notice? 7 say the recruitment process "was abject"? 8 8 A. Well, I didn't know for some while that, A. Because again --9 you know, prosecutions weren't being taken 9 Q. You were part of the recruitment process, 10 10 forward. And I think, just to clarify a little Mr --11 bit, and again I'm not intending to repeat 11 A. May I? There is numerous questions 12 what I said yesterday, but I believe that 12 there, if I can just take the first one? About 13 incident was in the media, and on the basis of 13 the word "abject", which I have already 14 14 that I would expect the GPA to at least apologised for. I think I used the word 15 15 yesterday, "suboptimal". I won't go through discuss... 16 16 the reasons yesterday. I do remember one Q. But you are a member of the GPA, Mr 17 17 Pyle. other point, that when I conjured or I was 18 A. This is what I say, my --18 swayed by Commissioner Yome's 19 19 Q. And this brings me to my next question. recommendation, the chair of the GPA stated 20 20 If I can refer you to the selection process, and that we should disregard that 21 your comment about the process being 21 recommendation, and I can quote the words 22 22 "abject". Can we turn to that, please. I think pretty much verbatim: because they have 23 23 that is at B1439. If we look at the entry on history. 24 24 14 May 2020 at 9.58, you say in response to Q. Let us get back to the process. The 25 25 the Chief Minister. "Agree. As we we process "was abject." You were part of the Page 5 Page 7 1 thought at the time, wrong appointment. 1 process, you were one of the full Authority, 2 Remind me to tell you about the recruitment 2 you were a member, you were in attendance 3 3 process which was abject. Should we meet when the process was agreed were you not, 4 tomorrow after or before platinum?" Now, 4 Mr Pyle? 5 5 those two sort sentences bear a lot of A. Correct. 6 scrutiny, Mr Pyle. Would you agree with me 6 Q. And not only were you a member of the 7 7 GPA, but you were a member of the panel that if an alien were to land on this planet and 8 8 look at that sentence he would think that you which interviewed the candidates. Do you 9 9 had absolutely nothing to do with the recall that? 10 10 selection process? A. I do? Sorry, I thought you were making a 11 11 A. No, I'm not sure I would agree with you. statement. 12 Q. You do not agree. "As we we thought at 12 Q. No, no, I am asking. You were a member 13 the time, wrong appointment." 13 14 A. As we thought. 14 A. Of course. Of course I remember. 15 Q. This was your contemporaneous thought 15 Q. So, you were a full participant in the 16 16 at the time of the appointment. process. 17 A. Yes, because I went into the meeting -- I 17 A. Correct. 18 went into the recruitment process knowing 18 Q. And when you apologised yesterday for 19 19 the preference of the Governor and the Chief the use of the word "abject", you apologised 20 20 as I understood it for the intemperate nature Minister. 21 21 Q. You went into the recruitment process of the word, rather than for the feeling that 22 22 knowing the preference of the Governor and the process was inadequate. 23 the Chief Minister? 23 A. Correct. 24 24 A. Yes, I believe I did know --Q. And the only reason you have advanced 25 Q. A preference... 25 to this Inquiry for considering that the Page 6 Page 8

process was inadequate was that you felt that 1 marked both candidates as credible and 2 2 there should have been a system of marking, suitable. 3 which... 3 A. Correct. 4 4 Q. Well, how do you reconcile that. A. No. I -- what I said was: there is 5 normally a standardised system of marking. 5 A. Because that's separate from the process 6 So, I am sure the members marked, you 6 not being as good as I was used to. The 7 7 process of the interview, not the preceding 8 Q. Yes, a standardised system of marking. 8 meetings. 9 9 But there is no record of you having raised Q. Yes, but what I am asking you is: those 10 10 that, Mr Pyle. two statements are diametrically opposed. 11 A. I said yesterday, with respect, that I 11 You cannot be the wrong candidate, "As we we thought at the time", and then: I marked 12 arrived for the interviews expecting (which is 12 13 the best practice in the Foreign Office and the 13 them both "as suitable and credible". 14 14 civil service) a folder with all the relevant A. I disagree. Q. You disagree with what? 15 15 documents, with a marking sheet and more 16 16 targetted questions. A. Well, your comment that they're contrary 17 Q. Mr Pyle, do not wash your hands of the 17 statements. 18 process --18 Q. Well, in what way are they not contrary? 19 19 A. I am not --Can you explain that? 20 20 Q. -- you agreed the process at a meeting A. Yes. You can have the wrong 21 before the candidates were interviewed. 21 appointment and an abject process, you can 22 22 A. I don't know how to -have the right appointment and an abject 23 23 Q. And there is nothing on record to show 24 that you had the slightest dissenting view on 24 Q. Yes. But, my question is not that. My 25 25 the process. question is: how do you reconcile your Page 9 Page 11 1 A. I think when we discussed the process I 1 statement that "As we we thought at the time, 2 was not fully aware of how the interview 2 wrong appointment", and then your witness 3 3 panel would proceed. I made an assumption, statement under oath that you had marked 4 which with hindsight was the wrong 4 both candidates "as suitable and credible"? 5 5 assumption. A. I still don't really know the point you're 6 Q. Now, you are aware that Mr Richard 6 trying to make, you know, and I still --7 7 Ullger, who was the unsuccessful candidate, Q. I think it is very clear, Mr Pyle. It is very 8 described the process as fair. 8 clear, and I do not want to labour it because 9 9 A. Yes, I am aware of that. we have limited time. The point is: here you 10 10 Q. And if I may quote to you from the are, years after the appointment is made, 11 transcript of Mr Ullger's evidence, "It's a 11 saying: oh, just as we thought, this 12 very fair process. It's a process that's 12 appointment was the wrong one, the other 13 followed by the National Police Chiefs 13 guys got it wrong. But here you are, stating Councils in the UK, United Kingdom, and 14 14 under oath: I marked both candidates "as 15 the College of Policing." So the Chairman 15 suitable and credible". 16 and the other members had not invented a 16 A. It's because they were. 17 process, they were following a process which 17 Q. They were. So then, it was not the wrong 18 was followed in the UK, which you had 18 appointment at the wrong time? Because 19 19 agreed. they can't be both "suitable and credible" and 20 20 A. Yes, I had. be a wrong appointment. 21 Q. I would come back to this point of 21 A. So if I can just add in (?), perhaps I 22 "abject". You considered, "wrong 22 should have said: wrong appointment from 23 23 appointment", "abject" process. Surely, Mr our position. 24 Pyle, in your witness statement which you 24 Q. Ah, wrong appointment from your 25 made under oath you said that you had 25 position. And you had a preference for Mr Page 10 Page 12

1 Ullger, but that doesn't mean it was the 1 A. I did say that the MOD --2 2 wrong appointment. And, there is even less Q. Where is it recorded. Nobody recalls 3 reason for criticising the fellow members of 3 that. You do receive minutes, do you not, Mr 4 4 Pyle? the GPA. Now the airport incident, which 5 became so serious afterwards. That was not 5 A. I do. I --6 6 mentioned within the GPA process, was it? Q. And, you never took issue and said: hang 7 7 on, I wanted to talk to the MOD about this, A. Process of recruitment? 8 8 this is manifestly unfair, you are carrying out Q. The process of appointment, yes --9 9 a process without talking to the MOD. There A. No. 10 10 Q. -- and the interview stage. is nothing on record about it, is there? 11 11 A. No. 12 Q. But surely you, as Deputy Governor, 12 Q. And, you never thought to take it up? 13 knowing the views of the Chief Minister and 13 A. I mentioned it numerous times --14 14 the Governor (that they both wanted Mr Q. Yes, I am aware. 15 A. -- to the Governor and MOD afterwards. 15 Ullger) would have stood up and said: look, 16 16 this guy is clearly an inappropriate No, there's no record of it. 17 17 appointment for the simple reason that look Q. There is no record, and the minutes stand 18 how he behaved during the airport incident. 18 unaltered. 19 19 You did not do any of that, did you? A. They were -- I, about a year ago, went 20 20 A. No, I did not think it was necessary, it -through every single GPA minute. I went 21 Q. It was not necessary, but you think it 21 down to the GPA office to do that, and I was 22 22 necessary ten years down the line to hold it struck my how -- which is not a criticism, 23 23 against Mr McGrail? because at some of the minutes I was taking 24 24 A. It was a factor in my -minutes, although as a senior person it wasn't 25 25 for me to take the minutes. I do get the point, Q. For the purpose of making a case against Page 13 Page 15 1 him, and criticising your fellow GPA 1 you are going to say that I could in -- sort of 2 members in the process. Well, let us move 2 add to them, or even object to parts of them 3 3 on to the airport incident. Again, criticism of for omissions or other reasons, but we had 4 your fellow GPA members, the process was 4 many meetings where under "any other 5 5 "seriously flawed". Now what process was business" things were discussed, we certainly 6 6 discussed issues around media reporting, agreed, Mr Pyle? 7 7 A. The process was agreed, it does not mean particularly in the Panorama. You won't find 8 8 I can't have an opinion which was flawed, those in the minutes of the GPA meetings, 9 9 which I said so at the time. either. 10 10 Q. Yes, of course you can have an opinion. Q. Yes, well we will come to that in a 11 In fact your opinion would be a very weighty 11 minute. But, the section 19 process is 12 opinion, being that of the Deputy Governor. 12 basically a provision of information to the 13 13 Authority, and the Authority under section There is no record of your opinion having 14 differed from the opinion having differed 14 19(2) poses (?) a duty of the Commissioner, 15 15 from the opinion of the rest of the GPA. If amongst other things, "to produce or deliver 16 16 you look at the minutes of 15 May, that is up to the Authority all such evidence and 17 17 where it was agreed to have an inquiry other things so specified or described, as 18 18 basically under section 19 of the Police Act. appear to the Authority to be required by it 19 19 Do you recall that? for the purposes of the carrying out of any of 20 20 its functions." And that is what the Authority A. I do. 21 21 Q. And, do you recall being present? did: it required the Commissioner to give 22 22 both written evidence and oral evidence to A. I do. 23 23 Q. And you did not raise any objection, or the Authority, or what had gone on in the 24 say: hang on, we can still question the MOD 24 airport incident. Do you recall that? 25 about this. 25 A. Yes. Page 14 Page 16

1 Q. And, did you dissent from that? 1 A. No, I have just previously said that. 2 2 A. No, but I made the suggestion -- or, I Q. Now, at the GPA meeting what you did 3 3 say was that the Governor wanted an expressed surprise that nobody outside the 4 4 independent inquiry. RGP were going to be consulted. 5 5 A. Correct. Q. You made a suggestion that nobody 6 6 Q. And that is in fact what the GPA remembers, and that is in no way recorded. 7 7 recommended, was it not? So, can we turn to B2119 and B2121. I do 8 8 not propose to take you through that, but I A. Correct. 9 9 Q. So in fact, the GPA had open ears to just want you to identify that. If you look at 10 the first document, that is a covering letter by 10 whatever you had to say? 11 11 the then Commissioner of Police, Mr Edward A. Correct. 12 Yome, to the Gibraltar Police Authority. And 12 Q. And when you said something that was 13 the next document -- well, first of all, do you 13 heard, it was acted upon. 14 14 remember having seen that document? A. Correct. 15 Q. I think you say that the system was 15 A. Yes. 16 16 hugely flawed, are you suggesting that the Q. And, can we go on to the next document. 17 17 There, the full report by Mr McGrail. Do wrong decision was reached? 18 you recall having seen that particular 18 A. I'm still suggesting that the GPA could 19 19 document? have gone to Commander British Forces and 20 20 A. That, that was handed to me by asked him to be part of their review, and I am 21 **Commissioner Yome in the Governor's** 21 absolutely sure that he would have said yes. 22 22 Q. Yes. So, do you accept that the behaviour office, when I was Acting Governor. 23 23 Q. And, did you read those documents? of the MOD officials was nothing short of 24 24 A. Of course I did. appalling. 25 25 Q. Now, if you read those documents, was A. I wouldn't put it that strongly, having Page 17 Page 19 1 there anything about those documents which 1 heard the other side from MOD official. 2 you found untrue? 2 Same as in the police complaints issue, with 3 3 A. At the time I had no reason, other than the two officers who've lodged complaints. 4 what I was hearing from MOD, to question 4 So --5 5 anything in the covering letter or the report. Q. So, lying --6 Q. So therefore you did not question any of 6 A. -- there isn't --7 7 Q. -- so, lying to police and trying to fly off those documents, and those documents are 8 8 the documents upon which the GPA based the jurisdiction a suspect is not appalling 9 9 the decision. behaviour? 10 A. Because that's the only information I (?) 10 THE CHAIRMAN: The suspect --11 11 Q. In your view --12 Q. Yes, but these are information that --12 THE CHAIRMAN: The suspect was being 13 surely you, as Deputy Governor, have 13 taken back to the UK? different sources? You have different ears 14 14 A. Yes. 15 listening in different directions. You would 15 THE CHAIRMAN: For law-enforcement 16 have heard from the MOD, no doubt; you 16 proceedings in the UK. 17 would have heard from the Governor; you 17 MR NEISH: Yes, but not --18 word have heard from here, from there, from 18 THE CHAIRMAN: Then the suggestion that 19 19 everywhere. And yet, you took no objection he was a fugitive from justice seems to me to 20 20 whatsoever to anything that was contained in be completely misplaced. 2.1 those two documents. You did not? 21 MR NEISH: Well if that is your view, Mr 22 A. Sorry, I didn't hear the question. 22 Chairman, I --23 Q. It is a question: you did not object to 23 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, well it is -anything that was contained in those two MR NEISH: -- we obviously bow to that. 24 24 25 documents? 25 A. It is also the view of HMG. Page 18 Page 20

1 THE CHAIRMAN: And, I might say that 1 implying --2 2 keeping him in Gibraltar for an examination A. I mean, of course -- (?) 3 of his devices led to the RGP completely 3 Q. -- they were correct, and the vindication 4 4 failing to find any images on his devices. is that the GPA did nothing to correct that. 5 The devices had to be taken to the UK for the 5 A. And the persua--6 6 Q. Is it the fact that there were two sides to images to be found. 7 MR NEISH: Yes. 7 the story? 8 THE CHAIRMAN: So that is, if I may say 8 A. There always is, hence --9 9 so, not your best point. Q. And the --10 10 Q. Yes, that is a second line. (?) Now, if we A. -- the GPA should have gone to the MOD 11 move on to the complaints about Mr 11 for a position on the airfield incident. 12 McGrail. There were in fact no formal 12 Q. Well, that is your subsequent view, which 13 complaints about Mr McGrail, were there? 13 you did not raise at any time --14 14 A. As I stated yesterday, no formal A. With respect, it was my view at the time. 15 15 Q. Yes, well I am not saying it was not; I am complaints. 16 Q. And in fact, none of the other members of 16 saying it was not expressed. Mr Pyle, let us 17 the GPA remember any formal complaints 17 turn to the meeting with Dr Britto on 18 May. 18 being made. 18 If I may take you to B1440 and B1441. 19 19 A. Apart from Dr Britto, who did remember B1440 covers your conversation with the 20 20 meetings he and I had where I talked about Chief Minister on 15 May, are you agreed? 21 the need for the RGP to be modernised. 21 A. Sorry, yes I'm not used to a statement 22 22 Q. Yes, and... being a question --23 A. On numerous occasions, I think he said. 23 Q. Yes. 24 24 A. -- with respect. Q. Yes, Dr Britto says that there were 25 reports, and the surveys, which showed that 25 Q. Now, would it be correct to surmise from Page 21 Page 23 1 there were allegations of bullying and so 1 those exchanges that by 15 May you were 2 forth, which were obviously considered. But 2 already considering calling Mr McGrail to 3 3 there was no formal complaint against -- as account? 4 you say, subsequently. 4 A. Yes. 5 5 A. Correct. Issues were raised in a formal Q. When we turn to B1441, on 16 May, 6 setting, but not formally raised. 6 13.58. This is you. "Thinking about it quite 7 Q. I'll put the GPF. And you say that these 7 a lot. Need to discretely (sic) bring Joey 8 8 matters were raised with the GPA regularly, Britto into our thinking. I'm happy to do that 9 9 but no member of the GPA has any Monday." And the Chief Minister replies, 10 10 recollection of that. Are you sure that you "Yes. Agreed. Shall we do so early? 11 are correct in your statement, Mr Pyle? Morning coffee the three of us in my or 11 12 A. I do believe in my statement, obviously, 12 yours?" And you say, "Let's do mine." Fabian Picardo, "Yes. Agreed. Shall I ask 13 as I swore it to be what it is. And as I said 13 him or will you?" And you say, "I've just 14 yesterday, I'm trying hard not to repeat 14 15 15 asked him. I'll also try to speak to our OT myself, I think we had discussions perhaps 16 not as a specific agenda item (unless it was --16 Police Advisor based in Miami. I'll update 17 we may have on, you know, Federation 17 you on my thinking before we meet". And 18 survey or stuff like that), but if the GPA were 18 then the Chief Minister says, "Ok. I will try 19 19 not discussing the issues that were in the to fair that draft I have prepared also for 20 20 discussion". Now, why use the word public domain then the GPA was failing in its 21 duty. I'm not saying the GPA did, because I 21 "discretely"? 22 22 believe we did discuss them, albeit A. That was on the issue of a contingency 23 informally. 23 plan to bring somebody in to help stable --Q. Yes. And you rely on the GPF allegations 24 24 what I call stabilise the RGP, should Mr 25 in the case against Mr McGrail, sort of 25 McGrail leave as Commissioner. Page 22 Page 24

Q. That was not the object of the meeting 1 issue of long hours again. I thought, you 2 2 with Dr Britto, was it? know, it was too late by that stage. With 3 3 hindsight, what I should have done is perhaps A. No, but I was -- I was just having a 4 4 slipped the 9.30 meeting to later in the day, if debate in my mind as to whether, separately 5 from the 34 process, I was going to be open 5 not the next day, and had a short pre-meeting, 6 with Dr Britto that that was my thinking as to 6 perhaps on my own as Governor, cognisant 7 7 of where the majority of the powers lie, with how we would fill the gap. 8 Q. So, you were thinking whether to be open 8 Dr Britto. 9 9 Q. This email was only sent at 18.47, it was with Dr Britto? 10 10 A. Yeah. I don't think I did raise it at that not sent at midnight or in the early hours of 11 11 the morning. There was plenty of time to tell meeting, as I said yesterday; I think I decided 12 12 Dr Britto. not to. 13 Q. And why did you not tell Dr Britto by 16 13 A. It was 18.47 on a Sunday. 14 14 May, when you already knew that you were Q. Yes, and why not tell him the details? 15 going to call him in on the Monday (in fact, 15 The Chairman of the Police Authority. 16 16 you had already arranged to call him in on A. Because that was -- that was for the 17 17 the Monday), why did you not call him and main... If I did have a separate meeting the 18 say: Dr Britto, we are considering -- we are 18 details would come out. So I'd allude to the 19 19 in this position, we have lost confidence in issues, and go into the detail at the main 20 20 Mr McGrail and we need action to be taken. meeting. 21 Why did you not give him notice of that? 21 Q. Yes, but surely if you were talking to Dr 22 22 A. So as I said yesterday, I think with Britto about the fact that(?) the GPA had to 23 23 hindsight I probably should have done that to take a very serious step (in fact an 24 tip him off, but my assumption was -- which 24 unprecedented step), would it not have been 25 25 he is, and I know -- Dr Britto knew fully well the fair thing to do to Dr Britto to have told Page 25 Page 27 1 what the Police Act contained in terms of the 1 him in advance what the meeting was about. appointment or removal of the Commissioner 2 2 A. I agree now, with hindsight, as I said 3 3 yesterday. of Police. 4 Q. Well it was not hindsight, because you 4 Q. Now, the Chief Minister gave evidence 5 5 knew that you were meeting Dr Britto. Can and said that Dr Britto was clearly nervous. 6 we turn to C3947. Now, this is your 6 This is what he said, I am quoting from the 7 memorandum or your email -- it is C3947. 7 transcript, "and I absolutely accept that Dr 8 8 And the opening paragraph is, "Dear CM, As Britto might have felt that he had the 9 9 promised, herewith my thoughts ahead of our Governor and the Chief Minister in front of 10 meeting tomorrow with the chair of the GPA, 10 him addressing him on a seminal issue, and 11 Dr Joey Britto. Joey has confirmed his that that might have made him nervous." Dr 11 12 attendance 9.30 at the Convent, but I have 12 Britto was in fact nervous, was he not? 13 13 not briefed him as to why we are meeting. I A. I hope Dr Britto won't mind me saving 14 am quite happy to do so, and can ask him to 14 this, but I suggest that's his disposition. 15 come in fifteen minutes beforehand to give 15 Q. That is his disposition. So, knowing his 16 him the sense, without mentioning any 16 disposition, you sprung on him this very, 17 details, of the ongoing cases. Or I could 17 very serious problem without any prior 18 prime him by email tonight. Thoughts 18 notice. That is what you did. 19 19 welcome on that point." So, you did consider A. That is what happened. 20 giving Dr Britto advance notice and you 20 (10.38)21 decided against it. 21 MR NEISH: Thank you, Mr Pyle. (Pause). 22 22 A. I did. Questioned by MR CRUZ 23 23 Q. Why? MR CRUZ: Good morning, Mr Pyle. 24 24 A. The time of that email, which was a A. Good morning, Mr Cruz. 25 Sunday, is 18.47, and I won't get into the 25 Q. We would like to clarify a few matters

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that you said in evidence before I ask you 1 right on Mr Collins, um, but I do remember 2 2 a few questions about the Police Act and the hearing it from others. I think there is a little 3 3 way that you have gone about or you went point I need to make, if I may. 4 4 about enforcing those provisions at the Q. Of course. 5 relevant time. There are a few matters I 5 A. Is that when Colonel Green was arrested 6 would like to ask you about. Can you tell me 6 it was the day that his wife was due to be 7 what your relationship with Mr Walliker, the 7 driven by Colonel Green to Malaga to catch 8 8 former CBF, was? a plane and it was my wife that stepped in 9 9 and took Colonel Green's wife to Malaga. A. Yes, it was professional. It was 10 10 courteous. We slowly got to know each Um, and I think we then had a friendship 11 11 other well and I would say we became with Colonel Green and his wife on the back 12 friends towards the end of his assignment 12 of that. So my friendship with members of 13 13 the MOD went beyond CBF. 14 14 Q. Right. And when you say friends, Q. Yes, so Mr Green and Mr Collins are two 15 15 socially as well? of the individuals that were arrested but 16 16 A. Yes, I'm Chairman of Trustees of the fundamentally at the end of the day, if I can 17 17 Duke of Edinburgh Cup. Mr Walliker is summarise it, thanks to an apology it was all 18 a clerk to a livery company. Given the 18 dropped. 19 19 connection of the charity work I suggested to A. Could you just repeat that again? 20 trustees that he become a trustee and he is. 20 Q. Well, if I understand it correctly, 21 Q. I see. Are you golf buddies as well? 21 Mr Green was one of the individuals 22 22 arrested, as was Mr Collins, and the matter A. Yes, golf, yes. 23 23 Q. Because you mentioned about learning concluded with an apology, a solution that 24 24 was brokered by the MOD to resolve issues. things on the golf course yesterday. Can I 25 25 ask you to go to your statement, or can I ask A. Correct. Page 29 Page 31 1 Mr Triay to put the statement on paragraph 1 Q. Correct, okay. And can I ask you, or can 2 21.5. Now, you see at ... sorry, we have not 2 I ask Mr Triay, could you go to 3 3 got there yet, do excuse me. At paragraph Mr Walliker's statement, and that is A1387, 4 21.5 you talk about the incident or the events 4 and go to paragraph 61, please. (Pause). 5 5 that happened, the arrests following the Sorry, did I say 61? Yes, I did, paragraph 8 I 6 airport incident, and you describe at the end 6 meant. This description here is 7 7 you say the manner of the arrests was Mr Walliker's description of what happened. 8 8 unpleasant. I would have thought you would He talks about high fives outside the Tower. 9 9 agree that all arrests are unpleasant. Did you see any of these things? The answer 10 A. Yes, correct. I suspect they are. 10 is no, but, you know, do you have any Q. Yes. And at 21.7 you describe being 11 experience beyond Mr Walliker's statement 11 12 advised by senior MOD people that the 12 that would support that? 13 13 A. Um, just the reflection from others who behaviour was a cross between the Sweeney 14 14 and Life on Mars. Was that from were there, um, including a good friend of 15 15 Mr Walliker? mine who I still play golf with who was with A. It was and I think it took hold because it 16 16 I think the regiment at the time. So not just 17 wasn't just Mr Walliker that told me that. 17 from Mr Walliker through his statement. 18 But that certainly is the first, that was 18 Q. These are the MOD sources that you have 19 19 Mr Walliker's or Commander Walliker's alluded to. 20 20 description of it. A. Yes, I mean, I am a member of an MOD 21 21 Q. Right. And in your evidence yesterday, I golfing society which has 40 members. 22 mean I can take you to the point, but you also 22 Q. So before this Inquiry, let me just be 23 said it came from Mr Collins. 23 clear, in other words, in front of this Inquiry, 24 24 A. Yes, that's what I said. I think it was beyond Mr Walliker's statement and that of 25 25 Mr Collins, and obviously what you have possibly said by, and I may not have that Page 30 Page 32

1 said now, there is not any other evidence of 1 reported this conversation back up my 2 2 high fiving or Sweeney/Life on Mars type of command chain. That is a very brave thing 3 3 to do by anybody in the military hierarchy behaviour. 4 4 should that statement not be true. THE CHAIRMAN: I am not going to 5 making findings of fact about doing high 5 Q. You say exceptionalism generally is 6 6 understood to be treating people fives, Mr Cruz. 7 7 MR CRUZ: I thank you, sir, for the exceptionally. 8 8 A. Yes, I mean, I can -guidance. Now, paragraph 22, that is page 9 9 248, you refer to the helicopter incident. But Q. In other words, in a different way to 10 10 we can stay here, but I am just making that everybody else. point. In this witness statement of 11 11 A. Yes, I can look at that in different ways. 12 Mr Walliker, can we go to paragraph 13? 12 Q. Yes. Can I just ask, would it be fair to 13 This is the helicopter incident and he says: 13 say that you gave more weight to information 14 14 that was coming from your MOD sources to "Turning to the incident involving the 15 15 the weight that you gave from other people? investigation into an assault on a helicopter 16 In other words, you seem to have given more 16 pilot, the irony is that there is no evidence of 17 17 importance to the evidence of Mr Walliker or any investigation being conducted 18 whatsoever. At the time, there were rumours 18 Mr Green or Mr Collins or your golf 19 19 that an assailant had been arrested, but association friends. 20 20 allowed to go home to change his clothes, A. I had no reason to doubt what they were 21 and that he was released without charge only 21 telling me. The same reason that the Police 22 22 Complaints Board took the word of the RGP a few hours later. When I spoke to 23 23 Mr McGrail about the incident, I was told officers when they effected a search warrant 24 24 that whilst the RGP was investigating the that was not extended to houses and cars. 25 25 incident, there was evidence that the Q. Do I treat that as a yes? Page 33 Page 35 1 helicopter pilot was drunk and abusive and 1 A. Um, ves. 2 therefore deserved what he got. I reported 2 Q. Is that not somewhat discriminatory in its 3 3 this conversation back up my chain of 4 command as further evidence that the RGP 4 A. No. It's a judgment. Judgments don't 5 5 was operating to a standard far below that need to be discriminatory. 6 which the general public should expect. It 6 Q. Okay. Now, yesterday, referring to the 7 7 gave me further ammunition to request incident on 8 March, where tragically two 8 8 an Inquiry and this time, for it to be people died, you said with reference to I 9 9 broadened to include the systemic cultural think it was a meal with the Attorney General 10 10 issues including that of exceptionalism, on the evening of that day, you said: 11 rather than just focus on operational "Trying to explain the actions of the RGP, all 11 12 judgment." 12 I could come up with was the idea of a boat 13 What do you understand by exceptionalism? 13 deciding to go and have some fun, to try, you 14 14 A. I don't know, to be honest. Um, I hadn't know, bring some interest into what I suspect 15 really taken much note of that. But I will say 15 must have been a dreary night shift." 16 that Commander of the British Forces, and as 16 That is at page 78 of the transcript as a matter 17 he does with the Governor and also with me, 17 of record. I am going to put another 18 has a very close relationship. So I remember 18 statement to you and then ask you a question 19 19 the Commander of the British Forces, about these. A question that was put to you 20 20 Commander Walliker, telling me at some by CTI was: 21 21 stage, I couldn't remember when, that the "This was however well after the incident 22 22 scene and you received the report. Were you comments that Mr McGrail are alleged to 23 23 have made, I'm struck in the evidence still not starting to lose confidence?" 24 24 because I don't remember Commander You said: 25 Walliker telling me this at the time, that he 25 "So the incident at sea alone is the only issue Page 34 Page 36

1 that, with respect, matters to me in terms of 1 that. Paragraph 4, perhaps subparagraph (a) 2 2 losing confidence. Look at the airfield it says: "At 0238Hrs on the 8 March". 3 incident, the helicopter, the Federation, the 3 MR SANTOS: Sorry to interrupt Mr Cruz 4 bullying reports and this sort of stuff on their 4 again, but we have it. It is at B1271. 5 own would not cause me to lose confidence. 5 MR CRUZ: Okay. At paragraph 4(a): 6 6 "At about 0238 hours [2.38 in the morning] I believe they could be rectified and put right. 7 7 on 8 March RGP section officers received The incident at sea could not be put right. 8 8 And if you allow me a second to speak, it is a verbal report from Windmill Hill signal 9 that we have an issue where two innocent 9 station concerning a suspect vessel in the 10 people were killed in an illegal chase by 10 vicinity of British Gibraltar Territorial 11 a vessel that had been weaponised that took 11 Waters. As a result of this report police 12 place X number of miles, exact location, 12 motorboat crew deployed on motor vessel Sir 13 inside Spanish waters, for yet it is still to be 13 John Chapple to the eastern side of 14 14 justice and there is yet to be accountability. Gibraltar." 15 15 And I do not think and still do not think that Now, that is an MOD station, is it not? 16 that is right. And the question I occasionally 16 A. The eastern side of Gibraltar? 17 17 ask myself is whether that level of Q. No, Windmill Hill station. 18 accountability and responsibility would have 18 A. Yes, sorry. 19 been different had, for example, everybody 19 Q. Yes. So this is not a question of some 20 in that incident been killed or those on the 20 bored officers deciding to go off on a jolly 21 boat had not been Spanish and had been 21 with their weaponised boat. This is 22 22 Gibraltarian." a reaction to a report from an MOD signal 23 23 Now, dealing with this matter, this statement, station alerting them to a suspect vessel. 24 24 this you put together in the same context of Would you agree with that? 25 that evening, you said it is a sort of in some 25 A. I do, but of course they should have Page 37 Page 39 1 way related to the Sweeney and Life on Mars 1 stopped on the eastern side of Gibraltar at the 2 and Miami Vice, you connected those. 2 edge of BGTW and if they had gone any 3 3 further called in the chase and not turned off A. Yes. 4 Q. So your suggestion is that officers that 4 their AIS. 5 5 Q. That is a different point, Mr Pyle. I am are bored one evening on a dreary night shift 6 adopted a Miami style approach and shoot 6 just asking you whether you agree this is not 7 7 a frolic of their own. They were reacting to off with weaponised boats to have fun. 8 8 A. That was the thought I had at the time in a report from an MOD signal station in the 9 9 struggling how I could explain what had course of their duties. Would you agree with 10 10 happened to myself. 11 11 A. They followed their duties up to that Q. Let us unpack that. Can we go to A848, 12 this is the section 15 letter. It was an exhibit 12 point, yes. 13 13 Q. And you see at (b) that the crew made to Mr Field's ... yes, paragraph 4. 14 THE CHAIRMAN: Sorry, what is this? 14 direct contact by telephone with the Guardia 15 15 MR CRUZ: This is the section 15 letter, Civil Central Operativa de Servicios, central 16 16 Mr Chairman. station, and it was confirmed by the latter 17 17 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes. that they were also, if we could just go down, 18 18 MR CRUZ: And it is an exhibit to Mr Field's monitoring the said vessel. So they get 19 19 witness statement and might be somewhere a report from the MOD, they confirm the 20 else. (Pause). I understand. Yes, my learned 20 information with the Guardia Civil, who are 21 21 friend points out it is not of great legibility. now in the know, and they proceed to be 22 We have to kind of ... there is a better version 22 deployed. Is that correct? 23 23 at B1429 apparently. There we go. No, I do A. Yes. 24 not think it is. (Pause). So I think we need 24 Q. And then: 25 to probably go back. So if we can look at 25 "At sea there were a number of exchanges Page 38 Page 40

| 1 | and mobile telephone communications | 1 | from me, sir. Can I ask that to be put on the |
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| 2 | between the RGP crew and the Guardia Civil | 2 | screen? Specifically the letter attached. |
| 3 | which included the positioning and | 3 | (Pause). Sorry, the letter is what we are |
| 4 | movement of the suspect vessel." | 4 | after, Mr Triay. Yes, that is it. So, this is |
| 5 | Would you agree with that? | 5 | a letter, 4 June, so it is the material time, if I |
| 6 | A. Yes. | 6 | can say that, to the Chief Minister from the |
| 7 | Q. So quite apart from whether or not, well, | 7 | Assistant Commissioner of Police in |
| 8 | it is not a whether or not, we all agree, the | 8 | response to a request for clarification about |
| 9 | chase and the incident entirely happened | 9 | Sir John Chapple as a result of some |
| 10 | outside British Territorial Waters in breach | 10 | reporting. And in the second paragraph he |
| 11 | of the protocols and procedures, quite apart | 11 | says: |
| 12 | from that, this was not a question of two | 12 | "The accessory in question is sold and |
| 13 | bored officers deciding to go off on a Miami | 13 | marketed by the manufacturer of the vessel, |
| 14 | Vice style to, you know, make their evening | 14 | Safe Boats International of Bremerton, |
| 15 | less dull or dreary. Would you accept that? | 15 | Washington State USA. The feature is |
| 16 | A. No. I can't think of any reason why, and | 16 | designed to offer bow protection from |
| 17 | I am struck by your words "apart from that". | 17 | floating debris and is fitted to the crafts of |
| 18 | That is quite significant. | 18 | other law enforcement agencies, both in the |
| 19 | Q. No, but my point is this. The impression | 19 | US and internationally. Safe Boat is |
| 20 | you gave yesterday was that their decision | 20 | a reputable company that prides itself in |
| 21 | making in terms of being deployed going out | 21 | building highly reliable and extremely |
| 22 | there was a way to alleviate boredom and I | 22 | durable vessels that enable professional |
| 23 | am suggesting to you whether or not they | 23 | crews to excel in their jobs while keeping |
| 24 | then did things wrong, that is a matter that is | 24 | them safe. The sole purpose of this protector |
| 25 | currently a Coroner's Inquest that has been | 25 | is naturally to protect the bow section from |
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1 is in itself absurd as serious damage to the 1 remember it correctly, I think it is C5314. 2 2 patrol craft is more like uncertain. (pause). May I look at my phone to get the --3 3 Furthermore, officers' training does not THE CHAIRMAN: I am sure someone can 4 4 do it by some other more conventional route. consist of disabling any vessels through 5 contact." 5 MR CRUZ: Are you looking for the Solis 6 6 A little bit further down on that paragraph: 7 7 A. I'm looking for the Solis report and in "There is also argument that the vessel's 8 8 speed will be reduced significantly by the particular the section that addresses the issue 9 9 serrated edge in travelling over surface and of the log defender. 10 10 other vessels causing less damage." Q. Yes, I was going to take you to that now. 11 11 So I think that is an exhibit to Mr Field's And the next paragraph: 12 12 "We have sought the advice from Captain evidence. 13 Meikle on the accessories. He is a marine 13 A. Because it doesn't support the evidence 14 14 accident investigator and agrees that the that the person who fitted the log defender 15 15 agrees that it ... I mean, he questioned why it serrated blunt edge has an innocent quality to 16 16 defend the bow of our vessels from any was needed in Gibraltar. 17 17 floating debris while travelling in open seas. O. Yes, he does. 18 He does nevertheless also accept that it could 18 A. So, if I was the Chief Minister having 19 easily be perceived by others as an offensive 19 received a letter that was not --20 20 tool to disable other vessel engines." Q. But let us go to it. It is an exhibit to 21 And over the page: 21 Mr Field's report. I can give you the ... 22 22 "Andrew Watson our marine engineer is also 23 23 subject matter expert on marine capabilities. THE CHAIRMAN: Do you have the 24 24 Highly recognised by suppliers and partners, reference? 25 25 his knowledge and expertise of over 40 years MR CRUZ: I will have it, sir, in a moment. Page 45 Page 47 1 in the marine environment had been 1 I think it is page A941. I think that is 2 invaluable when purchasing vessel engines 2 probably where ... (pause). A941. 3 3 and safety features for our vessels. He MR SANTOS: The witness is looking at his 4 supports the advice provided by Captain 4 phone. 5 5 Meikle, claiming that the accessories have THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, I know he is. I do 6 been a vital tool to protect our vessels as 6 not think that is a very good idea. I think I 7 safety features and not as a tool to cause 7 would rather do it my way. 8 8 harm or injury. When purchasing items he A. Okay, it is paragraph 314 of the Solis 9 9 did not seek GMA's advice and there was no 10 10 requisite to do so because it was promoted as MR CRUZ: Indeed, it is in front of you. I 11 a safety feature." 11 was going to take you there next. 12 Now, would it be fair to say that the use of 12 A. Thank you. 13 the language "weaponised" is incorrect? 13 Q. In fact, before you answer the question, A. No, as an individual I still struggle, um, 14 14 sorry, to answer the question, perhaps I can 15 and I think the Commissioner of Police in his 15 ask the question. If one looks at this report, 16 letter to the Chief Minister has again not 16 and of course this is the one that has some 17 17 provided the full evidence. It is not the full sort of typos problems, but it basically 18 picture. And I can explain that, if I may. I 18 concludes, if I can suggest --19 19 am struck by something that is serrated but MR SANTOS: Please just ask the witness to 20 20 blunt, but I think I understand what that stop looking at his phone. 21 21 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes. means. But certainly looking at photographs 22 22 in the Solis report of the saw, as it is known A. Sorry, I was just getting the reference, 23 23 as, it certainly looks as if it could be used as that's all. 24 a weapon. Um, and I think the ... can I call 24 MR CRUZ: The judge has --25 for evidence to be shown to screen? If I 25 A. Sorry, yes. Page 46 Page 48

1 MR SANTOS: The chairman has said that 1 therefore the opportunity to identify the 2 2 he preferred you not to look at your phone. safety risk was missed." 3 3 Now, would you agree that, whilst it does A. Sorry, yes. 4 4 question whether or not they were suitable THE CHAIRMAN: I think you are too 5 engrossed in your phone, which is another 5 for Gibraltar waters, it does not say anything 6 good reason for doing it my way. 6 about weaponising. 7 A. Yes, and I accept that. I apologise. 7 A. No, I accept, and again it may be, I can't 8 MR CRUZ: So at 3.4.1: 8 think of whatever, what other word to use, 9 9 "Safe Boat International requested by but, you know, when teeth bite into 10 Metropolitan Police to provide their response 10 something, you know, that is not a blunt 11 11 to the following request for information." object in my opinion. 12 And we saw this when Sir Peter put it to, I 12 Q. But would you not appreciate that the 13 think it was Dr Britto, but he said he put it to 13 context of using the bored evening, the 14 14 someone: Miami Vice style, the weaponising of boats, 15 15 "It would also be helpful to know how the does give a suggestion that somebody was 16 16 design protects the vessel and how many creating a weapon on the front of a boat in 17 17 other vessels, I appreciate you may not be order to go out and cause damage to craft or 18 able to give a definitive number on this, the 18 19 19 log defenders have been fitted and the A. No. I think the Miami Vice is 20 20 a behavioural issue. I am not for one purpose of these vessels, they have been 21 fitted to our ... they are common in other law 21 moment suggesting that the action was 22 22 enforcement vessels." deliberate. 23 23 And then it goes down below that and it talks Q. So would you accept, you know, if you 24 24 do not, you do not, that this was not fitted for about: 25 25 "Log defenders on storm vessels to aid and weaponising purposes? Whether it was Page 49 Page 51 1 push log and debris. The teeth on the log 1 suitable for Gibraltar or they have logs or we 2 defender bite into the log and prevent it from 2 do not have logs, but it was not the intention 3 sliding under the hull and into the vessel's 3 to weaponise a boat. 4 propellers. Log defenders are very common 4 A. Correct, yes, I accept that. 5 5 in the logging industry where logging vessels Q. Thank you, that is really where I am 6 6 manoeuvre logs into position for recovering trying to get you and I am sure that is what 7 7 and processing by catching them with log you meant. Now, let us deal with that other 8 8 defenders. Safe Boats has installed log suggestion in the paragraph that I read out in 9 9 defenders on law enforcement vessels other your statement, that may suggest it is a little 10 10 than Gibraltar boats, specifically in the US, extraordinary. And I am assuming that you 11 Pacific north-west region where floating logs are limiting the suggestion to the RGP and let 11 12 and debris is common." 12 me explain this. 13 And if I can just scroll down a little bit, the 13 A. Could you just remind me what? 14 14 paragraph that perhaps, well, I can read them Q. Yes, I am going specifically to the: 15 15 "And the question I occasionally ask myself 16 "Gibraltar is not associated with logging 16 is whether that level of accountability and 17 industry [I think we all know that] and is not 17 responsibility would have been different had, 18 known to have specific issues with floating 18 for example, everybody in the incident been 19 19 logs or similar debris other than that which killed or the other people in the incident, two 20 could be routinely found at sea. The 20 I think, were not Gibraltarian and all the 21 rationale for installing log defenders into the 21 others were, or those on the boat had not been Spanish and had been Gibraltarian. 22 stem of Sir John Chapple is not fully 22 23 23 understood. The implications of fitting log [One was Portuguese, by the way. I know 24 defenders onto the stem of Sir John Chapple 24 detail but it is important.] That is 25 were not properly considered by the RGP and 25 a suggestion." Page 50 Page 52

So if we could just explore that. Are you 1 casualties and not Spanish casualties? 2 suggesting that the police would have 2 3 behaved operationally different to this 3 Q. No, so operational response the same. 4 4 tragedy if the victims were Gibraltarian? A. Correct. 5 A. I'm suggesting that there may have been 5 Q. Thank you. And if we go to paragraph 38 6 a greater acceptance of accountability for the 6 ... no, sorry, apologies, sir, I am looking 7 head of the organisation. It pains me to say 7 specifically for, I think it is, 58. Yes, so are 8 8 you aware that one of the recommendations that, I have to say. 9 Q. So let me just understand that. My 9 made was to bring out experts from the Met 10 question was: are you suggesting the 10 to investigate this matter? 11 operational, let us start there. There are two 11 A. Yes, it was something I helped facilitate. 12 aspects to this, operational and prosecutorial. 12 Q. You helped facilitate that. 13 But let us start with the first one. Are you 13 A. Correct. 14 14 something the operational reaction would Q. So that example would not have changed 15 have been different if they were 15 depending on the casualties. 16 16 Gibraltarians? A. No. 17 17 Q. And at 58 you see it says: A. I think it might be, yes. I think it might 18 have been. I am suggesting that. I think 18 "The Met team continued with the 19 there would have been a public outcry for 19 investigation and returned to Gibraltar on a 20 20 accountability. A greater public outcry, number of occasions. They provided a 21 21 summary for proposed charges sorry. 22 Q. Is that part of the exceptionalism whereby 22 [Manslaughter and Merchant Shipping Act 23 some people are treated differently? 23 Sec 27] to the DPP. After several MS Team 24 24 meets and discussions these proposed A. Um ... 25 25 Q. So dead Spaniards and dead Gibraltarians charges were discontinued as the DPP was of Page 53 Page 55 1 are treated differently? 1 the opinion that the evidence did not support 2 A. No, I think it comes down to the issue of 2 these." 3 3 accountability and having, I mean, I can only Are you aware that for jurisdictional reasons, 4 repeat myself, with apologies, you know, 4 in other words the incident was in Spain --5 5 having been a High Commissioner, 6 Ambassador, I fully understand the 6 Q. -- the matter did not progress? 7 7 responsibilities of accountability. 8 8 Q. Okay, let us go to John Field's evidence. Q. So, would it be fair to say therefore that 9 9 This is at A803. Let us go to paragraphs 58 the prosecutorial process would not have 10 10 to 60. (Pause). Before we get to that point, been altered had they been Gibraltarians who 11 let me just go very quickly to paragraph 31. 11 had died? 12 (Pause). In fact, I apologise, Mr Triay, can I 12 A. Yes, I would accept ... I mean, yes, they 13 ask you to start at 26? So Mr Field gives 13 would be the same. 14 evidence here about the reaction, the reaction 14 Q. Yes. And following those criminal 15 to the incident, and the steps that were taken, 15 charges we have the coroner's process. Now, 16 and you see that at paragraphs 26, and the 16 you are aware of the coroner's process. 17 17 roles that were given, the establishment of There was deemed to be unlawful killing in 18 gold command. And then, as we go down 18 the first instance, upheld at the Supreme 19 19 that we can go to paragraph 31, you see the Court --20 following actions that are identified there. 20 A. Yes. 21 So those are the steps that were taken, the 21 Q. -- and now the Court of Appeal has 22 operational steps. And then at 32 you see 22 turned that saying there was a misdirection 23 another list of steps that were taken. Are you 23 and in essence have sent it back. 24 suggesting that those steps would have been 24 25 different had there been Gibraltarian 25 Q. Yes. So there is, just to finish this point, Page 54 Page 56

1 not to labour it, there is no steps that would 1 you make a decision about if someone is 2 2 have been taken differently, I suggest to you, accountable or not, whoever they are, any 3 if the nationality of those that had died had 3 Commissioner of Police, not Mr McGrail, 4 4 an investigation has to take place and that has been different. 5 A. I agree. 5 to conclude in order to be informed as to 6 6 what you do next? Q. Thank you. So --7 7 THE CHAIRMAN: I agree. I do not think A. I don't think they always have to be 8 8 he suggested otherwise. concluded if what you have seen to date 9 provides sufficient evidence in your mind for 9 MR CRUZ: With due respect, Mr Chairman, 10 10 I think there is a lot of people, and certainly action to be taken. 11 the RGP, who have understood this question 11 Q. But the Solis report was not concluded 12 of accountability being --12 until 4 January 2021 so you had not seen the 13 THE CHAIRMAN: Accountability is 13 final version of that, had you? 14 14 different. A. I had not seen the final version and I had 15 15 no reason to doubt most if not all of what MR CRUZ: Well, okay, understood the 16 16 was in the draft version, though I do accept point. So ... 17 17 THE CHAIRMAN: I am not saying it is there were some changes. 18 different, but that is the witness's response. 18 Q. Yes. And the Met decisions and the 19 19 MR CRUZ: I understand. Clearly you are DPP's decisions, none of that was available 20 20 not giving, I would hope you are not giving to you at the relevant time. 21 evidence of judgment, sir. 21 A. Um, apart from the initial report from 22 22 Insofar as anybody were open to interpret Mr Smith via my colleague, Phil Culligan. 23 23 this matter in the way that I have suggested it Q. Yes. So my point is simply that would 24 24 might be interpreted, would you agree that on you not, to have decided accountability, need 25 25 balance it is not something that you want to to have the information and a definitive Page 57 Page 59 1 signal. In other words, it is not your view 1 information because, as you say, reports can 2 about this treatment of operational or 2 change? 3 3 prosecutorial matters in a different way. A. Well, given the criminal case into the 4 That is not your view. I am just giving you 4 accident at sea has now been reset, is the 5 5 the opportunity to -word I will use, we would still be in 6 6 A. To withdraw what I said yesterday in a position four years on, which is the point I 7 7 effect? made yesterday, that four years on in my 8 8 Q. Yes. opinion there still has not been any 9 9 A. No, I am not going to. accountability for what happened. 10 10 Q. Okay, that is fine. That is the opportunity Q. Right, moving on, Mr Pyle, I am going to 11 you have. Can I just ask, these matters in 11 ask you a series of questions. I expect them 12 regards the Met police report, prosecutorial 12 to be relatively quick-fire in the answers, but 13 reports, the Solis report, the final report, 4 13 it is of course up to you. Do you accept that 14 14 January 2021, which would go to the rule of law applies to everyone? 15 accountability, the reporting process, the 15 investigations and reporting process, would it 16 Q. Yes. Do you accept that the guardians of 16 17 17 be fair to say that none of these concluded that rule of law include the Police Authority, 18 when you were making decisions about the 18 the Royal Gibraltar Police, the government, 19 19 Commissioner of Police in that April, May, the Governor, including Interim Governors, 20 20 everybody, all of those people I have into June period? 21 21 A. Yes, I would, but the reports are the mentioned? 22 22 A. And the Chief Minister. reasons why the incident happened. The 23 reports are separate from accountability, in 23 Q. And the Chief, yes, as government he 24 24 reminded me when I put that question that he my opinion. 25 Q. Yes, but would you accept that before 25 is part of the government, but yes, and the Page 58 Page 60

1 Chief Minister. Would you accept that 1 Q. A fairness issue. 2 2 section 48, I think you said yes yesterday to A. Yes. 3 this, but just to confirm it, that section 48 of 3 Q. Yes, a sort of natural justice point. 4 4 our Constitution emphasises the importance People need to have a chance to explain 5 of the independence of the Police Authority? 5 themselves. 6 THE CHAIRMAN: We covered this, yes. It 6 A. Correct. 7 is no good examining witnesses on the law of 7 O. Okay. 8 8 Gibraltar. That is not going to help us. I Q. Would you accept that section 34 of the 9 have made that point before and I will make 9 Police Act is a sort of last resort, sort of call 10 it again. 10 it the nuclear option. 11 MR CRUZ: Understood, Mr Chairman. Let 11 A. Yes. 12 me put the question slightly differently, not 12 Q. You would. It is as close to a sort of 13 with reference to the law. Previous 13 firing exercise or dismissal. 14 14 Chairman of the GPA, Mr Gonzalez, 15 15 identified the mission statement of the GPA Q. Well, would you not say the same 16 to be as follows: 16 principle that you thought important in that 17 17 "The overarching mission statement, as it GPA process should be applied? By which I 18 were, was a safeguarding of the 18 mean a chance for the Commissioner of 19 19 independence of the RGP and to protect and Police, forget it is Mr McGrail, any 20 ensure the effectiveness, efficiency and 20 Commissioner of Police accused of 21 probity of the RGP. High at the top end of 21 wrongdoing, to be given an opportunity to 22 the mission statement was our powers to call 22 have all the facts in front of him, all the 23 23 the Commissioner to account if the need evidence in front of him, and a chance to 24 24 arose." address all of the issues and then engage in 25 25 Would you agree with that? a process which may or may not reach Page 63 Page 61 1 A. Yes. 1 an undecided conclusion? A. Yes. 2 Q. Yes. Mr Lavarello said in his evidence: 2 3 3 "The Authority is there to, I suppose, act as Q. I mean, to be ambitious, at least 4 an independent party so that the Chief 4 a conversation. 5 5 Minister and the Governor cannot exercise A. I have agreed with you. 6 6 undue influence over the Commissioner." Q. So, were they not options available to you 7 7 under your role as Governor, your role as What is your view on that? 8 8 Governor, forget the Chief Minister's role, A. Correct. 9 9 Q. Thank you. Now, a lot of this has been were there not other alternatives available to 10 10 covered so I am going to try, Mr Chairman, you, such as exercising your power to call 11 11 him in, present information, ask him for you will be pleased to hear, not to go over it 12 in any great detail, save to the extent I think 12 explanations? 13 13 it has not. A. So, I had, um, the letter from Mr Gomez 14 14 THE CHAIRMAN: Well, you have failed so setting out very clearly Mr McGrail's 15 15 far, Mr Cruz. 16 Q. I am talking before then. In other words, 16 MR CRUZ: Thank you. Just to go back to 17 17 one point about the airport incident and the when you had these complaints that you 18 subsequent review, you were asked about 18 have. Let us do it in stages. When you had 19 19 that this morning and I think the point you these complaints that we heard yesterday in 20 20 made was under the GPA review you were evidence materialised after 30 April, you had 21 21 not, the MOD were not, given a chance to feelings but they did not materialise after that 22 22 explain themselves. date. 23 A. Correct. 23 A. Yes. 24 24 Q. So it is after 12 May, I think the 15th Q. So that to you is a fairness issue. 25 A. A what, sorry? 25 when you were approached. So before the Page 62 Page 64

1 Gomez letter, as of 15 May when you formed 1 subject to those processes of fairness, natural 2 2 this view and you then crystallised this view, justice, in other words, that does not take 3 did you not have powers to say to the 3 away that engagement. 4 4 Commissioner, "Come to see me, I want to A. Yes. Yes, there is an element of fairness 5 talk to you about things that I think are very 5 6 6 important"? Q. Yes. So, what I am now going to suggest 7 7 to you is my last question. I think you have A. Yes, I do, but I had agreed that that 8 8 a right to address it. It is: did you not on process was going to be carried forward by 9 9 reflection, now, on reflection, do you not the GPA, through section 34. 10 Q. We, but the point is you have agreed that 10 think that the process, the expedited process, 11 11 including the engagement of Mr Britto that you had other alternatives. Is that --12 A. I did, yes. There were. 12 my learned friend took you, did it not go 13 Q. Yes, thank you. And given that we have 13 a long way to breach the rule of law and were 14 14 agreed that that power, the sort of last resort, you not one of its primary assailants? 15 15 is it right to say that normally and usually in A. Absolutely not. 16 16 order to meet that fairness, you would have MR CRUZ: Thank you, Mr Pyle. 17 17 an escalation, warning, further warnings, THE CHAIRMAN: I think it is time to have 18 engagement, before you get to that last 18 a break. And we need to review the 19 resort? 19 timetable. 20 20 A. So, the last resort I think was why I (11.23)21 resisted the suggestion from the Chief 21 (Adjourned for a short time) 22 22 Minister that we conclude matters pretty (11.37)23 much immediately, I being firm in my 23 QUESTIONED BY MR WAGNER 24 24 MR WAGNER: Good morning, Mr Pyle. position that I needed to take all the papers 25 25 away, reflect on all the evidence, including A. Good morning. Page 67 Page 65 1 Mr McGrail's representations through his 1 Q. I want to start where you finished 2 solicitor, which I would study over the 2 yesterday with Mr Santos, with your current 3 3 weekend, probably take advice from London employment. Is it right that you currently 4 and inform Mr McGrail of my decision on 4 have a position advising the Chief Secretary 5 5 the Monday. on a reform program in the Civil Service? 6 Q. Yes, but I suppose what I am asking, 6 A. Correct. 7 Mr Pyle, is even before you got to that 7 Q. Is that a paid position? 8 8 section 34, I think you have agreed there A. It is. 9 9 were other alternatives and I think my Q. I just want to clarify the chronology of 10 10 question to you is why did you not exercise how you came by that role. Now, the events 11 those alternatives given you only formulated 11 that you were involved in relating to Mr 12 this view, at least this definitive view, in 12 McGrail leaving his post happened in May 13 May, why did you not exercise those 13 and June 2020, correct? 14 alternatives before you got to 34? 14 A. Correct. 15 A. I think part of my evidence given 15 Q. The Chief Minister announced in 16 yesterday is in effect that discussion with the 16 parliament that he would accept Mr 17 Chief Minister, and perhaps even the 17 McGrail's request that there would be a 18 Attorney General, where I did state that I 18 public inquiry at the end of July 2020. Were 19 19 think we had to go straight to the Governor's you aware of that? 20 20 powers in terms of 31(f). A. Yes. 21 21 Q. 13(f). Q. Were you aware of it at the time? 22 22 A. 30(f), sorry, that is my decision. A. Yes. 23 23 Q. Okay, well, on 13(f), would you accept Q. Your time in Gibraltar was due to end in 24 that even if you had decided that that is what 24 September 2021, is that correct? 25 you were going to exercise, they still are 25 A. Yes. It was slightly extended to

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1 December '21 at the request of my then 1 A. - I think it was daylight, so it might have 2 2 successor, who -been a meeting rather than in one of our 3 3 O. Yes. suppers. 4 4 Q. So, that must have come as quite a relief A. - subsequently didn't turn up. 5 Q. In the autumn of 2021, you applied for 5 when you had just had ill health and had 6 three jobs elsewhere, but were not successful. 6 applied for jobs unsuccessfully. 7 7 A. No. I took it, to be honest, as one of A. Correct. 8 8 Q. You then had a period of ill health for those sort of offhand remarks that I've had in 9 9 seven months - I am sorry to hear that - but previous postings where, as you come 10 10 was that from the autumn to the spring? towards the end, and people thing you may 11 11 A. Pretty much, yes. have something to offer, wherever you are, 12 Q. To the spring 2022? 12 that have you thought of staying on and 13 A. (No audible response) 13 working. I think the point I am going to 14 14 Q. That must have been a difficult period for make is that at the time of Mr McGrail's you. 15 15 departure I was focusing on what would be 16 16 the next, and potentially last, part of my A. Yes. It was. 17 17 Q. Yes. In October 2021 you said, I think, career which involved over six postings. 18 that the Attorney General approached you. 18 Q. Yes. Did you find that bad at all that the 19 19 A. Yes. Attorney General was approaching you, not 20 20 Q. What was the context? What were you someone with responsibility for Civil Service 21 doing when he approached you? 21 reform? 22 22 A. I think it was: I'm leaving soon, you're A. No, not really. It was the sort of 23 23 leaving soon, as we said, we were good discussion the Attorney General and I might 24 24 have had anyway; what I was doing next. friends, we got on well, we had supper 25 25 Q. When precisely were you offered the regularly. You know, what are you doing Page 69 Page 71 1 next? It was an open question rather. 1 role, as you are now performing it? 2 Q. What was the - what were you doing at 2 A. Gosh, I mean, there were various 3 3 the time when you met him? conversations. I said - I wouldn't say I 4 A. October '21? 4 dismissed it, I was sort of, don't know, 5 5 Q. What was the meeting about? pleased to receive such a request, you know, 6 A. Gosh. I can't remember. No. 6 when I consider was I open to, and I think it 7 7 Q. Now, the attorney general is the was more of an off the cuff remark. It was 8 8 government's legal advisor. Does he also some months later, I think, when I was with 9 9 have a brief on civil service reform? the Chief Minister, that the Chief Minister 10 10 A. No. I think it was, you know, what are and I discussed what next. 11 11 you doing next. Sort of, I don't believe he Q. Yes. So, we will come to that. The 12 does have a brief on civil service reform. 12 inquiry began its work in February 2022 --13 Q. When he said, "What are you doing 13 Q. - and you were assigned as a core 14 next", did he offer you a - did he say there is 14 15 15 something available for you then? participant not long after that, I think. Do 16 16 A. No, he said: would I consider doing you remember that? 17 something for the Government of Gibraltar. 17 A. Vaguely. I remember being assigned. I 18 Q. Doing something? 18 just - I'm not sure of the timing. 19 19 A. Yes. Q. Were you then offered the role by the 20 20 Q. Was that how it was put? Chief Minister? 21 21 A. I think it was put like that. A. No, it was a discussion, I think as I said 22 22 Q. Then -vesterday, I was undecided about whether I 23 A. I can't recollect the exact phraseology is -23 wanted to remain in the office, try and wait 24 24 as I can't to get medical clearance and try again for an 25 25 Q. Yes. overseas posting. Page 70 Page 72

A. Yes. 1 was created just for you? 2 2 Q. The point I need to make on that is, our A. I can't answer that. 3 overseas posting are what we call - they are 3 Q. No. Was it publicly advertised? 4 4 put up on the board twelve months in A. I don't believe so. I don't know. 5 advance. 5 Q. Were you interviewed for it? 6 6 A. Well, I certainly took the discussions I Q. Mmh. 7 7 had with the Chief Minister and the Chief A. So, I would only - once I got my medical 8 8 clearance, the postings I would be able to Secretary about the opportunity, I would take 9 9 look at would be twelve months ahead of that as - because I would certainly not take any 10 10 role that I could not do properly, add value, 11 11 O. Yes. and was meaningful. 12 A. - and I was just mindful of the timing 12 Q. Were you interviewed for the role? 13 that I wanted to retire, potentially, from the 13 A. No. Not formally. 14 14 office, so I was getting my mind around to Q. Did you submit an application? 15 15 A. No. going back to the UK with the foreign office 16 and working in London. 16 Q. Did anyone else apply? 17 17 Q. No, I understand. I am just trying to get A. I don't know. 18 the dates correct. So, you said yesterday in 18 Q. So, to sum up. After the inquiry was 19 19 evidence that it was some time in, I think announced, whilst it was ongoing, you were 20 20 offered a paid role by the Chief Minister, a February 2022, you approached the Foreign 21 Office with permission to take on the role. 21 co-core participant, which was - seems to 22 22 have been designed for you, which was not A. Yes. 23 23 Q. So, would it make sense that you had advertised, you did not apply or interview 24 been offered the role around that time. The 24 for, and which nobody else was offered. Is 25 25 final sort of role that you were going to do. that fair? Page 73 Page 75 1 A. So, we hadn't got into any discussion 1 A. That is fair. That is correct. Whether it is 2 about terms of conditions, but I thought if I 2 fair or not is.... 3 3 was going to explore this, and develop it Q. Do you believe in the importance in 4 further, then I needed to get permission from 4 observing proper boundaries in public life? 5 5 the Foreign Office. Yes. A. Yes, I do. 6 Q. That was the same time, coincidentally, 6 Q. You see no issue with that sequence of 7 7 that the inquiry was set up. events at all? 8 8 A. It is a coincidence. yes. A. Well, I think that's why I applied early to 9 9 Q. Yes. You say that contracts were signed the Foreign Office for permission to do so. 10 10 in January 2023, and the role will continue Q. You referred to yourself yesterday as 11 until January 2026. Is that right? 11 being professional a couple of times. Do you 12 A. No. Not quite. The contract was signed 12 recall that? 13 in January '23 with a start date of 1 April '23. 13 A. Yes. I like to think I am. 14 Q. Okay. Have you worked for the Gibraltar 14 Q. You referred to the importance of the 15 government before you were given this role? 15 following best practice. 16 16 A. No. A. Yes. 17 17 Q. Did you have a predecessor in the role? Q. Would you agree that being professional includes having attention to detail? 18 A. Yes, I did. 18 19 19 Q. Someone who was doing the same A. Yes. 20 20 Q. Would you agree it includes making sure consultancy role? 21 21 A. No, sorry. My role as Deputy Governor? that any allegations you make against an 22 O. No. No. no. Your role as the advisor on 22 individual are supported by solid evidence? 23 23 Civil Service Reform. A. Yes. 24 24 Q. Would it be unprofessional to make 25 Q. No. so, would it be fair to say the role 25 allegations without them being supported by Page 74 Page 76

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| 1 | solid evidence? | 1 | explain the no? |
| 2 | A. Yes. | 2 | Q. Well, I mean, I will take you through |
| 3 | Q. Would it be unethical? | 3 | some incidents. |
| 4 | A. Yes. | 4 5 | A. Okay. Okay. |
| 5 | Q. Do you agree this particularly applies to | | Q. Finally, are you rewriting history to make |
| 6 | allegations of dishonesty? | 6 | it seem like you were dishonestly misled |
| 7 | A. Yes. | 7 | about the incident at sea, when the reality is |
| 8 | Q. Because, is it not fair to say, that accusing | 8 | you misremembered, or misunderstood? A. No. |
| 9 | someone of dishonesty can be especially | 9 | |
| 10 | damaging to them? A. Yes. | 10 | Q. Okay. Let us start at the end with the |
| 11 | | 11 | incident at sea. On 14 May 2020 when you |
| 12 | Q. Accusations of dishonesty should not be | 12 | met the Chief Minister, was that the first time |
| 13 | made without having solid evidence. Do you | 13 14 | you had expressed your concern about |
| 14 | agree? | 15 | information sharing during the events of March 2020? |
| 15 | A. I do. | | |
| 16 17 | Q. When they are made, they need to be | 16 17 | A. No. |
| 17 | fully set out. Do you agree? A. I do. | 18 | Q. Who had you expressed that concern to? |
| 18 | | 18 | A. I would certainly have expressed it to the |
| 19 | Q. And that the person being accused should | 1 | Attorney General. I can't recollect |
| 20 | be given a proper opportunity to respond. Do | 20 | expressing it to the Chief Minister, but I |
| 21 22 | you agree? A. I do. | 21 22 | would be surprised if I had not. |
| | | | Q. Do you accept that you have provided no |
| 23 | Q. Do you agree that conflicts of interest | 23 | evidence to this inquiry, either written |
| 24 | need to be carefully managed in public life? | 24 | evidence or in documentary evidence, which |
| 25 | A. I do. | 25 | shows that you expressed those concerns |
| | Page 77 | | Page 79 |
| 1 | Q. In the accounts that you have given to | 1 | prior to 14 May 2020. |
| 2 | this inquiry, are you attempting to rewrite | 2 | A. Yes. I accept that. |
| 3 | history? | 3 | Q. Do you accept that is an important |
| 4 | A. No. | 4 | omission in the context of that you are saying |
| 5 | Q. Are you rewriting history to make out | 5 | about Ian McGrail? |
| 6 | that you had major concerns about Ian | 6 | A. No. No. I can see the point you are |
| 7 | McGrail before the Chief Minister | 7 | making, but if I should have been more |
| 8 | approached you on 14 May 2020? | 8 | thorough, then I apologise that I wasn't. |
| 9 | A. Could you just repeat that again? So, I | 9 | Q. When was the first time you committed |
| 10 | might get the importance of it. | 10 | to writing what your concern was about |
| 11 | Q. Are you rewriting history to make out | 11 | incident sharing? |
| 12 | that you had major concerns about Ian | 12 | A. Probably in my note to London, although |
| 13 | McGrail before the Chief Minister | 13 | that would have been raised with London at |
| 14 | approached you on 14 May 2020? | 14 | our weekly video conferences, as I said |
| 15 | A. The reason for asking it to be reread was | 15 | yesterday. There may have been - which - |
| 16 | the word major. I had growing concerns. | 16 | but I doubt, some WhatsApp exchanges |
| 17 | They were - the depth of them - no, I had | 17 | because I was very careful when I did my |
| 18 | major. Yes, I had strong concerns. | 18 | WhatsApp. |
| 19 | Q. No major concerns? | 19 | Q. Mmh. |
| 20 | A. Well, major concerns is possible correct. | 20 | A. So, probably my - London would have |
| 21 | Yes. | 21 | been aware from very early on after the |
| 22 | Q. Are you rewriting history to make it seem | 22 | incident at sea that I believed I had not had |
| 23 | as if Ian McGrail was to blame for incidents | 23 | the full disclosure. I had been misled. |
| 24 | which had little or nothing to do with him? | 24 | Q. We have got extensive emails between |
| 25 | A. No. I'm - no. Do you want me to | 25 | you and the Foreign Office. Why is there no |
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mention in those detailed emails, of you 1 Q. So, you agree that your memory would 2 being concerned about being misled? 2 have been less good three months later. 3 A. I don't know. I thought I had in one of 3 A. Okay. Yes. 4 4 Q. Now, you were particularly concerned at 5 Q. Well, we will look at them. Would you 5 the time about where the collision took place. 6 agree that in terms of the evidence before this 6 Is that fair? 7 inquiry, the first written record of your 7 A. Yes. 8 specific concern about the information 8 Q. Do you accept that the police were 9 sharing about the incident at sea, is the 3 9 investigating more than just where the 10 June letter you sent to the GPA? 10 collision took place? They were also trying 11 11 to understand where the entire chase took A. That is the first written - I will take your 12 word for that. I mean, I am surprised that that 12 place. 13 is the case. 13 A. Yes. 14 14 Q. I will take you to the documents later, but Q. Were you aware at this time, when you 15 would it be fair to say -- I suppose there is 15 were interacting with Mr McGrail, that the 16 nothing else you could say -- that that was 16 police were investigating the wider issue as 17 17 well as the collision but of the entire chase? almost three months after the incident itself. 18 A. Yes, but I can only repeat that in my 18 19 multiple discussions with London, given the 19 Q. Mr McGrail gave oral evidence that what 20 20 importance of the incident at sea, I would he considered to be the incident had two key 21 have without doubt, categorically mentioned 21 components. The pursuit and the collision -22 from very early on that I believed I had been 22 and just for those noting, that is day 7, page 23 23 212, line 23. Now, before talking about 24 Q. But you have not provided the notes of 24 information sharing, do you have any 25 25 those -criticism of Mr McGrail for having Page 81 Page 83 1 A. No, as I said yesterday, there were not 1 understood the word "incident" in that way? 2 2 3 3 Q. The emails do not reflect that. Q. You do not say he was doing so for any 4 4 malicious reasons? A. No. I am stating a - under oath that I 5 5 believe I would have raised them orally in A. No. 6 the phone calls or our weekly meeting. 6 Q. No. That is just how he was thinking 7 7 about the incident. Is that fair? Q. There is nothing in writing, is what I am 8 8 A. As one would expect. saying. 9 9 A. No. I agree. Q. Were you also aware that Mr McGrail 10 10 Q. Yes. said in his evidence that as a police officer, 11 11 he would only confirm information if he was A. I agree. 12 Q. Do you agree that by June 2020, your 12 sure? 13 memory would have been less clear about 13 A. I remember reading that in his evidence. 14 what you were told, and exactly when, than it 14 Q. Yes. I think you mentioned yesterday 15 was in March 2020? 15 that you understood there can be different 16 16 A. No. Not on that issue. understandings of what "certain" means, 17 17 Q. That your memory would have been what "sure" means --18 exactly the same three months later? 18 A. Yes. Yes. 19 19 A. On that issue I would - yes. I mean, yes. Q. - and that sort of thing. Do you criticize 20 20 his approach to confirmation as when you are I think given the nature and the implications 21 21 of the incident, I'm pretty sure in the key sure about something? 22 22 issues. I may not - because there was so A. I think - I think on the issue of location 23 much information, I may not remember 23 of the collision, bearing in mind what I needed to know, then I don't think he got that 24 24 everything, but I do remember the key facts -25 25 right. the key aspects. Page 82 Page 84

O. I am not asking about that. I am asking 1 inside or on the cusp of BGTW. 2 whether - do you have a criticism of Mr 2 Q. That is what it says, " It also seems that 3 3 McGrail, a 35-year police officer, saying that part of the chase was within BGTW". 4 4 he would not confirm that something was A. Yes. 5 certain unless he was sure? 5 Q. So, it is, but he is saying the incident was 6 A. I do have some criticism of that position 6 outside BGTW, eastern side opposite 7 7 in that, beyond reasonable doubt which goes runway". Do you agree it looks like, there he 8 8 is also referring to the collision and the back to the argument about certainty. 9 Q. What is the difference between beyond 9 incident? 10 reasonable doubt and being sure? 10 A. Yes. Sorry, I thought you were trying to 11 11 A. Well, beyond reasonable doubt may leave put that the other way. 12 one percent of doubt, but in this particular 12 Q. No, no. I was not. I am sorry if I was not 13 issue, it was clearly - and we are going to 13 clear. Now, that is the message that was sent 14 14 come to this I am sure -- the difference to Mr McGrail but not to - I think it was 15 between incident and start of the chase, and 15 meant for the Chief Minister, but it did not 16 16 location of the accident or the collision. get to him. Now, Mr McGrail gave evidence 17 17 Q. Do you accept that when you referred to about why it was important in those first few 18 the incident at the time, you meant something 18 hours and days for the RGP to establish 19 19 different to Mr McGrail? where the entire incident, as he defined it, 20 20 A. Yes. I meant the location of the -had occurred, including the chase and 21 THE CHAIRMAN: Well, you have to 21 collision. For the note, again, it is page 79, 22 identify the particular occasion which the 22 on day 8. He said, "It was important to 23 exchange took place. 23 establish whether there had been criminality 24 24 MR WAGNER: I am going to. in Gibraltar and in consequence of that all the 25 25 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes. Well, that is a management of the situation would have an Page 85 Page 87 1 better way of approaching it. 1 impact. If there was criminality in Gibraltar, 2 MR WAGNER: (To the witness) Just so 2 then a lot of things fall into place." Then he 3 3 that it is clear, B1345, this is not you, this is talked about coronial jurisdiction, and he also 4 the Attorney General. His message at 11:40 4 talked about the fact that they were detaining 5 5 hours. This is the one on the 8th. "Been in two individuals and if none of the incident, 6 New Mole House for the last hour or so...", 6 chase and the collision, happened in Gibraltar 7 7 will not read that bit, "...PR will not say waters they would have no jurisdiction to 8 8 where incident occurred, but it is virtually detain those individuals. Is that - I am not 9 9 certain it was outside BGTW, eastern side asking a legal point, but can I just ask, do 10 10 opposite runway. It also seems part of the you have any criticism of the RGP for seeing 11 chase was BGTW". Obviously, you do not that as important for those reasons? 11 12 know what is in the Attorney General's mind, 12 A. Not at all. 13 but I just want to point it out there, that it 13 Q. Would you agree it was important to 14 14 does not - would you agree that it appears establish that? 15 that the Attorney General was also operating 15 A. Yes. 16 on the point that "incident" meant the 16 Q. Do you accept that various police 17 collision? 17 officers' evidence was this was a fast moving 18 A. I think at the time, just to put forward 18 and dynamic situation involving a lot of 19 19 another view, is that it was believed that the interlocking factors? 20 20 start of the incident was inside BGTW, so A. Yes. 21 therefore at 11:40, certainly it was outside. 21 Q. Do you agree it was highly complex? 22 22 Q. No, the start of the chase was outside. A. To a degree, yes. 23 That is what he is saying there. 23 Q. Yes. 24 24 A. No, at this moment in time, with respect, Q. On the assumption that it would be quite 25 it was believed that the start of the chase was 25 easy to use AIS etcetera, etcetera, the - I Page 86 Page 88

1 mean, I thought that the more certainty of 1 has said. 2 2 information could have been arrived at, albeit Q. Did you ever use the expression, "best 3 we're going to get into the argument of 3 available information", when you were 4 4 discussing the matters with Mr McGrail or certain. 5 Q. For sure. I mean, look. If the AIS was 5 anybody? 6 6 on it would have been a lot more A. I can't remember the exact terminology, 7 7 but you know, whether I said, "best straightforward. 8 8 information", or "information", or - I mean I A. Absolutely. 9 9 said - I remember, you know, all I need to Q. But it was not. 10 10 A. Yes. know is where the incident-- and I accept 11 11 Q. That made it complex. Is that fair? that the incident was for me was the 12 A. It was complex, yes. 12 collision, took place. 13 Q. I do not think you are alleging that the 13 Q. Is best --14 14 officers investigating the incident at sea were A. Inside or outside the BGTW. 15 15 behaving like there were in Miami Vice or Q. Is "best available information", your 16 16 Life on Mars? expression? Is it an expression you use, or 17 17 has it come from somewhere else? A. No. 18 Q. Are you? 18 A. I don't think I've used it. 19 19 A. No. Q. It has been used a lot in this inquiry, so I 20 20 Q. No. Did you see any - did you get any was wondering whether it came from you, or 21 impression that they were doing anything 21 did it come - it obviously did not come from 22 22 except seriously investigating --23 23 A. No, I told you I thought they were very THE CHAIRMAN: I think it came from Sir 24 24 professional about it. Peter Caruana, but it seems to me to be an 25 25 Q. Yes. Did you explicitly tell Mr McGrail extremely helpful formulation. Page 89 Page 91 1 at the time that you wanted all information, 1 MR WAGNER: It does not appear in any of 2 even that which was not verified? 2 the contemporaneous documents, is why I 3 3 was asking whether --A. No. 4 Q. Did you tell him the most important piece 4 A. I think you have the answer, with respect. 5 5 of information for you was the location of the Q. No, I have not heard your answer. I have 6 collision? 6 heard the judge's view. I am asking you, that 7 7 A. Yes. you do not know that it appeared at the time. 8 8 Q. Do you have any evidence of that, apart A. I don't - I would not have used that at the 9 9 from saying it? time on the assumption that I was being 10 10 provided with all relevant information to A. Nope. 11 THE CHAIRMAN: You probably took that 11 what I needed to know. 12 to be obvious. 12 Q. All relevant information. Okay. So, your 13 13 first briefing on the matter was when you A. Yes. Exactly. Thank you. 14 MR WAGNER: Did you ask for the police 14 went to New Mole House around midday on 15 15 to provide unverified coordinates when they 8 March? We have heard a lot about that. 16 16 had them? That is a few hours after the incident had 17 A. I didn't know they had them. 17 taken place. Now, you recall, I think you 18 18 Q. Well, you came to know they had them, said yesterday, you recalled Mr field being 19 19 but I am asking, did you -there. Is that right? 20 20 A. (Inaudible). A. Correct. 21 21 Q. - did you ask at any point and say: look, Q. Now, Mr Field was in the if you have got unverified information just 22 22 Commissioner's office at some point that 23 23 give it to me and I will -morning to give a briefing about the 24 24 coordinates and said he brought a map with A. No, I didn't. I would assume that the 25 information would be given, as the Chairman 25 coordinates on it and left it there. Do you Page 90 Page 92

recall being there - do you recall Mr Field 1 referred - what was off Europa Point was the saying anything when you were in the 2 2 collision. 3 meeting? 3 A. Yes. 4 4 Q. Because that is why you were surprised. A. No. 5 Q. You said in evidence yesterday that when 5 It was in a different part than you thought. 6 later, on 29 May, you were shown a map of 6 A. Yes. Yes. That is a -- One can assume 7 the collision you were surprised and you 7 8 said, "I may have been swayed by the initial 8 Q. Now, if we can just go to A801, this is 9 reference to one of the people on the boat 9 John Field's statement. Paragraph 38, please. 10 saying it was off the other side of Europa 10 Just so you know, the way that this came into 11 Point, for want of a better word." So, sorry. the officer's consideration, he said - this is on 11 12 I will just read that again. "...one of the 12 the day of the incident, the 8th -- "At 13 people on the boat saying it was off the other 13 11.05hrs, I briefed COP...", Richardson, AG 14 side of Europa point, for want of a better 14 and Mr Llamas. "I remember the discussion 15 word." When did you hear about "it" being 15 taking place and being asked if the chase had 16 off the other side of Europa Point? Do you 16 been plotted/recorded as the coordinates 17 17 recall? were well out of BGTW, I was unable to 18 A. I think it might have been when I was 18 answer this. Considering that the initial 19 going through all the evidence from Mr 19 report was that PMB had been involved in a 20 McGrail on the back of the section 15 report. 20 chase out at sea, approximately 3miles off 21 Q. Might you have heard it in one of those 21 Europa Point..." So, it had been the officer's 22 22 early briefings, because it was certainly evidence that when they were talking about 23 23 something that was being discussed by the -being off Europa Point, it was the chase that 24 24 A. No. they thought was off Europa Point, not the 25 Q. - by the officers. 25 collision. Can we go to A251, at the end of Page 95 Page 93 1 A. When Mr McGrail said, could be in, 1 paragraph 25.3. So, this is your account of 2 could be out, on the cusp, I wasn't aware 2 the meeting, that you made in your affidavit 3 3 of 2022. You say, just picking it up five which part of the cusp of BGTW it was being 4 referred to. 4 lines down, "...my primary concern was to 5 5 Q. What did you think "it" was? When you establish the location of the incident, and 6 6 say "it" was off the end of Europa Point, whether it had occurred in Spanish territorial 7 7 what did you mean? waters." When you say "the incident" in this 8 8 A. The suspect RIBs. statement, do you mean the collision? 9 9 Q. No, but did you mean the start of the A. Yes. 10 10 chase, part of the chase or the collision? O. "I therefore asked Mr McGrail about the 11 A. Certainly not - actually, at the time -11 location and whether it was inside or outside 12 that's a good point -- with the - which goes 12 BGTW. He replied with a slightly flippant 13 back to the - could be in, could be out. I 13 waving of his hands, 'could be in, and could 14 be out, it's difficult to tell at night'." Is this 14 didn't know whether the chase was 15 immediately followed by a collision. I didn't 15 based on your memory in 2022 of what 16 16 know at the time how long the chase lasted. happened? 17 Q. So, because I am going to suggest that the 17 A. No, that stuck with me ever since it 18 fact that when you eventually saw the 18 happened. 19 19 coordinates on the map on the 29th, the fact Q. No, I am asking - but you did not base it 20 that you said, "I was surprised because I 20 on a written record. You have based it on 21 thought it was off the ... " I heard - that it was 21 what you remembered when you were 22 off Europa point --22 writing your statement - your affidavit in 23 A. Mmh. 23 2022? 24 Q. -- does that suggest that you meant "it" 24 A. Yes, but I also reported that, I believe, to 25 was the collision? You thought that you 25 London. Page 94 Page 96

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1 Q. Fine. I understand. Now, if we can go to 1 O. Do you accept that the likelihood is that 2 2 - sorry, so just to - I am going to hammer he is distinguishing there? He is saying we 3 3 home this point a bit. You now understand are trying to clarify exact position of the 4 4 that Mr McGrail has given evidence that he collision, different from the incident? 5 understood "incident" to mean the chase and 5 A. I think that is correct but that was Mr 6 6 McGrail's opportunity to provide further the collision. 7 7 information he had --A. Yes. 8 Q. Is it possible looking back now that when 8 Q. Yes. 9 9 you asked Mr McGrail about the incident, at A. -- which he didn't disclose to me at -10 10 that time, just in the 8 March, thinking: I am earlier on in the meeting. 11 11 thinking of the collision. He gave you an Q. We will come back to that. 12 answer that was not about the collision alone, 12 THE CHAIRMAN: Well, hang on. It is all 13 it was about the whole incident. 13 very well saying come back to that, because 14 14 the witness has answered your question. A. Yes, that is possible. Q. Can we go to B1346, please? Text at 15 MR WAGNER: I mean, literally, next. I am 15 16 16 13:33 hours there. Now, this is the message just going to finish this bit. 17 17 THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. you send to the Chief of Police -18 Commissioner of Police to check. "Thanks 18 MR WAGNER: (To the witness) Now, do 19 19 for the briefing. I'll do a quick note for you know whether the RGP had the exact 20 20 London for when it hits the press. Line will position of the collision at that point? Did 21 be. Investigation ongoing. Spanish nationals 21 they know it to the point of being sure about 22 22 from Ceuta... [one was Portuguese] ... Not 23 23 sure in whose waters incident took place. A. I believe they did because I think by that 24 24 RGP seeking assistance from UK police time, they'd had the coordinates from Guarda 25 25 authorities..." Commissioner says - there Civil, even though Guarda Civil said it needs Page 97 Page 99 1 was just a flash. 1 formally verifying, so we are into that debate THE CHAIRMAN: The next one down, 2 2 about exact and formal, and.... 3 3 "Yes, all correct." Q. Yes, and do you agree that within that -4 MR WAGNER: Sorry, there was a flash 4 in that debate from a police officers' 5 5 from over there, that I why I got a bit perspective, it is legitimate to say, well they 6 startled. Now, do you accept from Mr 6 are not - that is not verified until we verify it. 7 7 A. That's exactly the point. They should McGrail's perspective, just on his 8 8 understanding of the incident that when you have said, we have a suspicion, they may be 9 9 are saying - you are checking with him, "Not at this location, but it needs to be verified. 10 10 sure in whose waters incident took place.", Q. Now, in that, in the evidence yesterday, 11 from his perspective, just assume that is what 11 you were asked, "Knowing what you do now, 12 he meant by "incident", that would have been 12 do you consider that the information in that 13 13 messages exchanges to the collision was accurate at the time. correct?" You said, "No, it was not correct. 14 A. From his perspective? 14 15 15 Q. I am just asking from his perspective. Do Without doubt in my mind, Mr McGrail 16 16 you accept the possibility that that was -knew in whose waters the incident took 17 17 A. I do accept the possibility. place." I think you have now accepted that 18 18 Q. Yes, and he actually then went on and your analysis, your conclusion that he was 19 19 said, "Trying to clarify exact position of ... giving you inaccurate information in the first 20 collision." Would you have understood that 20 bit of the text message, relies on it being your 21 21 as, well he is just talking about the same understanding of the incident, not his. 22 22 A. I take the point. My - the point is still the thing, the collision, the incident. 23 23 A. Yes. I was, yes. information I needed, which I was quite clear 24 24 Q. Yes. about, were in whose waters the incident. 25 A. That is how I read it at the time. 25 We go back to interpretation of incident. I Page 98 Page 100

accept your - where you are coming from. 1 said, "Yes, so I think that Mr McGrail made 2 2 Q. That is the point. a statement. It must have been him and the 3 THE CHAIRMAN: But what you wanted to 3 Chief Minister and the AG who told me 4 4 know was what the latest information was, because only they knew, and that I'm afraid, 5 that it was highly likely the collision 5 isn't true." Are you standing by the fact that 6 occurred in Spanish waters. 6 you are saying it is not true? 7 A. Well, it isn't true that they were the only 7 A. Correct. 8 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes. 8 people that knew where the --9 MR WAGNER: Well, that is not what the 9 Q. Yes. 10 Commissioner of Police reported to the Chief 10 A. - incident, from my perspective, had 11 Minister, but I will come to that text. He 11 taken place. 12 never said "highly likely". (To the witness) 12 Q. Because you think that Windmill Hill 13 Did you then hear about the location of the 13 knew as well, because of the --14 collision that evening, or at the latest, early 14 A. Well, they did know. 15 15 Q. - because of the thermal imaging. the next morning? 16 16 A. Both. A. They did know. 17 Q. That is the Windmill Hill point, is that 17 Q. All right. So, let us go to Mr Field. 18 what you are saying? 18 A802. Paragraph 46. He is talking about 12 19 19 March, so three days later from the 9th. He A. Yes. Again, I - that is a vague 20 20 recollection of -said, "That same day we instigated the Q. Yes. 21 21 repatriation arrangements and also managed 22 22 A. - a discussion in the quadrangle of The to secure the thermal imagery recording 23 Convent where somebody mentioned - for 23 which captured the actual collision. The 24 24 me, that was also information that it was a bit recording is not all that clear because of the 25 25 more public. That there had been an incident time of the day and the distances involved. Page 103 Page 101 inside Spanish waters. 1 This was later brought to the attention of 2 Q. What information, sorry? 2 Supt. Richardson and [Commissioner of 3 3 A. That the incident - that the collision --Police] McGrail." Now, do you accept that 4 4 Mr Field, there, is saying the thermal Q. Yes. 5 5 imagery was not recovered -- I think from A. - had taken inside - was outside BGTW. 6 6 Q. So, if we just go to B1748, this is when Windmill Hill, is that where it is from - until 7 7 you email the FCDO. "There may be three or four days later. 8 8 complications around yesterday's incident. It A. It wasn't secured by Mr Field until days 9 9 may have happened as much as six miles later, but of course, I know the imagery was 10 10 inside Spanish waters." So, there you - when recorded as it happened, so available to 11 you refer to "incident" you are clearly talking 11 Windy Hill at that time. 12 about the collision. Is that fair? 12 Q. So, you have got a clear memory of 13 13 Windmill Hill providing you --A. Absolutely. 14 14 Q. So, you knew, by the absolute latest early A. No. no. 15 morning on the 9th, information about the 15 Q. - proving somebody with the imagery on 16 16 location of the collision which was the the morning of the 9th? 17 17 working theory in the RGP at the time but A. I think they would have known. They 18 had not been confirmed. Do you agree? 18 didn't have to provide the imagery, not to 19 19 A. Yes. know where it was. 20 Q. You said it may not have been the 20 Q. How do you know that? This is four 21 21 Attorney General who told you about the six years later. How do you know the exact 22 nautical miles on 8 March because it could 22 23 have come from Windmill Hill. I just want 23 A. Well, that is why I am sort of - I have a 24 to take you to Mr - and you refer to - I will 24 firm, but not exact memory around this. 25 just read out what you said yesterday. You 25 Q. Can I suggest to you that you are wrong Page 102 Page 104

about the Windmill Hill, and you must be 1 "Exact coordinates of collision still to be 2 2 wrong because if you had remembered it, determined." You were asked by Mr Santos 3 3 you would have put it somewhere in all of yesterday, "Would that suggest that there was 4 4 your statements. You would have at the very a more high-level discussion as to the rough 5 least, sent it up to your superiors. 5 location of the collision in the meeting?" and 6 A. Sorry, I think, as I said yesterday, it is 6 you said, "So again, a question I have not 7 inconceivable that the Attorney General and I 7 thought of until now, I think undoubtedly 8 8 that must be the case so the same point is it didn't discuss location --9 O. Yes. Fine. 9 says a ten minute chase in and around British 10 10 A. - on the Sunday night, and I'd also said Gibraltar Territorial Waters," but you are 11 11 now accepting, I think, although you do not yesterday, when one goes through evidence 12 and information, memory comes back which 12 remember it, that there must have been some 13 was my point, that my memory is not exact. 13 discussion of the coordinates because Mr 14 14 Q. No. Richardson was talking about exact 15 15 coordinates still to be confirmed? A. It's not bad in certain areas and I 16 16 (12.16)remember certain aspects more clearly than 17 17 some. A. I don't remember any figures being 18 Q. So, it is an unclear memory? 18 mentioned in terms of coordinates at all. The 19 19 A. Yes, it is. I can't be precise about it. word "coordinates" might have been used but 20 20 Q. But it was clear enough for you to say, not any coordinates given to me. 21 actually, Mr McGrail's statement is not true. 21 Q. But you do not remember? 22 22 A. Which statement? A. I remember that --- I would remember if 23 23 they were, I believe, but in the absence of not Q. Yesterday. You said that, well, Mr 24 McGrail, what he says is not true. 24 remembering that they were, I can only 25 25 A. That? Can you remind me of.... conclude that they were not. Page 105 Page 107 1 Q. "Yes, I think so. Mr McGrail made a 1 O. But you came in knowing that the --- you 2 statement that it must have been him. It must 2 had been told that the collision took place six 3 3 have been him and the Chief Minister and the miles outside of BGTW although it was 4 AG who told me because only they knew, 4 actually six miles from the coast? 5 5 and that I'm afraid, isn't true." A. Yes. 6 A. Well, no. The port authority knew, the 6 Q. Is it not inconceivable that the first thing, 7 7 Spanish knew, and Windy Hill knew, as I given how important it was, you said when 8 8 you went into that meeting is, "I've heard that said vesterday. 9 9 Q. Well, that is what you say when you talk it's six miles off the coast, what's the current 10 10 about Windmill Hill. Would it be fair to say information"? 11 you were quite quick to accuse Mr McGrail 11 A. Yes, I accepted that yesterday. 12 of not saying true things, when you do not 12 Q. Do you accept that --- I do not think you 13 have clear evidence to support the allegation? 13 were accusing Mr Richardson or other people 14 14 A. Well, I think there is clear evidence to in the meeting of being evasive, do you 15 that allegation from the time log of contact 15 accept that the police are likely to have said, 16 between Windy Hill - Windmill Hill and the 16 "Yes, these are what we've got, this is the 17 evidence there of the GDP officers knowing 17 information we have," and then Mr 18 that the incident took place. I think it is 18 Richardson notes, "Coordinates of collision 19 19 inconceivable that Windy Hill from the still to be determined." 20 20 camera and imagery were not discussing: oh A. Yes, I accept that. 21 gosh, that is quite a way off outside BGTW. 21 Q. So to sum up so far, on 8 March, the day 22 Q. If we go to B5736. So, you had another 22 of the incident, you were briefed that ---23 23 briefing on 9 March and Mr Richardson's although there may have been a bit of 24 notes were at the bottom of the page, and one 24 confusion about it, that the working theory 25 of the things he says, the second point is, 25 was that the incident, that is the collision and Page 106 Page 108

1 the chase, were partly in and partly out of 1 it say that the collision definitely happened in 2 Gibraltar Territorial Waters. Is that fair? 2 Spanish waters? 3 3 A. It doesn't. A. Yes. 4 4 Q. And that the location of the collision was Q. Does that not strike you as rather odd? 5 still to be confirmed? 5 A. It does a bit. I mean, that --- I think the 6 6 key point that I remember from that meeting A. Yes. 7 Q. Those facts were accurate. I know you 7 was - and I say this carefully - some relief 8 say you would have wanted the coordinates 8 from the Attorney General with the still 9 9 but those facts in themselves were accurate? belief that part of the chase or interception 10 10 A. Those facts, those self-standing facts happened inside Gibraltar Territorial Waters 11 11 were accurate. and I still can't get an absolute clarity of that 12 Q. And by the evening of 8 March you 12 meeting that I didn't know of the coordinates, 13 accept that the Attorney General must he told 13 I wasn't shown a map at that meeting, let 14 14 you about the six nautical miles point? alone on the Sunday. 15 15 A. Yes, I accept that. Q. That was going to be my next question, 16 16 did anyone produce a map? Q. So the thermal imaging point is slightly 17 17 peripheral because you would already have A. No. 18 known? 18 Q. On the 9th? 19 19 A. Yes. A. No, they did not. 20 20 Q. You accepted yesterday that you did not MR WAGNER: (To the witness): But I 21 raise any concerns about being misled or lied 21 think what you are saying is that the 22 22 to or not being fully informed at the time? important point --- the impression you got 23 23 A. Because I didn't know I had been misled from the meeting was that although the 24 24 collision was likely to have happened in or less than fully informed. 25 25 Q. Well, you did not raise any concern days Spanish waters, some of the chase probably, Page 109 Page 111 1 later or even weeks later, did you? 1 potentially or whatever it was, happened 2 A. No, I accept that as well. 2 inside British waters? 3 3 Q. On 9 March, this is the final bit of A. Yes, that was the view on the Monday. 4 summary, you were briefed again in person 4 Q. So at that point, that is where you were? 5 5 and you now accept that the coordinates of A. Yes. 6 the collision must have been discussed, 6 Q. And that was the important information 7 7 certainly at a high level? from your perspective? It did not really 8 8 A. Yes. matter exactly where, it was the point that it 9 9 THE CHAIRMAN: (To the witness): If that was in Spanish waters, the collision? 10 10 is right, you would surely have asked what A. That is correct. 11 the coordinates were? 11 Q. I want to take you to the 3 June letter 12 A. I think by that time, because I was aware 12 because I want to show you what the concern 13 that the collision, incident, the collision, had 13 you had at the time as recorded in that letter 14 happened inside Spanish waters, which was 14 was, C4680, the paragraph that begins 15 my subsequent point, I didn't need to know 15 "furthermore," so you can take it from me 16 the exact coordinates. I just needed 16 that this is the most you articulated the 17 confirmation, you know, that it had happened 17 concern before Mr McGrail left office. I 18 inside Spanish waters 18 know you did not really see this letter before 19 19 Q. Did you receive that confirmation? he sent the email in but this is at the time 20 20 what you said, you said, "I suspected at the A. I can't remember if I did but I think we 21 21 were all at that stage assuming that the time of the immediate aftermath of the 22 22 incident from my perspective was inside incident that the CoP's disclosure of 23 23 Spanish waters. information to me was evasive, in particular 24 24 Q. You were being cross-examined on that in relation to the critical issue of whether or 25 brief note by Mr Richardson but where does 25 not the incident had happened in BGTW." I Page 110 Page 112

am sorry to sound like a broken record, but 1 off the runway of Santa Barbara beach." Do 2 the incident there, you mean the collision? Is 2 you accept that he does not refer to 3 that fair? 3 "incident"? 4 4 A. Yes, I can state now for the rest of this A. Well, it's stated as fact, so, yes, I accept 5 hearing that when I refer to the "incident," I 5 6 6 Q. He refers to "collision"? mean the collision. 7 Q. Yes, and I probably will not ask you 7 A. That is correct. 8 8 Q. Do you accept that he does not say again. 9 9 anything as clear, he says "the information A. Thank you. 10 10 Q. We will just take it as read. suggests"? 11 11 A. Well, I would read that, if I was the Chief A. Yes, take it as read. 12 Q. "I know that when the CoP was telling 12 Minister, as telling me that the collision took 13 me it was not clear where the incident had 13 place outside BGTW. 14 14 occurred," so just pausing there, is that you Q. But do you accept he does not say that, he says "the information suggests"? 15 referring to the part of it in, part of it out 15 16 16 comment? A. Yes, no, well, that his --- the WhatsApp 17 17 A. Yes. is the WhatsApp. 18 Q. So that is on the 8th? 18 Q. That is a careful statement though, 19 19 A. I mean I know now --- I should perhaps "information suggests" otherwise it would 20 20 have put "now." It was not clear where the say "clear" or "sure" or something like that? 21 incident from my perspective is the collision 21 A. Yes, I accept that. 22 22 Q. If we go back to the June letter, please, 23 23 Q. Yes, of course. Do not make me ask you which is C4680, this is your complaint at the 24 again what you mean by "incident." He was 24 time, this is what was in your mind about 25 25 informing the Chief Minister that the incident why you thought the Commissioner of Page 113 Page 115 1 had indeed occurred outside BGTW. Now 1 Police, not just had accidentally misled you, 2 this I think relates to a text message that the 2 but had deliberately misled you, you say, "I 3 3 know that when the CoP was telling me it Chief Minister was sent on the 8th. Is that 4 4 was not clear where the incident had what you recall? 5 5 occurred, he was informing the Chief A. Yes. 6 Q. So let us just go --- is it fair that the 6 Minister that the incident had indeed 7 7 interpretation of that is that you thought Mr occurred outside BGTW." Do you accept 8 8 McGrail was telling you that the incident had now the possibility that what you thought 9 9 occurred part in, part out, but was telling the was evidence of evasiveness was actually 10 10 Chief Minister that the incident had occurred evidence of a misunderstanding of when you 11 outside BGTW? Is that your complaint? 11 asked about the incident and when he said to 12 A. Yes. 12 the Chief Minister, "The collision"? 13 13 A. I accept the possibility. My view on it is Q. And you thought that that is evidence of 14 evasiveness because at the same very time as 14 slightly different and I think I may need just 15 he is telling you that it is in and out ----15 to --- I don't think and I think I said this 16 16 A. Yes. yesterday, I did say I didn't know whether the 17 Q. --- he is telling the Chief Minister that it 17 lack of full disclosure was deliberate or an 18 is in? 18 oversight. 19 19 Q. You said you suspected that the A. Yes. 20 Q. Sorry, that it is out. Okay, so let us go to 20 disclosure of information was evasive, "I find 21 21 the text message at B1345 and this is this evasiveness on a key issue to 22 demonstrate a total lack of respect to the 22 Commissioner of Police to the CM at 0949 hours on the 8th. CM, "The information 23 23 office of Governor, particularly since the 24 24 CoP knew that this was the crucial issue for suggests that the collision took place outside 25 BGTW, approximately six nautical miles east 25 me and for both the UK and Gibraltar Page 114 Page 116

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1 governments as far as diplomatic relations 1 I remember and what I thought and I think 2 2 with Spain were concerned." Do you accept that a lot of it, some of it certainly comes 3 that this paragraph is a clear allegation that 3 from my reporting to London. 4 4 he was being evasive? Q. But this bit that says, "I find this 5 A. Well, it is, that is --- yes. The issue I am 5 evasiveness on a key issue to demonstrate a 6 6 total lack of respect to the office of trying to suggest is --- whether it was 7 7 Governor," I have read quite a lot of your deliberate or oversight is not for me to 8 8 emails and you also said yesterday that you answer. 9 9 Q. You do not say, "I am not sure whether it are quite a temperate communicator and this 10 10 was deliberate or oversight." You say, "This seems quite --- it is quite heavy language for you. Is that your language? 11 evasiveness on a key issue ..." you are 11 12 making an allegation that is very clear. Do 12 A. The elements of it that it is --- because 13 you accept that? 13 what I found in writing my statements and 14 14 A. I believe there was evasiveness. Yes, I getting my evidence together, it brought up accept that. 15 15 that sort of --- I use the word "carefully." I 16 16 Q. But now, looking back and understanding found that my passion and commitment to 17 17 that what you were told about the incident, it make sure that I was absolutely clear and 18 could be in, it could be out, and what the 18 precise ----19 19 Q. Yes, but you were not looking back Chief Minister was told about the collision 20 20 were two different things? absolutely clear or precise, were you? 21 A. I can accept that interpretation. 21 A. On? 22 22 Q. Is it fair to say that yesterday is the first Q. Because there were reasonable alternative 23 23 time in four years that you accepted scenarios to you being misled deliberately? 24 anywhere that it could have been in fact an 24 A. Which I said yesterday I have only really 25 25 oversight rather than a deliberate now --- it has only really now come into my Page 117 Page 119 1 concealment? 1 mind. 2 A. Yes. 2 O. All of this information and evidence was 3 3 Q. So you accept, first of all, that the reason available to you --- the evidence that I have 4 for the difference could have been an 4 just taken you through was available to you 5 5 oversight; is that fair? at the time, was it not? 6 A. It is a possibility. 6 A. Yes, but I have never explored the 7 7 Q. And now you also accept that your difference in the word "incident." 8 8 interpretation, the sort of basic factual Q. Did you do a thorough review of your 9 9 understanding you had may have been text messages and emails before writing this 10 10 letter? wrong? 11 11 A. I can see the point. I have to accept the A. Yes, I did. 12 point. Perhaps Mr McGrail could have seen 12 Q. And you accepted at the beginning that 13 it from my perspective as much as I could 13 before you make an allegation of dishonesty 14 have seen it from his. 14 it has to be supported by solid evidence. Do 15 15 Q. No, I do not think it is a matter of you remember agreeing to that? 16 16 perspective, it is just that you were talking A. Yes, I do. 17 17 about different things? Q. Do you agree, looking back now, and 18 18 A. We were talking about different things. understanding a bit more about the 19 19 Q. In the heat of the moment, do you agree? communications and how they progressed 20 20 that there was no solid evidence that Mr A. I don't think it was in the heat of the 21 21 moment. I think they were sort of careful, McGrail had been evasive, deliberately, 22 22 considered briefings. towards you? 23 23 Q. Can I ask whether you wrote this A. No, I accept the word "deliberate," but on 24 24 the basis again of the different interpretation paragraph? 25 A. Most of it I think was --- I wrote out what 25 or the word "incident." Page 118 Page 120

O. That is correct, but evasiveness is 1 Police, do you regret, just on this allegation, 2 2 deliberate? There is no --- I do not think you making an allegation of dishonesty without 3 3 can be accidentally evasive. You are saying the evidence behind it being solid? 4 4 that he is dishonest? A. No, at the time I still --- and to this day I 5 5 still believe there were elements of A. Evasive, accidentally evasive? 6 6 Q. No. evasiveness on the Sunday in what Mr 7 7 A. No, I take the point on that. McGrail told me. 8 Q. Just for clarity, you said that you wrote 8 Q. But not that you put in that paragraph? 9 9 some of this, did somebody else write other A. No, no, I accept that. 10 10 bits of this paragraph? Q. So do you accept that that paragraph was 11 11 insufficient to be the foundation of an A. No, but of course once I had written my 12 statement I would have gone into Sir Peter 12 allegation of dishonesty on its own? 13 Caruana's office and sat down and --- I think 13 A. No, I still think that there were elements -14 14 I remember writing it out, handing it in and -- and I think we're going to just go back and 15 15 of course the benefit or the purpose of forth on this a little bit, there were elements 16 16 seeking legal advice is to perhaps ---of evasiveness and a link of evasiveness, Q. I will not ask you about legal advice but 17 17 dishonesty at the time. You asked me to, you 18 did the Chief Minister see this before it went 18 know, comment now today on this 19 19 paragraph. I wrote the paragraph at the time 20 20 A. No, he did not neither did I see his. and I would still write it if I was re-writing it. 21 Q. Do you regret making this allegation of 21 I suspect I would still write it very much in 22 22 dishonesty when there was a valid alternative the same terms. 23 23 explanation of a misunderstanding? Q. You would not add anything else like, 24 A. I was very careful never to use the word 24 "This could also have been a 25 25 that Mr McGrail had lied to me. misunderstanding"? Page 121 Page 123 1 Q. Well, I am going to suggest to you that 1 A. I would probably have added that now, 2 that amounts to exactly the same thing; if you 2 3 3 are calling him evasive, it amounts to the Q. Because it is a quite different allegation, 4 4 is it not? same thing? 5 5 A. No, evasive is withholding information A. No, I agree. 6 and not providing full information rather than 6 Q. B1351, please, two days later on 11 7 7 March, at 1858 hours, "Ian, good to hear providing information that is not true. 8 8 about progress, are we any clearer as to Q. But do you agree that it is an allegation of 9 9 dishonesty? where the collision took place?" Do you 10 10 accept that that is the first time in the text A. There are elements of dishonesty in that, 11 11 messages or the emails - sorry, this is an 12 Q. Do you regret making that allegation and 12 email - that you ask him specifically about 13 13 using it to found the removal of the the collision? 14 14 Commissioner of Police when there was an A. Yes, it is. 15 15 alternative valid explanation which was Q. And then there is an email response eight 16 16 or nine minutes later, "Nic, we're getting nothing to do with dishonesty? 17 A. No, no, I don't and I think I need to make 17 there and establishing coordinates where the 18 a point here that the evasiveness, lack of full 18 collision took place, tying up some loose 19 ends and probing further," and that is from 19 disclosure, is secondary to my point of losing 20 Windmill Hill, I think, "and should be able to 20 confidence in that, as I said yesterday, this 21 confirm soon. It is highly probable that it did 21 discussion around accountability for the loss 22 occur outside BGTW, we're getting it plotted, 22 of life at sea. 23 will provide a better understanding in terms 23 Q. I am not asking you about that. I am 24 of distance from BGTW." Do you accept 24 asking you about this allegation of 25 that when you asked him about the collision 25 dishonesty against the Commissioner of

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1 specifically, he replied within nine minutes 1 2 2 saying that it was highly probable that it did Q. Did Mr McGrail --- did he pilot that boat? 3 3 occur in BGTW, which was the information A. No, he didn't. 4 4 available to him at the time? Q. No. 5 5 A. I am just giving you another example of A. Yes, I accept that. 6 Q. And then just to finish it off, on 12 March 6 where in answering the question, if some of it 7 you received an update by telephone from Mr 7 goes through my mind, but events happened. 8 8 McGrail that the chase and collision as in the Q. It did not just go through your mind, you 9 9 used it as one of the reasons why the entire incident from his perspective took 10 10 place in Spanish waters. Is that right? Commissioner of Police had to be removed? A. As I have stated, I did believe that he was 11 11 A. As I said yesterday I don't remember the 12 details of the call but I don't doubt Mr 12 evasive. 13 McGrail's word on that. 13 Q. You have already said that you did a 14 Q. You have never offered a potential 14 thorough review of your WhatsApp messages 15 15 and your emails before you put to writing motive for Mr McGrail misleading you, have 16 16 that the Commissioner of Police had been you? 17 17 evasive, is that correct? A. No. 18 Q. And you have never provided any 18 A. Yes. 19 19 evidence to the Inquiry that you had Q. But you knew that the Chief Minister was 20 20 complained about Mr McGrail being evasive making a section 15 request, did you not? 21 or dishonest before May 2020, have you? 21 A. Yes, I did. 22 22 Q. Did you wait to see the response before A. No. 23 23 Q. You have never provided any evidence accusing Mr McGrail of evasiveness? 24 that you raised any concerns about his 24 A. I think I had already made my mind up 25 25 honesty, have you? that there were elements of evasiveness in Mr Page 127 Page 125 1 A. No. 1 McGrail's approach. 2 Q. You have not provided any evidence to 2 Q. You had already made your mind up? 3 3 this Inquiry of anyone else complaining 4 before 14 May about Mr McGrail being 4 Q. If we can just go to B1441, at 1215, this 5 5 evasive or dishonest. Is that fair? is on 19 May, Deputy Governor mobile, "I 6 6 A. No. Yes, it's fair. am sure or hopes that CoP has done his own 7 7 Q. So you had no evidence before you made internal investigation and, therefore, has an 8 this serious allegation of dishonesty, of past 8 internal report." Just pausing there, on a 9 9 dishonesty in your dealings with Mr McGrail slightly different topic, did you know at that 10 or anyone else. Is that fair? 10 stage that the Commissioner had called in the 11 A. That's fair, yes. 11 Metropolitan Police to independently 12 Q. Did it never concern you that you could 12 investigate the incident at sea? 13 not even think of a motive why the 13 A. Yes. As I said vesterday or earlier, 14 Commissioner of Police of 35 years' standing 14 because I helped facilitate that. 15 as a police officer would deliberately conceal 15 Q. Did you not realise that the police cannot 16 16 information like that from you? do their own internal investigation because 17 A. Could you just repeat the first part of that 17 the Metropolitan Police are doing the 18 question? 18 independent investigation? 19 19 Q. It was a long question. Did it not concern A. I don't think the two are mutually 20 you that you could not even think of a motive 20 exclusive and perhaps investigation, an 21 21 as to why the Commissioner of Police would internal report, record, analysis, thinking as 22 conceal information deliberately from you? 22 to what caused the incident. 23 A. I think there was a concern, and certainly 23 Q. You say that you could ask (inaudible) on 24 a worry --- it's a bit like the incident at sea, I 24 the basis of the claim being filed, was a peg, 25 couldn't quite understand why they left 25 wait until Friday to see what Joey comes up Page 126 Page 128

with, slight preference to leave this with the 1 accusation, lacking in probity and integrity? 2 2 GPA, so you were willing at that stage for A. Yes, I do. The note of the meeting 3 3 Mr McGrail to be forced to retire before even doesn't reflect the full discussion we had with 4 4 finding out the true position in relation to the Dr Britto. 5 allegation of dishonesty? 5 Q. But you approved the note? 6 A. No, I don't see the connection with that --6 A. Yes. 7 7 Q. And this was the note that was going to - can you explain? 8 Q. Because the whole point of the section 15 8 found the discussions at the GPA which you 9 9 report was that you were worried you had not hoped would be the end of the matter? 10 10 been given enough information? A. That is correct --- the start of the matter, 11 11 A. That's correct. the start of the process. 12 Q. But you did not wait for the section 15 12 Q. The start of the matter but then you spoke 13 report before striking out and saying, 13 quite a bit yesterday about how you thought 14 that Mr McGrail would have an opportunity "You've been dishonest with me"? 14 15 A. I can see the point but I still believe that 15 to respond? 16 16 at the time, on the evidence I had and nothing A. That is correct. 17 17 subsequently would change my mind that O. To what? 18 there were elements of Mr McGrail 18 A. To the questions that the GPA would put 19 19 withholding information for whatever reason. 20 20 Q. But how would they put a question about Q. I just want to show you the other places 21 you made the allegation, C3991, this is the 21 this very serious allegation of dishonesty 22 22 note of the meeting with Joey Britto, the without it being particularised? 23 23 Chief Minister drafted this note. Is that A. So I suspected at the time that Dr Britto 24 24 might have come back and asked for that, correct? 25 25 A. Yes, he did. although we did go through in the meeting ---Page 129 Page 131 1 Q. And you did not make any amendments 1 to it? 2 2 Q. You suspected that he would come back 3 3 A. I think I did minor --and ask? 4 Q. Some typographical amendments? 4 A. I am thinking now as opposed to then. 5 5 A. Minor grammatical amendments rather Q. You are thinking now? 6 than the substance of it. 6 A. Yes. 7 7 THE CHAIRMAN: (To the witness): That O. But no substance. 8 8 A. But I did read it through. is not the sort of question that Dr Britto asks, 9 9 Q. In the first paragraph on that page, "Both, though, is it? 10 10 A. No, but I think I am certain in my mind being the Governor and the Chief Minister, feel that their respective dealings with the 11 that I explained to him why I felt that it had 11 12 Commissioner of Police have left them with 12 been misled. 13 13 MR WAGNER: (To the witness): But you the sense that he is lacking in both probity 14 and integrity in his dealings with them." Do 14 approved this note? 15 15 you agree that that is an allegation of A. Yes, I know, I accept ----16 16 dishonesty if someone lacks probity? Q. This is a very serious process, you are 17 17 A. Yes. moving the Commissioner of Police, so do 18 18 Q. You said earlier that when an allegation you not agree that that should have been 19 19 of dishonesty is made, it is particularly particularised? 20 20 important to set out what the allegation is. A. I can now see with hindsight that the note 21 21 Do you remember that? should have been a full reflection of the 22 22 A. I do. discussion. Thinking back now, I think 23 23 Q. Do you agree that in this document there maybe we could have even done a transcript 24 24 is no information at all about what the 25 allegation is? It simply makes a bold 25 Q. Do you agree from a procedural Page 130 Page 132

1 perspective making an allegation of 1 incident," and then it says, "Additionally, the 2 2 dishonesty and not particularising it is, for Governor expressed the view that he feels he 3 want of a better expression, abject? 3 has been misled by you about this most 4 4 A. It is less than perfect. serious incident which has resulted in loss of 5 Q. Well, it is abject, is it not? 5 life." Does that set out a second opportunity 6 6 A. No, I wouldn't go that far. --- does that set out any particulars of why 7 Q. It is a breach of natural justice, is it not, 7 you are saying that the Commissioner misled 8 to make such a serious allegation without 8 you? 9 saying what is behind it? What could be 9 A. No, it doesn't. 10 more abject than that? 10 Q. Is that an allegation of dishonesty? 11 11 A. I accept the point. A. Yes, 12 Q. A1443 now, please, this is to show you 12 Q. Do you accept that the allegation of 13 that at 2039 Fabian Picardo emails you 13 dishonesty was not particularised? 14 14 something and he says, "Nic, per the letter Joey is sending to the Commissioner, he's 15 15 Q. Do you accept it should have been? 16 drafted it from our notes. He asked me to 16 A. Yes. 17 17 Q. Do you accept that this part of the process read it over and confirm it sets out the 18 position re communications accurately. I felt 18 in terms of the allegation of dishonesty is 19 it did." You do not respond directly but did 19 also for the same reasons abject? 20 20 you read that letter? It is the ----A. With the same --- yes, I can argue about 21 THE CHAIRMAN: This is the second letter. 21 the word "abject" but I won't. 22 MR WAGNER: It is the more detailed --- it 22 THE CHAIRMAN: I think the word "abject" 23 must be, yes, the more detailed 22 May letter. 23 is probably best avoided. 24 (To the witness): Did you read it when he 24 MR WAGNER: It is what, sorry? 25 25 sent it to you? THE CHAIRMAN: I think it is not helpful Page 133 Page 135 A. Yes, of course I would have done. 1 using the word "abject." 2 Q. So B1365, this is your direct 2 MR WAGNER: (To the witness): Would 3 3 you agree that it is not fit for purpose? communication, this is not the note to the 4 GPA, this is a letter that is going directly to 4 A. Suboptimal. 5 5 Mr McGrail, end of the third paragraph, who Q. I am not going to ask --- I think 6 wrote those yellow bits? I will tell you that it 6 suboptimal is a bit of a fudge. Would you 7 is the Chief Minister? 7 agree that it is not fit for purpose? You 8 8 A. Yes, it is the Chief Minister because I cannot make an allegation of dishonesty 9 9 don't remember writing it. without setting out the particulars in a 10 10 Q. No, no, so he wrote them and here we disciplinary process? 11 have at the very end, "Additionally, the A. This was the beginning of a disciplinary 11 12 Governor expressed the view that he feels he 12 process. 13 has been misled by you about this most 13 Q. Do you agree that if this is going to be it -14 serious incident which has resulted in loss of 14 15 life." 15 A. This was not fit for purpose. 16 THE CHAIRMAN: I am sorry, where are 16 Q. --- that it was not fit for purpose? I am 17 you reading from? 17 asking if this is going to be it, there is going MR WAGNER: The final line of that 18 18 to be no further allegations, there is no 19 19 further particularisation, is this fit for purpose paragraph. 20 THE CHAIRMAN: Okay, thank you. 20 as a process? 21 MR WAGNER: (To the witness): So he 21 A. If this was going to be it, then I accept explains about the incident, the Chief 22 22 that more information should have been 23 Minister says, "He has no confidence in you 23 provided or explanation. 24 24 having been provided with information Q. Do you accept that it is not fit for 25 expeditiously about this very serious 25 purpose? Page 134 Page 136

1 1 been? A. I can accept that, yes. 2 2 Q. Now B1251, this is the section 15 request A. Yes, with hindsight. 3 which went out the evening before, I think, 3 Q. Would it not have been obvious to you at 4 4 with a seven day deadline, and at the bottom the time? You were a very, very experienced 5 of the page, did you see this before --- I 5 senior diplomat? How could you not know 6 6 that you have to set out the particulars of cannot remember whether you said you did allegations of dishonesty when you are 7 or you did not see it? The request, did you 7 8 8 see the request? making them? 9 9 A. I don't think I did. A. I can't quite answer that. I can claim 10 Q. The Chief Minister says, "I have no 10 various things but at the time I thought that 11 11 confidence that either the Government or the that was enough, and what I said yesterday, 12 office of Governor with whom I have 12 to start a process where the positions of all 13 discussed this matter at length have had the 13 sides would be further explored. 14 14 timely candour and transparency we would THE CHAIRMAN: (To the witness): Of 15 15 have expected from you in the circumstances course the letter of the 22nd was not starting 16 the process at all? That was after the GPA 16 arising in respect of the incident." Do you 17 17 agree that that, accusing the Commissioner of meeting, was it not? 18 Police of a lack of candour, is an allegation 18 A. Yes, it was trying to --- yes, that is a fair 19 19 of dishonesty? point, Mr Chairman. 20 20 MR WAGNER: (To the witness): You said A. Yes. 21 Q. And do you agree that it is not 21 today in your defence that by the time you 22 22 particularised? You can go a bit further got to June you had the letter from Mr 23 down to see that it is not? 23 Gomez setting out very clearly Mr McGrail's 24 24 position. Do you remember saying that? A. Yes, it is not particularised. 25 25 Q. Do you know who drafted this letter? A. I do. Page 137 Page 139 1 A. No. I assume it was the Chief Minister 1 Q. But do you accept now that there was no 2 perhaps with help from the Attorney General. 2 way it could set out the position on the 3 3 It is not for me to make assumptions. allegation of dishonesty because Mr 4 Q. Do you agree that all of those three 4 McGrail, as he pointed out in the letter, did 5 5 documents I have shown you were all at least not know what the particulars were? 6 in part drafted by the Chief Minister? 6 A. I accept that. 7 7 Q. You have criticised the GPA processes A. Yes. 8 8 Q. And do you agree that none was drafted for the recruitment of the Commissioner and 9 9 by you? for the investigation of the airport incident, 10 10 A. Yes. have you not? 11 Q. Do you agree that that is not quite 55/45, 11 A. Yes, I have. 12 it is rather 100/0 in terms of who is taking the 12 Q. Your criticism of the airport incident 13 lead of setting out the particulars of the 13 report is that they should have heard from 14 14 allegations? both sides. Is that fair? 15 A. Yes. 15 16 16 Q. Do you agree? Q. Do you agree that it is just as bad to make 17 17 A. Yes, I was happy for the Chief Minister allegations in a process that is going to 18 to take the lead on that. 18 potentially lead to the removal of the 19 19 Q. And do you accept that nowhere in any of Commissioner of Police without giving him those three documents were the serious 20 20 an opportunity to respond? 21 21 allegations of dishonesty you were making A. I expected the Commissioner of Police to 22 supported by any evidence of 22 be given the opportunity to respond. 23 23 particularisation at all? Q. I am not asking you whether you 24 24 A. I accept that. expected that, I am asking you if it is just as Q. And do you accept that they should have 25 25 bad to not give him the opportunity to Page 138 Page 140

1 respond? 1 have some fun, Miami Vice style." That was 2 2 THE CHAIRMAN: I am not sure that the your evidence yesterday. The "Miami Vice" comparison is a very good one because it 3 3 comment arose during a conversation with 4 4 seems to me to be far worse. the Attorney General, did he agree with you? 5 MR WAGNER: I am sorry. I will not take it 5 A. No, I don't think he did. It was a 6 6 comment I made as we were leaving, and he any further than the chair is taking it. (To the 7 witness): No, in fact I will ask you the 7 was going his way and I was going my way. 8 8 Q. Did he say: Nick, that's outrageous, how question, do you believe ----THE CHAIRMAN: Was the comparison of 9 9 could you say such a thing? 10 A. No, it was -- and I don't mean to belittle 10 the airport incident and this far worse? 11 11 MR WAGNER: Yes. (To the witness): Do it, and I have to say that, you know, I have 12 you agree with the chairman that in 12 admiration for the many decent people in the 13 effectively a disciplinary process, it is much 13 RGP. So I apologise if that's causing offence, 14 14 worse to not give the person being but it was my parting comment to the 15 15 disciplined any sight of what they are being Attorney General. 16 16 disciplined for in relation to dishonesty? Q. If you've got admiration for the many 17 17 decent people in the RGP, why consistently A. I can agree with that. 18 MR WAGNER: Sir, it is five to one and I 18 refer to them as "The Sweeney", "Life on 19 19 Mars", "Miami Vice"? All TV programs that was about to start a new section. 20 20 THE CHAIRMAN: No, I entirely agree. I involve corrupt coppers. 21 am only asking for information but when do 21 A. No, that's not strictly true. I don't think 22 22 you anticipate or when do you hope to Miami Vice and the Sweeney does involve 23 23 finish? corrupt coppers. But, you know -- and I 24 24 don't think I did it -- was your word MR WAGNER: I have got two and three 25 25 quarter hours and I have done I think an hour repeatedly, or consistently? Page 141 Page 143 1 and 20, so ----1 Q. Well you've done it in your Inquiry 2 THE CHAIRMAN: Will we finish at quarter 2 evidence, and you did it in your oral 3 3 past three? evidence. 4 4 MR WAGNER: Yes, so if we stop --- I have A. Yes, because it's in my evidence. So 5 5 not done the maths, to be honest, but ---that's twice, I don't think that's repetitive. 6 THE CHAIRMAN: No, but ----6 Q. Did you at the time have a contemptuous 7 MR WAGNER: Whatever I have got left, I 7 attitude towards the Royal Gibraltar Police? 8 8 will take and I will stop. A. Not at all. 9 9 THE CHAIRMAN: You are okay for time, Q. Was your attitude towards the Royal 10 are you, Sir Peter? 10 Gibraltar Police based on rumours, anecdotes SIR PETER CARUANA: Yes. and golf-course chatter? 11 11 12 THE CHAIRMAN: It will be an hour? 12 A. Not at all? 13 SIR PETER CARUANA: I asked for that. 13 Q. It was not based on those things? 14 THE CHAIRMAN: Okay, that is fine. 14 A. No. 15 15 Q. But, you said in your evidence that that is (12.55)16 (The short adjournment) 16 where you heard quite a lot of rumours, 17 17 (13.57)anecdotes and chatter? 18 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes. 18 A. And, my evidence also states that I 19 19 Q. An hour and 20 left sir, according to the dismissed that. 20 oracles of timing, and I will stick to it. "what 20 Q. I am not sure it does state that you 21 I do remember about the dinner is a comment 21 dismissed it. 22 22 I made to the Attorney General as we were A. I will --23 leaving, which was my opinion that 23 Q. Actually. (?) 24 24 A. I didn't catch (?) you on it. suspect activity was reported by the 25 RGP decided to go and have a look and 25 Q. I will come back to it, but I do not think it Page 142 Page 144

does say that you dismissed it. 1 that you were prejudiced in some way against 2 2 A. Well, can I just say that there are the RGP? 3 3 examples I could have put in where I worked A. I don't think I am or was prejudiced 4 4 extremely collaboratively with the RGP, for towards the RGP. 5 instance in providing funding from the FCO 5 Q. You said this morning that you thought 6 6 and helping them meet deadlines on that for there might have been greater acceptance and 7 7 accountability from the head of the - I think one of them was providing kennels 8 for the dogs, and training. We had a fund of 8 organisation if they (as in, the people who 9 9 had died) had been Gibraltarian. I just want money that I had oversight of, and I worked 10 10 very closed with current Commissioner to be very clear about what you are alleging. 11 11 When you say, " the head of the Ullger on using that money effectively. 12 Q. Yes, so in relation to the rumours of bad 12 organisation", do you mean Ian McGrail? 13 practice you said, "They nevertheless 13 A. Yes, as Commissioner of Police at the 14 14 contributed to my growing sense of unease." 15 15 And then you were asked about that in your Q. Yes. Are you alleging that Ian McGrail 16 statement, you said, "there were numerous 16 discriminates against non-Gibraltarians? 17 17 reports on social media; there were numerous A. No. 18 media reports; it would be talked about on 18 Q. Well, you said there would have been 19 19 the golf course, in the bars and in the "greater acceptance of accountability for the 20 20 head of the organisation" if they had been restaurants with people I was engaging with." 21 So they contributed to your unease, you did 21 Gibraltarians, so what else do you mean? 22 22 not discount them. A. So I think -- I mean, I think this has been 23 23 A. Well as I said: I can't unread what I read, mentioned before and it's not right to 24 24 and I can't unhear what I heard. compare, but if an incident of such 25 25 magnitude with such tragic consequences had Q. Yes, but you can check whether it is true Page 145 Page 147 1 or not, can you not? 1 happened in the UK, I suspect that the 2 A. Yes, yeah, absolutely. 2 acceptance of responsibility and 3 3 Q. But you did not. consequences from that by the head of the 4 A. I think to some degree when the surveys 4 organisation may have caused them to reflect 5 5 and Federation survey came out that, as I on whether their position was tenable. 6 said, on their own they were, you know, quite 6 Q. I am sorry, that is a different point. That 7 7 minor. And, you know, it was only as I was is about it being in a different country. You 8 8 trying to bring my thought process together said you thought there would have been 9 9 that they came back. "greater acceptance of accountability for the 10 10 Q. On the evening of 8 March, when you head of the organisation", Mr McGrail, if the 11 11 people who had died had been Gibraltarian. had dinner with the Attorney General, did 12 you know the details about how the incident 12 Are you alleging that Mr McGrail 13 13 at sea had occurred? discriminates against non-Gibraltarians? 14 A. No, I didn't. 14 A. No, I'm not, and I apologise if I didn't get 15 15 that quite right. What I'm saying is: I think Q. No, but your instant reaction was: I think 16 16 they were out for fun, like the officers from there would have been a public outcry, there 17 17 Miami Vice. would have been pressure, people would 18 18 A. I think the second part of the incident, to have wanted accountability. And my point 19 19 use the Commissioner of Police's reference to is: I don't believe that to this stage there has 20 20 what an incident is, was perhaps driven by -been accountability. 21 21 because I can't explain it. Q. Would you agree that what you said this 22 22 Q. Yes, but you could not explain it, you had morning was a baseless and inflammatory 23 23 no evidence either way, but your immediate slur on Mr McGrail? 24 24 reaction was: they were out for "some fun, A. This is not about Mr McGrail, this is 25 Miami Vice style." Does that not suggest 25 about an organisation --Page 146 Page 148

O. That comment was about Mr McGrail. 1 much of him, and when the opportunity arose 2 2 A. No, it was about accountability. I don't to remove him you took it? 3 believe I mentioned Mr McGrail by name. I 3 A. No, and I resent that suggestion. 4 4 Q. And, is it fair to say that by contrast you stand to be corrected. 5 Q. Well, was your allegation against Mr 5 had a high opinion of Fabian Picardo? 6 6 A. I have a high for the Chief Minister. Ullger? 7 A. No, it's about the accountability, as the --7 Q. You trusted him implicitly at the time, did 8 as I think I said, is -- you know, the leader 8 you not? 9 has to be -- is accountable for the actions of 9 A. Yes, I do. Still do. 10 the people below them. 10 Q. And when he came to you and suggested 11 11 it was time to remove the Commissioner, you Q. Was that attitude towards Mr McGrail on 12 your mind when you were deciding to 12 were a wide-open door, were you not? 13 remove him from office? 13 A. I was. 14 14 A. No, I don't think it was. Q. In fact, you say at paragraph 26.5, at 15 15 A256, "'now I've got that off my chest, what Q. So, you have --16 is on your mind?' I state that as I was 16 A. So --17 17 without doubt both frustrated and deeply Q. -- come up with it now? 18 A. -- there was the element of accountability, 18 annoyed. I was as close to anger as I have 19 there was an element of evasiveness, there's 19 been. The Chief Minister told me that he 20 20 the element of the incident at sea and the shared my concerns". And I think yesterday 21 seriousness of it. 21 you said you were close to anger, there was 22 22 Q. Yes. Well, I am not going to propose to an element of outpouring? 23 you that the incident at sea was not serious. 23 A. Yes, from me. 24 What was one of the first things the 24 Q. I just want to ask you about the incident 25 25 Commissioner of Police did after the incident at sea itself, and on the premise that I am not Page 149 Page 151 1 happened, in terms of investigations? 1 at all asking you to say it was not serious. 2 A. I think he recognised that he needed help 2 Was Mr McGrail involved directly in the 3 3 from the UK authorities. incident at sea? 4 4 Q. Well, he requested help --A. No. 5 A. I think he had -- I think he had no option. 5 Q. Was he piloting the vessels? 6 Q. -- in an independent investigation from 6 7 7 O. Did he order the officers to take those the Metropolitan Police, did he not? 8 8 A. Yes, I suggest there was no option to that; vessels out? 9 9 I was expecting that. A. No. 10 Q. Is that the action of somebody who was 10 Q. Did he know about the incident when it 11 avoiding accountability? Bringing in an 11 happened? 12 independent police force to investigate. 12 A. No. 13 13 Q. Did he condone the incident to you, or 14 Q. Would you have wanted him to do 14 the officers' behaviour? 15 anything different, in terms of achieving 15 16 accountability when the incident happened? 16 Q. Was there an independent process to 17 17 ascertain the facts and assign blame? 18 Q. Did you wait for that report before taking 18 A. Fault, yes, yes, fault. 19 19 steps to remove the Commissioner from Q. Blame, fault; same thing. Did you know 20 office? 20 in May and June 2020 that the Metropolitan 2.1 21 A. No. Police were independently investigating the 22 22 Q. Is it fair to say that you were prejudiced incident at sea? 23 against Mr McGrail at that time? 23 A. Yes, I did. 24 A. No, it -- yes, it is unfair to say that. 24 Q. And, you knew that they had been asked 25 Q. Is it fair to say that you never thought 25 to investigate any faults from the

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1 organisation? 1 A. I held him accountable. 2 2 A. Yes, I did. Q. Held him accountable for an incident that 3 3 Q. And, they had not reported by the time you did not have an understanding of what 4 4 you decided you had lost confidence in Mr happened. 5 McGrail. 5 A. I think by that time I had a pretty clear 6 6 understanding of what happened. A. The final report had not been published. 7 Q. No, no, they had not reported. Well I will 7 Q. Does that not just fit with your general 8 take you: B1445, please. 28 May, 16.50. 8 slipshod and rushed approach to this process? This is a conversation between you and 9 9 10 Fabian Picardo. "Ian has sent me the factual 10 Q. If you can go to C6238. This is part of 11 report I asked for, I've tried to download it 11 the independent report by Detective 12 but can't. I'll try (?) to forward it to you, not 12 Superintendent Gary Smith, it was received 13 getting through. Very strange. And I think 13 quite a lot later. Did you ever see this report? 14 14 A. I think only when it was... I can't no Met report, unless it's part of their 15 15 response and in the same document." Just to remember, I can't recollect. 16 16 pause there, you were hoping to receive some Q. Yes. 17 17 sort of version of the Met report, were you A. I do remember seeing it, but I can't 18 not, at that stage. 18 recollect when. 19 A. Yes, I was. 19 Q. Were you aware that there were 20 20 Q. You replied, "There's no Met report, more recommended misconduct charges in respect 21 a record of some actions taken and not of 21 of two officers for disobeying standing 22 22 what more is needed. Not particularly orders? 23 satisfactory. I'll forward what I", something, 23 A. Yes. 24 "but I've not studied in depth. End of year 24 Q. Do you not think that if you had waited 25 25 audit deadlines tomorrow", and sign off so for this report you would have had an Page 155 Page 153 that is "PUS". So, you accept there was no 1 understanding of where to pin the blame, and 2 Met report on 28 May, or indeed at any time 2 particularly whether it was justified to use as 3 3 before Mr McGrail left post? a reason to remove the Commissioner of 4 4 A. Correct. Police? 5 5 Q. And, you knew by 28 May that there A. Could you repeat the question part of 6 would be no Met report. 6 that? 7 7 A. Correct. Q. Sorry. 8 8 Q. But, you were demanding the A. The first -- just the first. 9 9 Commissioner of Police be removed on the Q. Do you agree that if you had waited for 10 10 basis of the incident at sea. this report you would have been able to assign blame appropriately, rather than 11 A. Incorrect. 11 12 Q. But was the incident at sea not one of the 12 rushing to use the incident at sea to remove 13 major reasons that you cited for your loss of 13 the Commissioner of Police? 14 confidence? 14 A. No, I don't agree. 15 A. Yes, but it again goes back to the GPA 15 Q. I want to take you to B1777 please, and I 16 process, which I know by then had fallen 16 am moving on to the process. Bottom 17 down. But the, you know, the reason there 17 paragraph -- sorry, if you just go to the top, 18 was no Met report is they could not stay to 18 sorry. Just to show you that this is an email 19 19 continue a lot of their investigation, so they from you to your superiors on Thursday 21 20 20 May, 17.57. If we can go to the bottom had to leave because of the Covid situation. 21 21 Q. But, they had not said that they were not paragraph, now. This is you describing the 22 22 going to report? meeting that you and the Chief Minister have 23 23 on the 15th. "The Chief Minister was visibly A. No, correct. 24 24 Q. But you still blamed the Commissioner of angry during our meeting on Friday, and is 25 Police, before you knew who was to blame. 25 clearly worried at the political, financial and Page 154 Page 156

sovereignty damage the fatal collision 1 small team, I didn't have a massive team 2 2 incident could do to Gibraltar. Invoking behind me, I think because of Covid there 3 Governor's powers will not go down well, 3 was no extra support sent out by London. So 4 4 and is likely to provoke a backlash. The CM in terms of (and I apologise, this is a longer 5 and I recognise the difficulties that lie ahead, 5 answer than I intended) to be seen as one also 6 6 and have agreed we must be completely as meant ensuring that, you know, the 7 one on this. The Police Act was carefully 7 separation of responsibilities, we were both 8 8 written shortly after the Constitution was clear with what we were going to do. And 9 9 revised and gives us each powers with some therefore, in exception because of the reasons 10 10 overlap, but I agree with the CM and it's I've just started, who actually took the lead 11 11 important we are seen to be as one on this was a decision we take at the time. One final 12 issue." What did you mean by "completely 12 point, if I may: this is an example of where I 13 as one"? 13 would have pulled together notes from 14 14 A. Well, I think given that we'd both lost WhatsApps in my little book, etc, etc, and 15 15 confidence the important thing was to ensure sent it to London. I believe this was a 16 16 that that position was maintained, and that Thursday and I know that on the Wednesday, 17 17 everything we did was in accordance with the in our weekly meeting with London I'd fully 18 process, moving it on to the GPA, etc, etc. 18 briefed them. I didn't say this in this email, 19 19 But that we, in our wish to see a change our but that email would have -- I suspect would 20 20 leadership, that we were as one on that. have also been at the request of London, to 21 That's what the issue on this issue is. 21 set this all out in writing. And, what is there 22 22 Q. So by this point, really, on the 15th, you gave the very large team we have in London 23 23 decided on the outcome you both wanted and the opportunity to come back and challenge, 24 24 you decided you would act as one. Is that which they did not. 25 25 fair to say? Q. Do you agree the Gibraltar Constitution Page 157 Page 159 1 A. So we'd agreed that we would, and we 1 sets out certain lines between politicians and 2 had done, put our concerns to the GPA, and 2 the police? 3 3 we'd left it -- or I'd left it in my mind, I can't A. Yes. 4 speak for the Chief Minister, for the GPA to 4 Q. Is another way of describing this that 5 5 there are boundaries which need to be take the process forward. And as I said 6 6 respected? yesterday, I played some scenarios over in 7 7 A. Yes. my mind that the GPA might not agree with 8 8 Q. Do you agree there is a red line, which is us. 9 9 Q. Your roles are different under the that politicians should not attempt to 10 10 Constitution, yours and the Chief Minister's, influence live criminal investigations? 11 are they not? 11 A. Yes. 12 A. Yes, they are. 12 Q. Do you agree there is a red line, perhaps 13 Q. And you had different and in some cases an even redder line, that politicians should 13 14 14 contrasting responsibilities? not interfere in live criminal investigations? 15 15 A. Yes, I think I've -- sorry, was that separate A. Correct. 16 16 Q. So was it not a bit risky to decide, at the to the first question (inaudible)? 17 beginning of the process, that you would act 17 Q. The first question was, "attempt to 18 as one? Or, to agree that you would act as 18 influence" --19 19 one, rather than agreeing that you would act A. "attempt", sorry, yes. 20 20 separately, each fulfilling your different Q. -- the second question is intervene. 21 constitutional responsibilities? 21 A. Yes. 22 22 Q. Sorry, "interfere". A. No, I think given the context of Gibraltar, 23 what was going on at the time, the work we 23 A. Can I just qualify --24 24 were doing; my comment again that the 25 25 A. -- the answer to that. I think sometimes Convent was one person short with a very Page 158 Page 160

on occasion, and I can perhaps -- I can't 1 where the suspect is a close friend? 2 2 really, for obvious reasons, go into detail, but A. Well, yes, I agree. 3 3 Q. What about if the suspect is a business I am reflecting on the Grace 1 issue, where 4 4 for part of that I was also Acting Governor, partner? 5 those same lines -- because Grace 1 was 5 A. I agree. 6 6 perhaps more of an international, foreign Q. Do you agree that, under section 11 of the 7 affairs, external affairs issue, I think that sort 7 Police Act, the Governor has ultimate 8 8 of flexibility -- and I know you're going to responsibility for the integrity, probity and 9 9 independence of policing in Gibraltar? pick on that word, and challenge it, and come 10 up with other words that mean the same 10 A. Yes, I do. 11 11 thing, so I would hate to say the word, you Q. Do you agree that one of the ways the 12 know: there's an element of grey. But I think 12 independence of policing in Gibraltar can be 13 in the relationship the Chief Minister has and 13 undermined is if a politician intervenes in a 14 14 has with Governors, and Governors with live criminal investigation? 15 15 Chief Ministers, that that type of collegiate, A. I do. 16 16 cooperative style of working sometimes Q. Do you therefore agree that it is the 17 17 serves a greater purpose. Governor's ultimate responsibility to prevent 18 Q. Well is the point not that in the Grace 1 18 that happening? 19 incident, and I guess in the airport incident as 19 A. I do. 20 20 well, they are international incidents which Q. The Chief Minister gave evidence that he 21 involve the Governor and the Chief Minister 21 was entitled to call the Commissioner into a 22 because they are actually interacting with the 22 meeting on 12 May, where he angrily 23 international players involved. Is that fair? 23 criticised (and he accepted that description) 24 24 the Commissioner of Police, relating to the A. Correct. 25 25 Q. Yes. Do you agree that politicians should warrant against Mr Levy as it was being Page 161 Page 163 1 not attempt to interfere or intervene in live 1 executed because (and these are his words), 2 criminal investigations where the suspect is 2 there is "a jurisdictional risk as a result of the 3 3 someone who is personally close to that execution of that search warrant. Gibraltar's 4 4 reputation was in play". He also said that he politician? 5 5 A. I mean, it shouldn't matter who the called Mr McGrail into his office about the 6 6 search warrant because "Gibraltar's person is. 7 7 Q. But in that particular instance, do you reputation was potentially going to be 8 8 tarnished by this action, carried out in this agree? 9 9 A. Yeah, I can only restate: it doesn't matter way." Considering what we have just 10 10 discussed, and the constitutional boundaries, who it is. 11 Q. Do you agree the Chief Minister has no 11 do you agree with the Chief Minister that 12 constitutional role in relation to live police 12 whenever Gibraltar's reputation is in play the 13 investigations, leaving aside his finance hat? 13 Chief Minister is entitled to involve himself 14 14 A. I do, in terms of the Constitution. I do in operational actions taken by the Royal 15 15 also think that, again, sometimes with the Gibraltar Police? 16 16 powers of the Governor, it wouldn't stop me A. I do agree with the Chief Minister on 17 having a view and marking before (?), if you 17 that. 18 18 passed from the Chief Minister to me. I'm O. You do? 19 19 A. I do. And I think it was after the event, I not --20 20 Q. Well, I am not suggesting to you that you think the warrant had been executed. 21 21 are not allowed, or anyone is not allowed, to Q. The meeting happened whilst the police 22 22 have a view. It is what they do with a view were at Hassans. 23 23 that I am asking you about. Do you agree A. Okay, I'm corrected. 24 that the Chief Minister of Gibraltar should 24 Q. Did you not know that at the time? 25 not interfere with live criminal investigations 25 A. Well, I did, but I'm -- no, I didn't know Page 162 Page 164

that at the time. 1 Q. Yes, so you assumed he was a suspect? 2 2 Q. What if the suspect in those operational A. Well, he can only be a suspect if there's a 3 actions is the Chief Minister's close friend? 3 warrant, is -- can't you? 4 4 A. Well I can only restate it, you know, there Q. At the time, did you know the Chief 5 were elements of this that it doesn't matter 5 Minister was a close personal friend of Mr 6 who it is, the -- you know, the Chief Minister 6 Levy? 7 has to be very careful --7 A. Yes, I did. 8 8 Q. Yes. Q. And, did you know the Chief Minister 9 9 A. -- as to where he goes. It doesn't meant -and Mr Levy were business partners? 10 10 and there's a point here on the crossover of A. Yes, I did. 11 11 Q. Did you know about the meeting on the the responsibilities between HMG and the 12 Government of Gibraltar. So, in terms of 12 12th, where the Chief Minister angrily 13 reputation and external affairs there are 13 criticised the Commissioner of Police about 14 14 the warrant whilst officers were at Hassans elements of external affairs, in the broadest 15 15 sense, that are quite appropriate for the attempting to execute it? 16 16 Government of Gibraltar to be involved in. A. Not until the meeting. 17 17 Q. Yes, but let us be very clear here what I Q. Which meeting. 18 am asking you. Are you saying it could be 18 A. On the Friday, between the Chief 19 19 appropriate for the Chief Minister to Minister and I. 20 20 intervene in a police investigation, a live Q. So, you knew on the 15th that that's what 21 police investigation, where the suspect is his 21 happened on the 12th. 22 22 close friend, because the reputation of A. I believe so. As I said yesterday (and this 23 23 Gibraltar will be at risk? goes back to your point on memory): there 24 24 A. I think it was appropriate for him to be -are some things that I remember that are 25 25 Q. I am not asking you that, I am asking you clearer and sharper, there are some that are Page 165 Page 167 1 the general proposition. Close friend, live 1 less so; and there are some that I may not 2 criminal investigation, Chief Minister 2 recall, but it doesn't mean they don't happen 3 3 intervenes. Is that appropriate in any **(?).** 4 circumstances? 4 Q. But was it not a very, very important 5 5 A. It can be in some. moment when you realised the Chief 6 6 Q. Do you not see the dangers of what you Minister had called the Commissioner of 7 7 have just said? Police into a meeting about a warrant being 8 8 A. Yes, I do. executed against his close friend? Did that 9 9 Q. Did you see them at the time? not stick in your mind? 10 10 A. I'd be surprised if it it wouldn't have A. It did a bit, yes. 11 11 Q. I want to ask you about the allegations crossed my mind, which is possibly why in 12 my report to London I talked about the 12 that were being made by Mr McGrail. I am 13 responsibilities between the Chief Minister 13 going to start with B1780. This is an email 14 14 and I. I accept that with -- more in general you sent on 22 May, so seven days after your 15 15 terms than specific terms. That's an example first meeting with the Chief Minister. Fifth 16 16 bullet point down, "The Commissioner of what I mean about: sometimes 17 17 circumstances dictate courses of action that believes this", being the GPA process, "is in 18 18 are novel and bespoke. part driven by the ongoing investigation. The 19 19 Q. On 14 May, did Mr Picardo tell you that high-profile person referred to below is 20 Mr Levy was a suspect in the police 20 James Levy!" And then C4359, which is an 21 21 email on the same day, "Very interesting, it's investigation that he had become involved 22 22 the James Levy angle as well that's 23 23 A. He did in a slightly different way, when interesting. I'm also a touch nervous that the 24 24 CM has firmly taken the lead on a he said that there was a search warrant in --25 25 executed against James at his office. competence that is more towards us than Page 166 Page 168

them." Now, I want to ask you about what 1 A. Yes. 2 2 was going through your head. The Q. So, it rang no alarm bells. 3 Commissioner of Police, I think you have 3 A. Well I think, as I've said, you know, my 4 4 said -- you were not prejudiced against him, reporting to London I did consider. I'm a 5 were you? 5 touch nervous, means I thought about it and 6 6 A. No. reported it back to London. They could have 7 Q. You had no reason to think he was lying 7 said: we are really nervous, don't go down 8 about this allegation? 8 this line. But, they didn't. We have agreed 9 9 this approach, which again is that collegiate 10 10 Q. So he said, "The GPA process is in part working I had with the Chief Minister. 11 driven by ongoing investigations, and you 11 O. Well, it is not --12 know those ongoing investigations are about 12 A. On balance, I believe it to be right. 13 James Levy!" Were you not concerned when 13 Q. The responsibility to protect the 14 14 you heard that allegation, that there may be independence of the RGP does not vest in 15 15 political interference in a police these individuals you are emailing, does it? 16 16 investigation? A. No, but as I said, the role -- the role of 17 17 A. So I don't think the issue, as I read it and any Governor or Ambassador is that on key 18 remember it at the time, was about the 18 issues, and issues that are likely to be 19 19 investigation. And that is -- I think been also contentious and come under the scrutiny, of 20 20 stated by others. My sort of issue was the course, you know, advice -- guidance is 21 statement that the Chief Minister had made to 21 sought from London. London could have 22 22 me that he had been -- and he used the word quite easily instructed me to stop this, thrown 23 23 "lied to" by the Commissioner of Police, and a barge of lawyers at it, and come up with the 24 24 that the Commissioner of Police had gone conclusion that you're heading in the wrong 25 25 against the advice of the Attorney General direction. Page 169 Page 171 1 and the DPP. So it was around that, rather 1 Q. Are you not just passing the buck? 2 than the investigation itself, which I knew no 2 A. No. 3 3 detail -- or very little detail of. Q. Because you were, were the Governor. 4 Q. Well, you knew the Commissioner of 4 A. I know. 5 5 Police was telling you that the disciplinary Q. And you did not tell anyone in London 6 process against him, or whatever you want to 6 about the angry meeting on 12 May, did you? 7 7 call the GPA process, was in part driven by A. Because I did not know about it at the 8 8 the investigation itself. time I did my first reporting. 9 9 A. That's what -- that was the Chief -- the Q. You did not tell them that James Levy 10 10 cause of the Chief Minister's loss of was a suspect. 11 confidence (inaudible) results --11 A. I suspect I would have told them -- again, 12 Q. But that is what the Chief of Police is 12 and I hate to labour this point, in one of our 13 saying to you. Did that not concern you, at 13 weekly -- which was the high-level where we 14 14 that stage? looked at all the policy aspects of what was 15 15 A. I can only repeat what I said: I was going on, but I can't tell you (because they 16 16 interested in the process and the reasons why were too numerous) the number of meetings, 17 the Chief Minister had lost confidence, not 17 calls, Teams meetings, Zoom meetings I had 18 18 the investigation itself. with London on the issues of the day, and 19 19 Q. And you trusted the Chief Minister specifically at the moment -- at that moment, 20 20 implicitly -around this issue. 2.1 21 A. Yes. Q. So, this was just one issue amongst 22 22 Q. -- not to have done anything many? 23 23 inappropriate. A. Absolutely. 24 24 Q. Yes, but you have not given any evidence A. Yes. 25 25 Q. Is that fair? of the notes and meetings --Page 170 Page 172

A. Well, because this is not about what -- the 1 I just want to take you to a few other 2 2 workload I had on my mind; this is an paragraphs, please, 1376. (Pause). 3 3 inquiry into why the Commissioner of Police Paragraph 28: 4 4 sought early retirement. "It was made clear to Mr McGrail that the 5 Q. You knew the Chief Minister was angry, 5 issue of his handling of the investigation 6 and described him in those emails as having 6 referred to above was an important factor in 7 "the bit between his teeth". Did that not raise 7 the decision making by the Governor and the 8 a little alarm bell with you, given that his 8 Chief Minister. He said the Attorney 9 close personal friend was involved in the 9 General had lost all confidence in him 10 police investigation? 10 because he had lied about a particular 11 A. Not at all. As I said in my note, I was 11 operation, which he strenuously denied." 12 frustrated and angry -- well, frustrated and 12 And then paragraph 33, the vanishing reason 13 came close to anger. 13 and the invitation to retire: 14 14 Q. You said there was an outpouring. "We indicate at the outset when addressing 15 15 A. Yes. the preliminary matter of recusal there is 16 Q. What did you do to investigate the serious 16 a sensitive matter concerning an ongoing 17 allegation that was being made there by the 17 criminal investigation, the detail of which 18 Commissioner of Police against the Chief 18 Mr McGrail does not address herein. The 19 Minister. 19 relevance of the issue to the invitation to 20 A. I thought that was something that the 20 retire is as follows. The matter was 21 GPA would investigate, but again I need to 21 discussed at the 22 May meeting as forming 22 22 stress that it wasn't for me to look into an part of the reasoning behind the Chief 23 23 investigation that was ongoing by the RGP. Minister and the Governor informing the 24 24 GPA Chair that he should invite Mr McGrail Q. Sorry, so you are passing the buck again 25 now to the GPA? Are you passing the buck 25 to retire. Mr McGrail indicated at the Page 175 Page 173 1 to the GPA? 1 meeting that he understood it to be the real 2 A. No, the GPA had a responsibility --2 and central reason for the request. However, 3 3 Q. Yes. the reason is oddly not cited in the 22 May 4 A. -- to take representations from Mr 4 letter." 5 5 McGrail. And then just 36: 6 Q. And, did that discharge your 6 "On 12 May out of courtesy Mr McGrail 7 7 responsibility under the Constitution to notified the Chief Minister, the AG and the 8 8 protect the independence of the RGP? Minister of Justice of a certain operational 9 9 (14.30)action which was taken by the RGP in this 10 10 A. I think it is. I think it was for the GPA to case. Both the Chief Minister and AG 11 immediately messaged him to say in no take forward. 11 12 Q. B1367, this is the letter sent on 29 May 12 uncertain terms they disapproved of the 13 from Mr Gomez on behalf of Mr McGrail. If 13 action. He was immediately called into 14 14 we just go to paragraph 3: a meeting with the Chief Minister and the 15 "We will explain below why the exercise of 15 AG. He was very severely criticised for the 16 the section 34 power vested in the GPA 16 action that had been taken. The Chief 17 would be wholly unjustified and grossly and 17 Minister told him that in his view 18 procedurally improper. Moreover, there is 18 Mr McGrail handled the investigation very, 19 19 an extremely troubling aspect to this of very wrongly. He was told by the AG that he 20 which the chair is fully aware and which 20 had to this point approved his work and from 2.1 concerns the rule of law in Gibraltar and 21 that day he could not entertain Mr McGrail 22 22 which touches on the fundamental principle again. The emotional response from both the 23 of the freedom of the RGP to carry out 23 Chief Minister and the AG is startling." 24 criminal inquiries without interference from 24 And then just one more paragraph, the next 25 politicians or the Attorney General." 25 one, 37: Page 174 Page 176

"This was followed by two subsequent 1 a motive for removing the Commissioner 2 2 meetings with the AG and DPP on 13 and 15 which was different to the one he was telling 3 3 May where the pressure was put on you? 4 4 Mr McGrail by the AG to change the RGP's A. So, yes, but I can only go back to my 5 investigative approach to the operation and 5 position. I can't sort of say what the Chief 6 6 Minister's drivers were. he was given the strong impression the AG 7 was primarily concerned with protecting the 7 Q. But do you agree that if the Chief 8 Chief Minister and Gibraltar plc." 8 Minister's drivers were not the lie but in fact 9 9 And then there is a paragraph about the rule the underlying investigation which he wanted 10 of law, separation of powers. Now, I am not 10 to intervene in, that would be extremely 11 asking you to say whether these paragraphs 11 serious and would need serious investigation 12 were true. If they were true, do you agree 12 itself? 13 they were extremely serious allegations of 13 A. It would be and it would, but I don't 14 political interference in an ongoing police 14 believe that was the Chief Minister's 15 15 position. investigation? 16 16 A. Yes, that would be the case. Q. Is that not circular though? Because you 17 17 Q. And did you know at the time, did you are saying you did not believe it. 18 when you read this letter, did you realise this 18 A. Well, you have asked me if these are true. 19 19 investigation must be the investigation into I don't know whether they are true. 20 20 James Levy? Q. So you did not know they were true, but 21 A. Yes. 21 you automatically did not believe them. 22 22 Q. Yes. And did you know those facts A. No, I'm not saying I didn't believe them. 23 23 before you received this letter? I didn't know. 24 A. No, and this is the letter you said the 24 Q. Well, if you did not know, what did you 25 25 other day that I shouldn't have received in the do to investigate these very serious Page 177 Page 179 1 first place. 1 allegations of political interference? 2 Q. I am --2 A. Um, I'm not sure it was ... I'm not sure I 3 3 A. Which is -can answer that without spending a great deal 4 Q. I am not --4 of time thinking about that. I don't think it's 5 5 A. So this letter was addressed to the GPA. for me to investigate accusations from 6 Q. I am not asking you whether you should 6 Mr McGrail on an investigation. The 7 7 have received it. You did receive it. investigation was ongoing, I think it's 8 8 A. I did receive it, correct (inaudible). concluded without any evidence or without 9 9 Q. Did you know about these allegations any charges being raised. As I said, my 10 10 before? position, my drivers, were the Chief 11 11 A. Um, no. No, only in a broad outline. I Minister's loss of confidence was because he 12 mean, my position is not on the investigation 12 had been lied to, not because of any 13 itself. It is on the fact that the Chief Minister 13 investigation. 14 told me, and I had no reason to doubt his 14 Q. You were a neutral party. I am not going 15 word, and I have apologised for repeating 15 to ask you again your powers. You were 16 16 myself, that the Commissioner of Police had involved directly in the process at the time to 17 lied to him and that he had, you know, misled 17 remove the Commissioner of Police. 18 18 or gone against the advice of the Attorney Correct? 19 19 General and the DPP. A. Correct. 20 20 Q. And the main reason the Chief Minister Q. But do you not agree that if these 21 21 allegations are true and the Chief Minister was telling you was that he had been lied to in the midst of this intervention into the live 22 and the Attorney General had inappropriately 22 23 intervened in a live criminal investigation 23 criminal investigation. Is that fair? 24 24 relating to Mr Levy, the Chief Minister's A. That is fair. 25 close friend, it would give the Chief Minister 25 Q. Yes. And the Commissioner of Police Page 178 Page 180

was saying to you that actually what is 1 investigation? 2 2 happening is the Chief Minister is doing this A. So your colleague raised the point of the 3 to intervene on behalf of his friend. Is that 3 letter, and again just for Mr Gomez, 4 4 Mr Gomez sent the letter to the Chair of the 5 A. That's what the Commissioner of Police 5 GPA, I think, at 17.30 on the Friday. I think 6 6 was saying. your colleague suggested in opening 7 Q. But you were satisfied that you could 7 statement that this should have caused me to 8 proceed with the process of removing 8 pause, reflect, etc, etc. Well, I did pause and 9 9 Mr McGrail without deciding whether these reflect. I received it at 18.00. I sent it to the 10 10 allegations were true or not. Foreign Office, the big group, at 20.00. I 11 11 A. Yes, that's how it transpired. asked to see the Chief Minister and the 12 Q. How is that protecting the independence 12 Attorney General on the Monday. I took 13 of the Royal Gibraltar Police? 13 advice. I replied on the Wednesday. I sent 14 14 A. I, um, can only go back to my comment my reply on the Wednesday at 4.30 in the 15 15 that never for a moment had I thought that I afternoon, to be admonished by Mr Gomez 16 16 would be looking to use the powers I had and because I had sent it out of hours. 17 17 when the process started, um, my hope and Q. And at no point in that period of 18 my expectation was the Gibraltar Police 18 reflection did you think to correct the 19 19 Authority would have carried out a thorough procedural errors that you have now 20 20 review, um, investigation, looking at all the identified were rife in the GPA process. 21 aspects of the case, including Mr McGrail's 21 A. I think I had, um, I had recognised the 22 22 representations. GPA procedural errors, I had looked at the 23 23 Q. But they did not, did they? options I had, which I had gone through with 24 24 A. They did not. London, and I decided on a course of action. 25 25 Q. So who did it fall back to? You can disagree with the course of action, Page 181 Page 183 1 A. To me. By default. 1 um, and I ... absolutely I am the first person 2 Q. So whose responsibility, when it fell back 2 to say I may not have got everything right 3 3 to you, was it to investigate these serious through my career. 4 4 Q. Yes. Did you get this right? allegations? 5 5 A. Um, you are asking me to say mine. I A. I think I did. 6 can see why that would be the case from the 6 Q. You still think you did? 7 7 Constitution, but at that moment in time and A. Yes, I do. 8 8 Q. When you received that letter, the only my approach was, as I can only repeat 9 9 myself, um, I don't think it was for the reaction you appear to have had, and if I just 10 10 Governor. I don't know how I would do it go to 244, 17.2, sorry, A244, yes, you have got it. And I think you mention this also in 11 11 without calling in an independent external 12 body to investigate Mr McGrail's claims on 12 your dispatches, the middle of the paragraph, 13 13 the letter of 27 May, I think you mean the this matter. 14 Q. Well, have you not just given the answer? 14 29th: "Written to the GPA by Charles Gomez 15 15 A. Yes, I could have done that. on his behalf, and to which I had taken some 16 16 Q. Should you have done that? offence." Is it fair to say that you took 17 A. Um, I obviously didn't do that so, no. 17 personal offence from that letter and that was 18 18 Q. Should you have done that? one of the reasons you could not see the 19 19 A. No. It is a question about whether I -wood from the trees in responding to it? 20 20 Q. Looking back now, should you, rather A. No, not at all. I have had many offensive 21 21 than rushing into concluding the process letters that have not prevented me from 22 22 before the new Governor arrived, should you seeing the wood from the trees. I separate 23 have taken stock and decided what to do 23 tone and content but it's something on my 24 24 about these very serious allegations of mind, um, that ... no, I think that is an unfair 25 25 political interference in a police statement to put to me. That's not the case. Page 182 Page 184

1 Q. The incident at sea happened on 8 March. 1 the ones that came in a couple of days ago. 2 2 Correct? (Pause). It has gone a bit dark. Yes, if we 3 3 can just turn to page, at the bottom of page 1, A. Correct. 4 4 sorry, the top of page 2. So this is a message Q. And you knew within a few days where it 5 had happened and the sort of essential basic 5 from 10 May, Fabian Picardo: 6 6 details. Is that fair? "Where does that leave us on the arrive of Sir 7 7 David on 10 June? He is not a diplomat. He A. Correct. 8 8 Q. And the seriousness. is not a governor until he is sworn in. Do we 9 9 set the right example with exemptions?" A. Absolutely. 10 Q. And the fact that legal claims were 10 Is it fair, I know it is a joint code but it is 11 possible would have been clear. 11 clearly what is being discussed, but is it fair 12 A. Absolutely, yes. 12 to say that by 10 May you had a date for his 13 Q. The HMIC report was dated 30 April. If 13 likely arrival, which was 10 June? 14 14 we can just go to ... sorry, there is an email A. Potential and hoped for arrival. 15 15 dated 30 April, 3344. I think it may probably Q. Yes, but you, as far as you were aware, 16 16 be B3344. (Pause). Sorry, it must be C3344. he was on his way. 17 17 (Pause). This is the email you have been A. No, at some stage, but as I think I said 18 shown already about dealing with the HMIC 18 yesterday, and of which the chairman is 19 report. Without going through it again, at 19 aware, I went into the meeting on the 15th 20 20 this stage, 30 April, you were willing to work with the Chief Minister and the first thing I 21 with Mr McGrail to address the 21 briefed him on was an issue around Sir 22 22 recommendations in the HMIC report. Is David's arrival. 23 that fair? 23 Q. Just in the final page, 19 May 2020, 24 24 A. I was willing to work with anybody in 11.34, Deputy Governor on mobile: 25 25 "Morning, announcement states that Sir D order to implement the recommendations in Page 185 Page 187 1 the HMIC report. 1 will take up his appointment in June." So the Q. I am asking were you willing to work 2 2 announcement actually goes out on 19 May. 3 3 with Mr McGrail. 4 A. Yes, of course. 4 Q. So you were quibbling with mid May, but 5 5 Q. But the incident that you say led to your the point is by 19 May --6 loss of confidence happened almost two 6 A. No, no. No, I stand by that there was 7 7 months earlier. How is it possible that you a discussion I had with London about, um. 8 8 had lost confidence and you were willing to when the formal announcement could be 9 9 work with Mr McGrail on the HMIC report made because Sir David had asked for 10 10 on 30 April? a delay to that formal announcement. 11 A. Um, I hadn't, I was losing confidence, as 11 Q. But it was made on 19 May. 12 opposed to lost it at the time of the incident 12 A. I know, and I am saying on 15 May and 13 at sea. The HMIC report is a report that 13 on 18 May I was still not certain when Sir 14 needed to be implemented. The person in the 14 David was due to arrive. Admittedly, on the 15 position at the time that would drive this 15 19th the announcement was made and I think 16 16 forward was the Commissioner of Police. it was a few days later that we had confirmed 17 17 The Commissioner of Police was the date that we had identified previously as 18 18 Mr McGrail. being a good date for Sir David to arrive. 19 19 Q. Yes. In mid May you knew that you had Q. By 19 May you were aware he was 20 less than a month before the new Governor 20 arriving --21 21 was likely to begin his post. Is that fair? A. Yes, but my point is that --22 A. No, it's not true. Mid May I didn't know. 22 Q. -- about three weeks later. 23 Q. We have some WhatsApp messages 23 A. My point is before the meeting with the 24 between you and the Chief Minister. I do not 24 Chief Minister on the 15th and Dr Britto on 25 know whether they can be put up. They are 25 the 18th, I did not have that certainty. Page 186 Page 188

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Q. But you did on the 19th. 1 arrived. As I have said previously in my 2 2 A. Yes. statement yesterday, I had a view or a sort of 3 3 Q. Okay. Before 14 May you had no ... that the GPA process would take quite 4 4 intention to remove the Commissioner of a long time and that Sir David would have 5 Police before the new Governor arrived, did 5 potentially arrived before they had come to 6 you? 6 any determination and then it would fall --7 7 Q. But that view was after the 14th, was it A. Um, it was an option that I had 8 8 considered. It was a thought I had. Um, I not? 9 9 can't remember what I was thinking on the A. What view, sorry? 10 10 Thursday, 14 May. Q. That view, you had that view after the 11 11 Q. Yes. 14th. 12 A. I do remember, as I said yesterday, um, 12 A. Which view? Q. About the GPA process lasting a while. 13 concluding in my own mind that the RGP 13 14 14 needed a change of leadership and, as I said A. No, no, no. Of course I knew that, you 15 15 yesterday, which I will restate today, um, I know, having looked at the options, and as I 16 16 wasn't 100 per cent first of all that the Chief said they were not crystal clear in my mind at 17 17 Minister would necessarily agree with that to the time, um, I thought, although I still 18 the degree that I had it in my mind. And 18 remain of the position that the ideal thing to 19 19 certainly on the Monday, and as I have said do was to try and conclude this before Sir 20 20 previously, having set out a GPA process, David arrived, that there was a possibility 21 when I said to the Chief Minister that I'm 21 that it may not. 22 22 Q. Is this not another example of you losing sleep over all of this, part of it was the 23 23 scenario of the GPA disagreeing with the rewriting history to show that your actions 24 24 were carefully planned and thought through, Chief Minister's view and I for various 25 25 reasons which I outlined yesterday. whereas in fact the reality is they were Page 191 Page 189 1 Q. But you have not provided any evidence 1 prompted by what happened on 14 May? 2 that you were intending to do anything about 2 A. No, that's not true, and it was 15 May. 3 3 it, to actually remove the Commissioner Q. You had done nothing since March, 4 before 14 May, have you? 4 absolutely nothing, to deal with your 5 5 A. Um, evidence, what evidence would that concerns, had you? 6 6 A. Um, no, I was still getting them together be? A note to myself? 7 7 Q. Text messages, emails, witness evidence in my mind. 8 8 that says: I spoke to X, Y or Z that I was O. Yes. 9 9 going to try and remove the Commissioner of A. Of how to do that. 10 10 police before Sir David Steel arrives. THE CHAIRMAN: Sorry, you were still? 11 A. Collecting in my mind how I would 11 A. No, I --12 Q. There is nothing of that sort. 12 approach an issue I could see, I will use the 13 13 A. No, there is no evidence. There is no word storm brewing. 14 evidence. 14 MR WAGNER: So it took you eight weeks, 15 15 Q. There is no evidence. Is not the reality nine weeks, to pull together the strands and 16 16 that, given how soon Sir David was arriving, four weeks to remove the Commissioner. Is 17 17 if the Chief Minister had not approached you that a fair description? A. Yes, I think that I wouldn't object to that. 18 on the 14th, you would not have taken action 18 19 19 independently to remove the Commissioner Q. You had an aim that the RGP 20 20 of Police before he arrived? Commissioner role should be opened up to 21 21 A. So, there are two points to that question. candidates from outside of Gibraltar, did you 22 22 Would I have taken action to remove the not? 23 23 Commissioner of Police? Yes, I would. The A. I did. 24 24 Q. Would it be fair to describe it as a policy timing of it, um, in my mind was to try, as I 25 said, and get this done before Sir David 25 Page 190 Page 192

A. I thought it would be best practice, yes. 1 and that gap of senior leadership needed 2 2 Q. Yes. How long had you had that aim? 3 3 A. What for Gibraltar Police Commissioner? Q. That is not what I asked. I asked you 4 4 Q. For there to be an external would not have expected before this day, 5 Commissioner. 5 before the 16th, for him to support you in 6 6 looking to an external candidate, would you? A. No, no. No, you misunderstand. 7 Q. Sorry, to open up the application process 7 A. I think the Chief Minister quite often 8 8 to candidates not from Gibraltar. supports me when I put a reasoned argument 9 A. I just think having a broad field and 9 to him, on issues that previously he may not 10 10 a wide field of candidates would ensure that have. 11 Gibraltar got the best candidate. 11 Q. Had he expressed a view to you about 12 Q. How long had you had the aim for? 12 appointing an external candidate before the 13 A. Um, from my first engagement when I 13 14 14 knew they were recruiting a new A. I think we had the discussion, um, before 15 15 **Commissioner of Police.** the recruitment of Mr McGrail. I certainly 16 16 Q. Back in 2017/2018. remember having that discussion with the 17 17 A. Yes. Governor. I might have had it, or the 18 Q. So by that time it was two or three years. 18 Governor might have had it, with the Chief 19 19 A. Yes. Minister. But, you know, I think there is 20 20 Q. Would it be fair to say that appointing a danger of conflating issues of very 21 non-Gibraltarians to key posts like the 21 long-term permanent recruitment for 22 22 Commissioner of Police generates strong a Commissioner of Police and a short-term 23 23 views in both directions in Gibraltar? measure to fill a gap. 24 A. I think probably in Gibraltar only one 24 Q. But why were you surprised if you did 25 25 direction, to be honest. not think he would be against it? Page 195 Page 193 1 Q. Would it be fair to say it is not a view 1 A. Because he has previously been against 2 that you had managed to persuade the GPA 2 bringing in people from overseas to --3 3 of by May 2020? Q. That is what I was getting at. 4 A. So it was my view. It's not, you know, 4 A. And I have to just stress again, this for 5 5 my position to persuade the GPA. They can me was not about the UK because of the 6 consider the view and accept it, reject it, 6 7 7 debate it, as they wish. Q. B1781, the third paragraph from the 8 8 Q. Did you share that view with Mr Picardo bottom. Comment: "The CM was visibly 9 9 before 14 May? angry." Sorry, it is the final line: 10 A. Um, yes, I think I did. 10 "When discussing this the CM rather 11 Q. B1441. (Pause). This is at the top of the 11 surprisingly said we should look externally 12 page, 16 May, Fabian Picardo: 12 for a replacement. I was shut down by the 13 "My pillow always gives me the best advice. 13 former GPA Chair when I recommended this 14 If we are going to do this we do it very 14 in early 2018." 15 discreetly at your end, line someone up. We 15 Would you agree that you were pleasantly 16 16 cannot have it headless." surprised that he was proposing this, that had 17 You must have been surprised to hear 17 been a long-term aim of yours? 18 Mr Picardo suggesting this. 18 A. Pleasantly, greatly, enormously, I don't 19 19 A. I was to some degree, yes. think it really matters. I was surprised. 20 20 Q. Yes, because you would not have thought O. Which one is it? 21 21 Mr Picardo would be in support of looking to A. It doesn't matter. I wrote here: "Rather 22 22 surprisingly". I was surprised. an external candidate. 23 A. He was certainly in support or we shared 23 Q. Were you pleasantly surprised? 24 24 the position that should Mr McGrail be A. Um, again the context is different. And 25 relieved of his duties that assistance, help, 25 please do not misunderstand me. I am not Page 194 Page 196

trying to not answer the question, but this 1 Q. You say: "The CM has backtracked 2 2 was to fill a gap on a short-term basis rather slightly." It must have been disappointing 3 than have a substantive appointment as 3 that this long-term aim of yours had been 4 4 opened up and then shut down as soon as Commissioner of Police with a four or 5 potentially eight-year term. 5 Mr McGrail left. 6 6 Q. And then B1444, 27 May. So the middle A. Not at all. And I can only say that the 7 text, the longer one, middle and third line 7 process is now open. So my long-term aim, 8 down: "Had a good meeting with Gerry who 8 which I would argue against because I never 9 9 agrees to our approach re secondment." So have a long-term aim on issues like this, it is 10 10 there you spoke to Mr Britto about it and he an individual situation, if you want to say my 11 11 agreed to your approach. Is that fair? long-term aim has been met, it has by 12 A. Yes, and I think the word "secondment" 12 Dr Britto telling us that the next recruitment 13 there is quite key. 13 will be open. 14 14 Q. But you must have thought once we Q. Did you feel you had been somewhat 15 15 opened the door to an external person that duped by the Chief Minister? 16 16 will itself potentially open the door either to A. No, not at all. Why would I think the 17 that person to stay or to open it up to external 17 Chief Minister had duped me? Because he 18 candidates in future. Is that fair? 18 has backtracked slightly and agrees that we 19 19 A. I think it has been, so that sort of rather should look at --20 20 proves the point. I think, if I misheard I Q. He had backtracked completely, had he 21 apologise, but I thought there was 21 22 22 a statement earlier, perhaps by Dr Britto, um, A. On the basis I believe of Commissioner 23 23 actually it may not have been. Ullger's, or Acting Commissioner Ullger's, 24 24 THE CHAIRMAN: I think it was Dr Britto. um, bid/pitch/letter to us that we should 25 25 A. It was Dr Britto, that said that they are consider allowing him and his leadership Page 199 Page 197 1 indeed opening the applications to replace 1 team to continue. 2 Commissioner Ullger to external candidates. 2 Q. I just want to ask you about 1786, please, 3 3 MR WAGNER: 1843, please, B1843. B1786: 4 (Pause). Sorry, it must be C1843. You have 4 "At my request the Chief Minister set out the 5 5 done 1483. There. This is an email that you issues of concern [so I am on the second 6 sent on 12 June, so after Mr McGrail has 6 paragraph], namely the damning HMIC 7 7 gone: report, the fatal collision, Police Federation 8 8 "The GPA met today, briefed them on how allegations of bullying, the mishandling of 9 9 we got where we were. The CM has a high-profile ongoing investigation in which 10 10 backtracked slightly on the suggestion that the Commissioner apparently went against 11 we parachute someone in. Acting 11 the advice of the Attorney General and 12 Commissioner Richard Ullger has proposed 12 Director of Public Prosecutions." 13 13 he remains at the top and help is sent in Did anybody ever correct you that nobody 14 14 below him." had gone against the advice of the DPP? 15 15 So as soon as Mr McGrail left the Chief A. Not for some time. 16 16 Minister went back on that proposal, did he Q. What do you mean not for some --17 17 not? A. I can't remember anybody correcting me 18 18 A. Because Commissioner Ullger and I think on that, but I can't believe that they didn't. 19 19 Cathal Yeats had written to us, or certainly to So just because I don't remember doesn't 20 20 me, having heard that we were looking to mean it didn't happen. 21 21 parachute somebody in on a secondment, Q. You have mentioned it in your oral 22 22 evidence a number of times that the Chief setting out a case why they believed that this 23 23 should not happen. And I think, and again it Minister's concerns were that the 24 24 Commissioner of Police went against the is possibly after or before, that was a view 25 25 shared by the Federation. advice of the DPP. Do you accept now that Page 198 Page 200

because that had been a mistake that you 1 as I said, I can't --- given the relationship and 2 2 were taking into account in your engagement we had I would be very 3 3 consideration a reason that was simply surprised if --- and it may be something that 4 4 factually wrong? slipped my mind or my memory at the time, 5 (15.00)5 having said that my memory isn't 100 per 6 6 cent perfect, that I didn't myself correct that A. I do accept that that was factually wrong. 7 Q. And do you accept that it was a serious 7 in any future correspondence or within my 8 8 error? statement. 9 9 Q. You would have corrected it, would you A. It was an error. I think in terms of --- if I 10 had it rank the issues of the Chief Minister 10 not, because it was a serious error? 11 told me, lying to the Chief Minister on its 11 A. Yes, I would have. 12 own is probably sufficient for me to ----12 Q. So the likelihood is that you were not 13 Q. But the lie that he was presenting to you 13 corrected? 14 14 was that the Commissioner of Police, and A. No, I make mistakes like everybody else. 15 15 correct me if I am wrong, had said that the Q. It is good of you to take that one for the 16 16 DPP had advised on the warrant and in fact Chief Minister, but I am ----17 17 the DPP had advised against, it was the same A. To repeat, no, I am not taking anything 18 thing? 18 for the Chief Minister. 19 19 A. It was the same thing but ----Q. Do you agree that that is another serious 20 20 flaw in the process that was used in relation Q. Do you accept that ----21 A. I do accept that, yes, I do. 21 to Mr McGrail? 22 22 Q. And do you accept that that was a A. It is a flaw in the process as it is set out. 23 23 fundamental flaw in the reasoning because of Q. But it is a serious flaw, is it not? 24 24 that mistake? A. It is. 25 25 A. I can see that being the case. Q. You did not lose confidence in Mr Page 201 Page 203 1 Q. You have been very critical of the 1 Picardo when you found out about that 2 Commissioner of Police for being evasive or 2 mistake? 3 3 misleading you or however you want to put A. No. 4 it, are you also critical of the Chief Minister 4 Q. I want to ask you about some errors in 5 5 for causing you to continue to believe that your statement to the Inquiry and how they 6 the fundamental error, even after he knew it 6 got there. At A245, paragraph 20, the 7 7 was an error? heading is, "My loss of confidence in Mr 8 A. Critical? I would perhaps not use that 8 McGrail," and you say that it had been 9 9 word. I would be surprised and I would also progressive over a period of time by reason 10 10 be surprised if the Chief Minister - and I am of a number of incidents and matters." You 11 accept that what follows in that statement sure he did - has not spoken to me about that 11 12 since but again that is not an issue or a detail 12 were incidents and matters which you took 13 13 I can bring to my mind. into account in relation to your loss of 14 14 Q. But he says he knew by 14 May at the confidence? 15 latest that the DPP had not advised against 15 A. Yes, as I explained yesterday. 16 the warrant, Are you applying a different 16 Q. At 21.5, this is the unnecessary drama of 17 standard to Mr McGrail who you deeply 17 the arrests, you said, "One of them, the 18 criticise about the information provided at 18 Provost Marshal, was, with quite unnecessary 19 19 the incident at sea, but to Mr Picardo who drama, removed from a civilian" 20 20 made a very similar error, it seems, it not THE CHAIRMAN: This was gone over this 2.1 21 worse? morning, was it not? 22 22 A. No, I can accept your point on that. MR WAGNER: I am sorry? 23 Q. But you are applying a different 23 THE CHAIRMAN: I think this paragraph 24 24 has been read once already today. 25 A. No, sorry, that the Chief Minister --- and, 25 MR WAGNER: I have not done it, it was Page 202 Page 204

1 1 during the airport incident, during the arrests, yesterday but ----2 2 THE CHAIRMAN: It was yesterday, was it? did you do anything to check in on the 3 3 MR WAGNER: Yes, but I take the point. complaint process to see whether your 4 4 (To the witness): You accept now that he concerns were well-founded? 5 was not removed from the flight? 5 A. I don't think I had the right to do so. 6 6 A. Yes, but not --- I mean, as soon as it Q. But you did not ask the question? 7 7 landed is the expression I used. I didn't say A. I don't think I had the right to do so. 8 8 he was taken from the flight, so as soon as it Q. Did you not ask the question? 9 9 had landed, add two minutes in the arrivals A. Because I don't have the right to do so. 10 hall. 10 Q. But is this not another example that there 11 11 Q. At 21.9, it says in relation to the airport was an independent process that was 12 incident that you were aware that two of the 12 examining your concerns or the basis of your 13 three MOD service police whose equipment 13 concerns and you just did not wait to see 14 14 was confiscated, some which after the what that independent process would 15 15 incident you were considering instigating conclude before taking the actions you did 16 16 formal complaints procedures against the against Mr McGrail? 17 17 RGP, via the police complaints board, "I A. I am sorry, can you just repeat that? 18 believe one decided not to but the other, who 18 Q. Is this another example of there being an 19 was taken to her home by the RGP who then 19 independent process, ongoing considering the 20 20 took possession of her personal phone, did very concerns you had about Mr McGrail and 21 submit a formal complaint. I do not know 21 you did not wait for the independent process 22 now what the status of that complaint was," 22 to conclude before taking action against Mr McGrail? 23 so when did you know that? 23 24 24 A. I can't remember. I mean, that is A. No, I can accept that. 25 25 Q. Do you accept that Mr McGrail was not something, as we have now realised, that is Page 205 Page 207 1 not correct but not --- I don't believe through 1 the Commissioner of Police during the 2 any fault or deliberate actions on my part, the 2 airport incident? 3 3 information I had that one person decided to A. I do. 4 4 Q. And you accept that Commissioner Yome but the other didn't, we can now see from the 5 5 evidence that they both did. was in charge at the time? 6 Q. And do you know what happened to 6 A. I do. 7 7 Q. I am just going to ask you briefly about those complaints? 8 8 A. They were dismissed for lack of the helicopter pilot incident and we do not 9 9 evidence. have to go back to the statement because you 10 10 Q. Now B2709, this is the outcome of the have seen it, but this is where you say, "The 11 police complaint board of 29 May 2020, so widely held belief in MOD circles is that the 11 12 this is allegations against --- this is 12 RGP did not investigate the crime correctly 13 complaints made against Mr McGrail and Mr 13 to protect those involved in the attack." That 14 14 Tunbridge, "The police complaints board has is a hugely serious allegation. Do you agree? 15 considered the finding of the subcommittee 15 A. I do. 16 and finds the RGP did not act 16 Q. It is an allegation of corruption? 17 unprofessionally in the execution of their 17 A. Yes. 18 duties and, therefore, the complaint has not 18 Q. And you included that issue in your 19 19 been sustained. The complaint made against sworn affidavit to this Inquiry as one of the 20 the Commissioner of Police, Ian McGrail, 20 issues which led you to lose confidence in 21 and Superintendent Wayne Tunbridge is, 21 Mr McGrail, did you not? 22 therefore, dismissed." I am not going to ask 22 A. Yes. 23 you about the content of the dismissal but 23 Q. What steps did you take to verify that 24 24 what I want to know is if you were very extremely serious allegation before including 25 concerned about Mr McGrail's conduct 25 it in your sworn affidavit? Page 206 Page 208

A. I didn't but I had no reason to doubt the --1 that was. I knew Mr McGrail had a contrary 2 2 - when I was told about it, including by my view to that and was looking to put the blame 3 3 now friend, Commander Ritchie --for the fractured relationship firmly in the 4 4 Commander Walliker. hands of the Federation. 5 Q. So it was hearsay that you based your 5 Q. Did you ask the other senior leaders in 6 6 the RGP what their opinions were? allegations on? 7 A. Well, it was hearsay from the commander 7 A. Not formally at the time. In fact I don't 8 8 of British Forces so I suspect --- I suggest it think I did. It was subsequently perhaps. 9 9 Q. So again based on a one sided account is more than hearsay. 10 10 Q. But do you agree now that before and conjecture; is that fair? 11 11 including that as a relevant issue in your loss A. I can accept why you would say that. 12 of confidence in Mr McGrail you should 12 Q. Because it is right; is that fair? 13 have done even a basic check as to whether, 13 A. Yes. 14 14 what you were told, was correct? Q. I have just a short point on the handing 15 15 A. Well, as I said yesterday, some of the over of the letters at A244, at 17.2, this is the 16 16 incidents before are me giving examples of point about you said you handed over the 17 17 where my early concerns on their own were letters on the Friday but in fact it turns out, 18 not sufficient and would not be sufficient for 18 according to your emails, that you gave them 19 19 me to lose confidence in Mr McGrail. to him on the Monday. Do you agree that 20 20 Q. But they fed into your consideration, did that is an important error for you to have 21 they not? 21 made in your statement? 22 22 A. I do and actually my mind is still that I A. They did. 23 23 Q. On reflection, should you have excluded handed them over on the Friday at the same 24 24 those factors from your consideration time that Mr McGrail was saying that he 25 25 because you had not investigated them? came in and we went --- I said I didn't use the Page 209 Page 211 1 A. Yes, I think there is the issue of the 1 Governor's office, or went into the Governor's office and ---2 remarks that Mr McGrail made to 2 3 3 Commander Walliker that he reported up the THE CHAIRMAN: You are muttering very 4 4 chain of his command. 5 5 Q. Yes, but you did not even ask Mr SIR PETER CARUANA: I am very sorry, 6 McGrail if that was true, did you? 6 7 7 THE WITNESS: So for meetings, Mr A. I would be --- I had no reason to doubt 8 8 the commander --- I take the point but I had McGrail said, "I have a letter or a note for 9 9 no reason to doubt the commander of British you," and I accept and apologise if I have not 10 10 Force's word plus he had put it in writing to --- obviously I have not got that correct, but I 11 was under the impression in my mind that I his chain of command. 11 12 Q. It was just another example of conjecture, 12 had given him the three letters at the time. 13 13 was it not? MR WAGNER: (To the witness): And do 14 A. It could be seen as that, yes. 14 you agree that as well as being a mistake in 15 Q. Does that not also apply to the fractured 15 your statement, it was a serious error in the 16 relationship with the GPF? You said that Mr 16 process that you did not give him the letters 17 McGrail's management style resulted in a 17 to respond to before you met with him on the 18 fractured, almost hostile relationship between 18 Monday? 19 19 him and the GPF. What did you do to satisfy A. Yes, it was but because the letter was 20 yourself that it was indeed Mr McGrail's 20 addressed to Mr Gomez. You know, I 21 21 management style which had resulted in the thought --- and I think I said that to Mr 22 fractured relationship as opposed to other 22 McGrail, I had expected the letters to be 23 23 passed on to him by his lawyer. factors? 24 A. I did not check with Mr McGrail about 24 Q. I am sorry, I have lost you. 25 his management style and what his view on 25 A. Well, I think I either sent my letters in Page 210 Page 212

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| 1 | response to the Gomez letter to | 1 | sort of letter I would have written had I been |
| 2 | Q. That was it was not the letter was | 2 | governor. |
| 3 | from Charles Gomez but it was on behalf of | 3 | Q. In early June the new governor was |
| 4 | Mr McGrail and the responses were to Mr | 4 | arriving imminently |
| 5 | McGrail's allegations, so is that not | 5 | THE CHAIRMAN: How are you doing for |
| 6 | A. But sent to his lawyer, I believe. | 6 | time? |
| 7 | Q. It was sent to the GPA? | 7 | MR WAGNER: I am on it, three minutes. |
| 8 | A. Okay, to the GPA. | 8 | THE CHAIRMAN: Three minutes? |
| 9 | Q. They were all sent to the GPA? | 9 | MR WAGNER: Yes. (To the witness): The |
| 10 | A. Okay, who forwarded me the letter from | 10 | vacancy of the officer of governor under |
| 11 | Mr Gomez, so I think it's a reasonable | 11 | section 22, you have obviously given this |
| 12 | assumption to ensure or to sort of to | 12 | some thought, it says, "Any such person |
| 13 | wish or hope that the GPA would have done | 13 | [which is the person fulfilling the office] |
| 14 | a similar thing and forwarded the letters if | 14 | shall not continue to perform the functions of |
| 15 | not direct to Mr McGrail then to Mr Gomez. | 15 | office of governor after the governor or some |
| 16 | Q. You said that Governor Davis had | 16 | other person having prior rights to perform |
| 17 | concerns about Mr McGrail I think for the | 17 | the functions of that office has notified him |
| 18 | first time yesterday. Is that fair? | 18 | he is about to assume or resume those |
| 19 | A. That is not fair. | 19 | functions." Would you agree that as at 6 |
| 20 | Q. No, you said it for the first time | 20 | June Governor Davis had notified you that he |
| 21 | yesterday? | 21 | was about to assume the functions of his |
| 22 | A. Yes, in terms of the recruitment, | 22 | office? |
| 23 | preference for Mr Ullger. | 23 | A. Governor Steel? |
| 24 | Q. Can we go to B142, this is a letter from | 24 | Q. Governor Steel, sorry. |
| 25 | Governor Davis on his appointment, "I am | 25 | A. Yes. |
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| 1 | delighted to inform you that you have been | 1 | THE CHAIRMAN: (To the witness): He |
| 2 | selected for appointment as Commissioner of | 2 | certainly was not the governor at the time? |
| 3 | Police on the advice of the GPA and the | 3 | A. And he was not governor at the time, no. |
| 4 | Chief Minister. Both the Chief Minister and | 4 | MR WAGNER: (To the witness): It says, |
| 5 | I have noted the support, your vision | 5 | "The governor or some other person having |
| 6 | statement and associated action plan for your | 6 | prior rights to perform the functions of that |
| 7 | tenure. It aligns with our collective | 7 | office has notified him he is about to assume |
| 8 | assessment. Accordingly, we have requested | 8 | or resume those functions," did you consider |
| 9 | the GPA review process and would wish to | 9 | whether this provision 22(3) might preclude |
| 10 | assure you of my personal support in the | 10 | you from exercising powers of the governor, |
| 11 | conduct of your vital duties as Commissioner | 11 12 | particularly section 13 of the Police Act on |
| 12 13 | of Police, a sentiment that I have no doubt will be fully reflected across the whole | 13 | the Monday just before he arrived? |
| 13 | Gibraltar community. I look forward to | 13 | A. Yes, I did. As I stated yesterday, you have to have a governor in situ, a governor |
| 15 | working closely with you as we all do, to do | 15 | can only be governor by asking the oath, the |
| 16 | our utmost to protect, progress and promote | 16 | same as an ambassador, high commissioner |
| 17 | the rule of law in Gibraltar." Do you accept | 17 | abroad. When I first went to Botswana for |
| 18 | that this is a very and then it is signed, | 18 | the first two weeks I could not take any |
| 19 | "very respectfully, Edward Davis." Do you | 19 | action or attend any functions because I had |
| 20 | accept that this is a very nice letter for a | 20 | not handed over to the President of Botswana |
| 21 | governor to send who had serious concerns | 21 | my letters of credence which gave me the |
| 22 | about Mr McGrail? | 22 | authority to do my work. |
| 23 | A. I didn't say he had serious concerns. I | 23 | Q. Did you consider this point at the time? |
| 24 | said he had a preference in the recruitment | 24 | A. I am absolutely sure I did, with London |
| 25 | for Richard Ullger. That is exactly the same | 25 | as well. |
| | in the great country and same | | |
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Q. But there is nothing in the emails to 1 Q. Good afternoon, Mr Pyle, despite 2 2 London about it, including the advice emails? spending many years arm wrestling with the 3 A. There are lots of things where there is no 3 Foreign Office I have never got my head 4 4 evidence or emails, so if you want to make around the grading structure. Can you just 5 the suggestion that there is no evidence of 5 explain in not more than 15 seconds what the 6 6 grade structure is and where you sit in it? that, please do so, and I will agree with you. 7 Q. The final question, you have not provided 7 A. Yes, the grade structure is split into two 8 8 any WhatsApps to this Inquiry, did you? elements. There is what we call the higher 9 9 level senior management part of the civil 10 10 Q. When did you delete them? service. I have to say that just as I was 11 A. I explained this yesterday again that the 11 leaving they changed the grading system and 12 Foreign Office policy which I provided ----12 I think this was part of the ----13 Q. I am not asking you about policy ----13 Q. At the time that you were there in 15 14 14 A. Oh, when? seconds? 15 Q. I am asking --- let us just talk about the 15 A. The junior, senior --- you know, that type 16 Chief Minister's WhatsApps, when did you 16 of --- I have been ----17 17 O. Were there numbers attached to the delete them? 18 A. I normally deleted WhatsApps within a 18 grades? 19 19 week of receiving them. A. Yes, they are. 20 20 Q. So you will have deleted them a week Q. Let me cut to the quick, where were you 21 after receiving them? 21 in relation to the ambassador level grade? 22 22 A. Yes, I think so. Sometimes a bit later but A. Well, I was High Commissioner to 23 23 in order to clear an inbox and to adhere to Botswana which is ambassador but there are 24 24 Foreign Office guidance and instructions, I of course different seniorities of 25 25 was quite --- I mean, I could have brought in ambassadors. Page 217 Page 219 1 one of my black books which transcribes 1 Q. So there is a grade that makes you 2 2 eligible to be an ambassador or high dates and messages and meetings, but I can't 3 3 commissioner in the case of a say I may not have deleted everyone but 4 certainly most of them and the policy issues, 4 Commonwealth country? 5 5 which is the important bit for anything which A. That is correct. 6 is highly sensitive to HMG, I am pretty sure I 6 Q. And were you in that grade, somewhere 7 7 would have deleted. in it? 8 Q. Have you deleted messages after the 8 A. Yes, because I was High Commissioner 9 9 Inquiry was announced on 31 July 2020? to Botswana before I came to Gibraltar. 10 A. No, I don't believe I did. I am sorry, no, 10 Q. So you were effectively an ambassador 11 could you ask that again? 11 and before that, very briefly? 12 Q. The Inquiry was announced that there 12 A. Very briefly I spent seven years working 13 was going to be an Inquiry on 31 July 2020. 13 in Somalia, five of which were in Nairobi 14 14 A. Yes. with a title called Political Counsellor which 15 Q. Did you delete any relevant messages 15 is, you know, in charge of the policy, 16 16 after that date? certainly for the five years in Nairobi. 17 17 A. Ah, good point, yes, I probably did. Q. Ambassador, so accepting that it is 18 MR WAGNER: Thank you. Sir, I should 18 attributed to Oscar Wilde that he said that 19 19 have just taken instructions, so I will be just ambassadors are honourable men sent abroad 20 20 one moment. to lie for their countries, would you ----21 21 THE CHAIRMAN: That does not sound like THE CHAIRMAN: You can do that during 22 22 the break. Oscar Wilde, I do not think. 23 (Short adjournment) 23 SIR PETER CARUANA: I am sorry? 24 NICHOLAS PYLE (Continued): 24 THE CHAIRMAN: I do not think it is Oscar 25 Questioned by SIR PETER CARUANA: 25 Wilde. Page 218 Page 220

1 SIR PETER CARUANA: It is attributed to 1 whether it happened? 2 2 A. No, no, it isn't and if I had to write him, sir. THE CHAIRMAN: Ah, yes. (To the 3 3 minutes and notes of every meeting I had I 4 4 witness): Well, whoever said it, the poor wouldn't be able to do my day job. 5 chap has been attributed many things that he 5 Q. Did the GPA meet to consider the 6 probably did not say. You heard my learned 6 appointment to choose between Mr Ullger 7 friend, Mr Cruz, so I just want to ask you a 7 and Mr McGrail for the post of 8 few questions around credibility, my learned 8 commissioner? 9 friend, Mr Cruz, asked you a series of 9 A. Yes, it did. 10 questions designed to establish that you were 10 Q. Were there minutes of that meeting? 11 friends with Mr Walliker, the then A. There would have been or I assume so. 11 12 Commander of British Forces, Gulf chums, I 12 Q. Are you aware that there are minutes of 13 think it all ended up in. Do you agree you 13 the meeting? The evidence is that they 14 14 said that? cannot be found. 15 15 A. Yes. A. Well, I can make a statement on that 16 Q. Are you aware of Commissioner Ullger's 16 because just as I said previously that there 17 17 evidence that Mr McGrail was his best was an occasion where, with Dr Britto's 18 friend? 18 permission, I went down to the GPA and 19 A. Yes, I am. 19 went through every single minute of every 20 Q. Does that lead you to impugn his 20 GPA meeting recorded to refresh my 21 credibility here? 21 memory, bearing in mind I didn't have any 22 22 A. Absolutely not. records of my own. 23 23 Q. Would you lie on oath --- are you aware Q. My learned friend, Mr Neish, then asked 24 of what the consequences are of lying on 24 you a series of questions designed to suggest 25 oath? 25 that when you have given evidence on oath, Page 221 Page 223 A. Absolutely. 1 leaving to one side the business of formal or 2 Q. In this Inquiry? 2 informal, that there were complaints about 3 3 A. Absolutely. bullying, are you lying when you said that? 4 Q. And of the consequences of swearing a 4 A. No. 5 5 false oath in an affidavit? Q. And similarly as to whether there were 6 A. Absolutely, yes. 6 discussions by the GPA about bullying, were 7 7 Q. Have you lied on oath? you lying about that? 8 8 A. Absolutely not. A. I was not. 9 9 Q. In this Inquiry? Q. Were there discussions by the GPA about 10 10 A. Absolutely not. bullying? 11 Q. Would you lie for your friend, best or 11 A. As I said, if there were not, we were not 12 otherwise? 12 doing our job. 13 13 Q. Are there minutes about it? A. I wouldn't lie for anybody, Sir Peter. 14 Q. So my learned friend, Mr Neish, put to 14 A. I don't believe there are. 15 you that --- well, he asked you whether you 15 Q. Does that mean that the GPA never 16 were aware of the importance of taking 16 discussed bullying allegations in all the years 17 17 minutes and all that, do you remember? you sat on it? 18 A. Yes, I do. 18 A. No, it doesn't mean that. 19 19 Q. And that he put to you the suggestion that Q. Is it plausible, despite not being reflected 20 20 in any minutes, that the GPA never discussed you might be lying? 21 A. About not taking minutes? 21 at one of its meetings the bullying issue in Q. Look, do you think that things that are 22 22 one shape, form or another? 23 23 not recorded in minutes means that they did A. To me that is implausible. 24 not happen or that the person that cannot 24 Q. Is it your position, given that you have 25 prove to a minuted decision is lying about 25 been asked so frequently whether you have Page 222 Page 224

made a note of this or whether you have 1 A. There are I believe my predecessor's 2 2 given evidence of that, when we have predecessor, Leslie Pyett was subsequently 3 3 documentary evidence, is it your position that engaged by the Government of Gibraltar. 4 4 you invite this Inquiry to disbelieve the Q. I was suggesting to you are you aware 5 evidence of every police officer who did not 5 that your predecessor, or one, this Leslie 6 make a note of an important meeting? 6 Pyett, was engaged on similar terms to 7 A. That is not my position at all. 7 yours? 8 Q. My learned friend, Mr Wagner, accused 8 A. Yes. 9 you of re-writing history. Do you recall that? 9 Q. By this Government? 10 A. I do. 10 A. Yes. 11 11 Q. Do you believe, Mr Pyle, that the Q. Not by mine but by this Government? 12 intentional rewriting of history is lying? 12 A. Yes, I was aware of that. 13 A. It is. 13 Q. Are you aware that Colonel Stuart Green 14 14 Q. I wonder whether we might have on --- do you know who Colonel Stuart Green 15 screen paragraph 30 of Mr McGrail's written 15 is? 16 16 A. Yes, I do. opening submissions in this Inquiry, I think it 17 is fair to say that the history that he put to 17 Q. What position did he hold in Gibraltar? 18 you that you had intentionally rewritten was 18 A. Well, most recent or now or ----19 the history as to the reasons for your loss of 19 Q. No, no, when he was in the military here? 20 20 confidence, would you read out paragraph 30 A. I couldn't say with certainty, Sir Peter. 21 until I ask you to pause because we do not 21 Q. But he held a senior post in the 22 need it all. 22 command? 23 A. MP says that his loss of confidence was 23 A. Yes. 24 primarily due to the incident at sea in the 24 Q. And he was retained by the Government 25 25 HMIC FRS report. We do not say that MP is in a press capacity --- are you aware of that? Page 225 Page 227 1 lying but we do say that MP was manipulated 1 A. Yes, I am. 2 and allowed himself to be manipulated by 2 Q. Before he left? 3 3 A. I believe so. 4 Q. Thank you. So can you find a way of 4 Q. And are you aware ---5 5 reconciling the suggestion put to you today A. Can I say I now believe he is with the 6 for the first time that you have rewritten 6 7 7 history as to the reasons for your loss of Q. Yes, and are you aware that Chris Perkiss 8 8 confidence whilst at the same time arguing whom I recruited as our director of aviation, 9 9 when it suits that they do not say that you are was recruited upon his retirement as the RAS 10 10 lying about the reasons for which you station commander in Gibraltar? 11 primarily lost your confidence? 11 A. Yes, I am aware of that. 12 A. That is a correct statement. 12 Q. And are you aware that Governor Ed ---13 Q. Can you find a way of reconciling those 13 Lieutenant Ed Davis, that this Inquiry has 14 two positions? 14 heard from, what he himself contracted ---15 A. No, I cannot. 15 admittedly because of Covid he could not 16 Q. So in respect of --- do you recall my 16 take up a position but he was contracted to 17 17 learned friend, Mr Wagner, putting to you remain and perform a job for the Gibraltar 18 questions about the job offers? 18 Government? 19 19 A. Yes. A. Yes, I was aware of that. 20 Q. Do you know whether it is unusual for 20 Q. And are you aware that in all of those 21 21 the Gibraltar Government to tap into instances, except perhaps Stuart Green and 22 otherwise departing talent like you? 22 Chris Perkiss, that they all had to be 23 23 A. Thank you. No, in fact there are ---approved by the --- in the case of ex-24 Q. There are grades of talent like grades of 24 Governor Davis, by the cabinet office in 25 ambassadors, I suspect? 25 London. Were you aware of that? Page 226 Page 228

1 A. Yes, I am. 1 other reason for it. 2 2 Q. It is also true to acknowledge that none of Q. Whose mobile phone number was yours? 3 those were likely to be participants in a 3 Is it yours or the Convents? 4 4 convened public inquiry. That is true, is it A. No, it's the Convents. 5 not? The point that I am trying to put is that 5 Q. And your successor takes the same 6 this is not an extraordinary or unusual event. 6 number. Is that correct? 7 7 A. Correct. Do you agree? 8 A. I do agree, 8 Q. So if WhatsApps had not been deleted 9 9 they are still in the WhatsApp account Q. So can I just ask you, because I cannot 10 10 help thinking that you might have got attributable to that number. Is that correct? 11 confused, can we put on the screen C4680, 11 A. They should be, yes, that's a good point. 12 the letter of 5 June. Do you remember that 12 Q. But you deleted them --- sorry. 13 paragraph that is on the screen and my 13 A. I was going to say that they should be but 14 14 learned friend asked you some questions, and of course my successor should be following I cannot help thinking --- I am just offering 15 the same procedures, assuming they stayed 15 16 16 you the opportunity of whether you are the same, that I was following. 17 17 Q. So no Foreign Office employee should confusing your position, this is a letter of 3 18 June, your letter of 3 June, do you know what 18 have WhatsApp on their phone. Is that 19 19 it is? correct? 20 20 A. No Foreign Office employee should have. A. Yes, I do. 21 Q. He then quickly asks you questions about 21 THE CHAIRMAN: There is probably some 22 22 your witness statement and I want you to simple answer to this. (To the witness): 23 23 consider whether you thought you were What is the policy reason behind that? 24 24 answering about one when you thought it A. I think that WhatsApps are not as safe as 25 25 was the other. Is it your evidence that your people believed them to be. Page 229 Page 231 1 lawyers --- let me put it to you this way 1 THE CHAIRMAN: Okay, that is very likely, 2 because that was the clear innuendo in the 2 all right. 3 question, did you consult me or anybody in 3 SIR PETER CARUANA: (To the witness): 4 my firm about the drafting of this letter? 4 So the innuendo behind the question that 5 5 somehow you deleted these WhatsApps in A. No. 6 6 Q. Did I or anybody in my firm see this the context of this impending Inquiry, is 7 7 there any truth in that innuendo? letter? 8 8 A. Not until I provided it to you. A. No. 9 9 Q. Were we representing you at that time? Q. Mr Wagner asked you a long, long list of A. No. 10 10 questions all based on the premise that the 11 Q. Just before you finished answering Chief Minister had interfered or intervened in 11 12 helping my learned friend, Mr Wagner, he 12 a live criminal investigations. Do you 13 asked you about the deletion of your 13 remember that? 14 14 WhatsApps and yesterday you explained MR WAGNER: I did not. I asked general 15 what the policy was in the Foreign Office 15 questions of principle not questions about 16 about the deletion of WhatsApps, do you 16 this Chief Minister. That was a separate set 17 recall that? 17 18 A. Yes, I do. 18 SIR PETER CARUANA: I see. (To the 19 19 Q. So when you said "yes, I have deleted witness): So in the context of an Inquiry in 20 20 which his position is that the Chief Minister WhatsApps," the innuendo in the question is 21 21 obvious, is that because of the chronology of has indeed intervened or interfered, the 22 22 suggestion now is that the innuendo was not dates between your retirement and the 23 announcement of this Inquiry or is there 23 intended to be limited to that, but, never 24 24 some other reason for it? mind, but bearing Mr Wagner's clarification 25 A. Just chronology of dates. There is no 25 in mind, are you aware whether the Chief Page 230 Page 232

1 Minister interfered or intervened in a live 1 advised at all? What was the relevance to 2 2 criminal investigation? you of the nature of the lie? 3 A. I don't believe he did. 3 A. I hope I made that point earlier on. 4 4 Q. Is that not one of the facts that this Q. I will see if can motor on and clear some 5 Inquiry has been looking into? 5 ground. I think on weaponised, you have 6 A. Surrounding the retirement of the 6 dealt with this and I do not want to cover 7 **Commissioner of Police?** 7 other ground, but I got the impression that at 8 8 O. Yes. some point in your evidence earlier today 9 9 you were wanting to be taken to some A. Yes. 10 Q. Are you aware of whether he intervened 10 photographs. Do you still want to do that? 11 or interfered in any live criminal 11 We now have the references in case you want 12 investigation or one in relation to his friend? 12 them, it is A294 and A912, but I will not take 13 A. No. 13 you to them. I think you also dealt with the 14 14 Q. I think you have just answered this, I was question of accountability, have you 15 suggested ever to anybody that the RGP or 15 about to ask you whether you have any view 16 16 as to whether he did but ---even Mr McGrail has discriminated in the 17 17 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, that is ---way that they carry out their duties against 18 SIR PETER CARUANA: Yes, I understand 18 anybody based on their nationality or any 19 19 that, thank you. (To the witness): Do you other criteria of discrimination? 20 20 think that --- do you believe that there is any A. No. difference between criticism and 21 21 Q. Is it your evidence that you felt that ---22 22 well, do you feel that the head of an interference? 23 23 A. Yes, there is. organisation like the RGP is accountable in a 24 24 wider and in a sense more political (with a Q. Do you think that the RGP is 25 25 operationally independent? small P) sense? Page 233 Page 235 1 A. I believe it is. 1 A. Yes, I do. 2 Q. Do you think that that operational 2 Q. Is that what you mean when you say that 3 3 independence immunises them from criticism if the two deceased had been two citizens of 4 in respect of operationally independent 4 a community of 30,000 people, which is what 5 5 we are, 35,000 people, that the outcry for actions? 6 6 accountability might have been stronger than A. Absolutely not. 7 7 Q. In respect of the Chief Minister's loss of it proved to be? 8 8 confidence in Mr McGrail, was your own A. That's correct. 9 9 loss of confidence in Mr McGrail based on Q. Do you know what the purpose of the 10 10 your reasons or on his reasons for losing Met report was? 11 confidence? 11 A. It was to explore the reasons for the - and 12 A. Only my reasons. 12 I use the word in its broadest context -13 Q. But the Chief Minister explained to you 13 incident at sea. I also think it was also to -14 14 what his reasons were, did he not? and I may not have this right - make 15 15 recommendations to ensure it couldn't A. Yes, he did. 16 16 Q. He mentioned to you this business that he happen again. 17 17 had lost confidence because he thought he Q. Was it not primarily because the police 18 had to investigate whether officers of itself 18 had been lied to by Mr McGrail. Did he 19 19 explain that to you? may have committed criminal offences? 20 20 A. Yes, he did. A. Oh, yes, sorry, yes, I see, yes, yes, an 21 21 Q. And given that this was not a reason for element of that, yes. Q. So when you invite an external force to 22 you losing confidence in him, did it make 22 23 23 conduct an investigation, is that the primary any difference to you what might have been 24 the exact wording of the alleged lie, whether 24 25 it was advise strongly against or had not 25 A. It is and that is why I made the comment Page 236 Page 234

| 1 | and sorry for not making myself clearer, | 1 | to do. My view is my view and my view can |
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| 2 | that I fully expected that request to come in | 2 | be accepted and taken in any way by |
| 3 | because I saw no option. | 3 | anybody. |
| 4 | Q. In fact did the Met eventually recommend | 4 | Q. You were also asked why you had not |
| 5 | the prosecution or criminal charges be | 5 | I cannot read my own handwriting, whether |
| 6 | brought against | 6 | you had taken the opportunity to have all the |
| 7 | A. Yes, it did. | 7 | facts, the evidence and issues in front of you |
| 8 | Q a number of officers? | 8 | to ensure a fair process. Do you remember |
| 9 | A. Yes, it did. | 9 | that? |
| 10 | Q. In terms of accountability, did you | 10 | A. On the recruitment, yes, I do remember. |
| 11 | already in May know that two citizens, not of | 11 | Q. Are you aware that it is the RGP's case as |
| 12 | Gibraltar but two people had suffered deaths? | 12 | articulated by my learned friend, Mr Cruz, |
| 13 | A. Yes, I did. | 13 | almost whenever he gets to his feet, that the |
| 14 | Q. At the hands of the Royal Gibraltar | 14 | RGP are accountable only to the GPA and |
| 15 | Police? | 15 | that the Government should not interfere? |
| 16 | A. Yes. | 16 | A. So I yes, I mean the Governor has the |
| 17 | Q. Operating outside of British territorial | 17 | ability to interfere well, interfere is |
| 18 | waters? | 18 | possibly too strong a word but under the Act, |
| 19 | A. Yes. | 19 | as we know, the Governor does have certain |
| 20 | Q. In Spanish territorial waters? | 20 | powers. |
| 21 | A. Yes. | 21 | Q. What powers do you think you have, and |
| 22 | Q. Had you seen the Solis report or its draft? | 22 | I will debate it with you, so I will just ask |
| 23 | A. Yes. | 23 | you the question and move straight on. |
| 24 | Q. And had you expressed concern already | 24 | A. But the GPA is independent which is why |
| 25 | about the waters issue, operating outside our | 25 | my point is that when I started the process, I |
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1 question or ----1 about the use of the word "incident" and 2 2 SIR PETER CARUANA: I withdraw it, I whether it includes collision as well as withdraw it, I withdraw it. 3 3 pursuit, do you remember that? 4 4 A. Yes, I do. (16.00)5 THE CHAIRMAN: It is no good being too 5 Q. Did the then-Commissioner, Mr McGrail, 6 sensitive, Mr Wagner, for these... 6 ever draw this distinction when he was 7 SIR PETER CARUANA: I was in jest. 7 giving you or not giving you information? 8 MR WAGNER: I think that was just 8 A. No, he did not. 9 9 Q. In respect of the 9 March meeting, were sensitive enough --10 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, yes, yes. 10 you told it was virtually certain or highly MR WAGNER: -- to be fair. 11 probable that it was in Spanish waters? The 11 12 Q. Okay. Is it your evidence to this Inquiry 12 collision, I am speaking about the collision 13 that the occasion of the collision is what was 13 now. 14 14 most important to you on 8 March, is that A. No, I was not. Q. And about the fact that the Guardia Civil 15 15 correct? 16 A. Yes. 16 had provided coordinates from their radar 17 17 Q. At the meeting on 8 March at New Mole system? 18 House police station, were you told that it 18 A. No, I was not. 19 Q. Or that the collision had occurred six was virtually certain or highly probable that 19 20 the collision had taken place in Spanish 20 nautical miles of Santa Bárbara beach, it was 21 waters? 21 thought? 22 22 A. No, I was not. A. No, I was not. 23 23 Q. Were you told that the Guardia Civil had Q. Did you again ask, in the meeting of 9 24 provided coordinates to the RGP from their 24 March, about the location of the collision? 25 CVAY (?), whatever that stands for 25 A. Yes, I did. Page 241 Page 243 1 (acronyms) radar system? 1 Q. And, were you shown the map on that 2 A. No, I was not. 2 occasion? 3 3 Q. Were you told that the collision is thought A. No, I was not. 4 to have occurred six nautical miles off Santa 4 Q. Was the distinction between incident 5 5 Bárbara beach? meaning collision and/or pursuit explained to 6 A. No, I was not. 6 you? 7 Q. Did you ask about the location of the 7 A. No. Q. Or alluded to? 8 8 collision. 9 9 A. Yes, I did, and whether it was -- it wasn't A. No. 10 the location, it was whether it was inside or 10 Q. So, if I could just now take a moment or 11 two to put some of your emails to the Foreign 11 12 Q. Yes. Exactly, of British marine (?)... 12 Office to you. Can we have on screen 13 13 C3286. Yes, just the paragraph that reads A. -- BGTW. 14 "CoP confirms". So, "CoP confirm that the 14 Q. Were you shown a map? Sorry, I am 15 covering ground -- I expect to be rapped over 15 exact location is still to be", you remember 16 the knuckles in just a moment because you 16 being taken to this? 17 17 have answered this question actually, A. Yes, I do. Q. "CoP confirmed" etc, "still has to be 18 frequently --18 19 19 THE CHAIRMAN: Several times. determined, as were the details of the chase, 20 20 which lasted ten minutes. I said that it was SIR PETER CARUANA: It was put to you 21 21 important that (?) for Thursday's meeting in by you, sir, directly. 22 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes. 22 London we had one single and agreed 23 23 Q. You were not shown a map? version of facts. I welcomed the fact that 24 24 A. I was not shown a map. there had been communication between the 25 Q. Now, we have heard a lot this morning 25 Guardia Civil and the RGP", and then there

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1 is, "The AG said it was clear with the entry at 1 collision took place. We are tying up some 2 2 some point of the vessel that the law had loose ends and probing further from WHSS 3 been broken, and that the chase was 3 and should be able to confirm soon. It is, 4 4 highly probable it did occur out BGTW." Is legitimate (?). He said it is important we are 5 able to present this to the Spanish as 5 this the first time that you hear this from Mr 6 cooperation", etc, etc. So, that was on 9 6 McGrail? 7 March; that was your email on 9 March, after 7 A. Yes, it is. 8 8 you had said in the morning to the Foreign Q. And is that consistent with having been Office that, B1346... I will not dwell on 9 9 told on the 9th allegedly more than this? 10 these, because I think we are all now pretty 10 MR WAGER: I am sorry, I have got to 11 intervene, because that is not what was put to familiar with them, "There have been 11 12 complications around yesterday's incident, it 12 him and it is not what he said in evidence, so 13 might have happened as much as six miles 13 if you have got a part of the oral evidence to 14 inside Spanish waters." Do you recall 14 put him to then fine, but --15 15 reporting that --SIR PETER CARUANA: B --16 A. Yes, I do. 16 MR WAGER: -- that is misleading. 17 17 Q. -- on the night -- this was the very early SIR PETER CARUANA: No, it is not 18 morning --18 misleading. The essence of your questions 19 A. Yes, I do. Eight o'clock, or... 19 was to suggest that Mr Pyle... Sorry, I will 20 Q. Now, can you go to 3265. No, I am 20 address the chair. Sir, the essence of the 21 going to curtail this; I am just going to do it 21 questions was to imply that Mr Pyle already 22 22 to the latter ones, otherwise I am going to knew on the 9th information that he wrongly 23 23 take too long. I do beg your pardon, Sir; I attributes as evasiveness to Mr McGrail, by 24 24 am going to cut out some of this. Can we go suggesting that Mr McGrail had failed to 25 to B1351, at 18.58. "Ian, Good to hear about 25 provide it to him sooner than the 12th. That Page 245 Page 247 1 progress re Met help. Are we any clearer as 1 was the essence of the questions, and I am to where the collision took place? London 2 2 putting to the witness whether the answers 3 3 are keen to know whether it was inside or that he gave this morning are to be 4 outside BGTW and if the latter, 4 understood in the context of the effect of that 5 5 approximately by how far." Is it conceivable being true on what he appeared not to know 6 that on 11 March you could have sent such a 6 in subsequent communications, both in his 7 7 message to Mr McGrail if, as has been the favour and by you. 8 8 premise of the questions put to you by Mr A. The point that I hope I got across is that I 9 9 Wagner, you had even better than that believed Mr McGrail was evasive to me from 10 10 information already by the 9th? the Sunday morning up until he confirmed, 11 MR WAGER: Sorry, that is not what I put to 11 which is the information I wanted to hear 12 him 12 from the Commissioner of Police, until I got 13 SIR PETER CARUANA: Sorry? 13 this WhatsApp response from him. 14 THE CHAIRMAN: I think that what you are 14 Q. I will take you just to one more: the 15 15 asking is: would he have sent that message exchange between Mr McGrail and Mr 16 16 and asked that question if he already knew Llamas at 19.09. "HE (Nick) is asking for 17 17 the answer? confirmation of where collision took place as 18 18 Q. Exactly, sir. It speaks about where the London are keen to know. I have informed 19 19 collision took place, why are you asking him along the same lines that you advised 20 20 CM ie that it is highly probable that it 2.1 21 happened outside BGTW." So even then, Mr A. Because I want confirmation, rather than, 22 than "might", rather than... 22 McGrail was saying that he was then on that 23 23 Q. Yes. And at 19.07 on the same day Mr day telling you "highly probable", agree? McGrail replies, "we are getting there on 24 24 A. Agree. 25 establishing exact co-ordinates of where 25 Q. And "outside BGTW", anything about Page 246 Page 248

1 inside Spanish waters there? 1 been evasive with you in terms of providing 2 2 A. No. And I think the -- if I may, "I have to you the best information, subject to 3 3 informed him along the same lines that you confirmation, that was available to him? 4 4 advised CM" is the AG's email -- the A. That is my position. 5 5 Q. You have already spoken around the WhatsApp he erroneously sent to the 6 6 manipulation point, and I think in shorthand **Commissioner of Police.** 7 7 you have said that you find the suggestion Q. And you say to Mr McGrail, "OK. 8 Thanks. I'll inform London facts still not 8 offensive, but I could take you to... Did you 9 established but highly likely to have occurred 9 by any chance hear the broadcast of the 10 outside BGTW." You are still not boasting of 10 evidence of the Chief Minister? 11 any knowledge that it was probably in Spain? 11 12 A. No, correct. 12 Q. Just to save me putting some of these 13 Q. Until 12 March, when there is the email I 13 documents to you. 14 14 will not take you to that is at 3306. You say A. I did, I did hear it. Not live at the same 15 15 to London, "I asked the Commissioner of time, but I've caught up on it. 16 Police yesterday". Had an inquiry been 16 Q. Did you require persuasion by the Chief called in March 2020? 17 17 Minister, of the desirability of replacing Mr 18 A. No. 18 McGrail as Commissioner of Police? 19 19 Q. Had you even engaged in the process in A. Not at all. 20 20 relation to Mr McGrail in March 2020. Q. Did you require persuasion or 21 21 encouragement by him to approach the GPA? 22 Q. This is what you told the Foreign Office, 22 A. Not at all. 23 "I asked the Commissioner of Police 23 Q. Why not? 24 yesterday if he could three days on confirm 24 A. Because I could do it in my own right if I 25 25 the location of the collision, as per the wanted to. Page 249 Page 251 1 meeting Michael and I had with him on 1 O. And even if the Chief Minister had been 2 Monday. He was not, and restricted himself 2 the trigger in the but for sense, I do not 3 3 to saying: more work needing to be done but know, presumably you would not have done 4 it is highly probable it was outside BGTW. I 4 it on that day if the Chief Minister had not 5 5 have to say I cannot quite understand why we rung up. Perhaps you would like to answer 6 6 still don't definitively know whether the that question. Would you have done it on 7 7 incident took place in or outside of BGTW." that day? I think this was the thrust of one of 8 8 And then you go on, the exact coordinates do my learned friends' questions. Would you 9 9 not matter, this is what you said in evidence have done it on that day if the Chief Minister 10 10 today, that this is... Sorry? Yes. I do not had not reached out to you on the 14th with 11 want to take up more time with this, what I 11 his email? 12 have read is there. "The exact coordinates 12 A. Probably not, given what was in my 13 13 in-tray at the time. But it wouldn't have don't matter. That this savage (?)... it's a 14 14 matter..." taken long. 15 THE CHAIRMAN: I think that must mean 15 Q. So even if the Chief Minister was the 16 "at this stage" --16 trigger in the sort of but for sense, does that 17 17 A. Yes. Correct. alter anything about your position, about Q. Yes, thank you sir. "it's a matter of inside your loss of confidence and about your desire 18 18 19 19 or out. This leaves me worried that it was to see Mr McGrail replaced for whatever 20 significantly outside." So, even then you 20 reasons you have explained to the Inquiry? 21 21 were talking only about being significantly A. Not at all. 22 22 O. So is it true that there was worried, at eight o'clock in the morning on 23 the 12th. 23 a coincidence --24 24 A. Correct. A. Yes, it is. 25 Q. So, do you consider that Mr McGrail has 25 Q. -- albeit for different reasons --Page 250 Page 252

| 1 | A. Yes, it is. | 1 | Q. And is that your position regardless of |
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| 2 | Q for the same objective? | 2 | coincidences and absence of notes? Talking |
| 3 | A. I believe I made that statement yesterday. | 3 | about the absence of notes, do you think that |
| 4 | Q. So I am not going to take the Inquiry's | 4 | the fact that you do not immediately |
| 5 | time because this is, hopefully I am the last | 5 | complain about something illegitimatises |
| 6 | speaker in the oral stage, so we are all now | 6 | your taking into account later? |
| 7 | tired, but in all the documents that you have | 7 | A. No. |
| 8 | seen, the emails that you drafted yourself, do | 8 | Q. Indeed, do you not stand accused of |
| 9 | you remember you sent an email on the | 9 | rushing into your section 12 decision before |
| 10 | evening of the 17th, I think it was, the | 10 | you new Governor arrived? |
| 11 | Sunday. Do you remember that? | 11 | A. Yes. |
| 12 | A. Yes. | 12 | Q. And at the same time of taking six to |
| 13 | Q. It was the Chief Minister then | 13 | eight weeks to decide that the incident at sea |
| 14 | commented on in red and sent back to you. | 14 | was serious enough to call to lose confidence |
| 15 | A. Yes. | 15 | in Mr McGrail. |
| 16 | Q. When you sent, when you initiated that | 16 | A. Correct. |
| 17 | email to the Chief Minister after your | 17 | Q. So we now know that, according to |
| 18 | meeting with him, was that your act or | 18 | Mr McGrail, the reasonable time to pause for |
| 19 | something that he encouraged you to do or | 19 | thought between rushing and taking too long |
| 20 | somehow something that he manipulated you | 20 | is somewhere between eight days and eight |
| 21 | to do? | 21 | weeks, or six weeks. |
| 22 | A. No, that would have been at my own | 22 | A. Correct. |
| 23 | instigation. | 23 | Q. Okay. (Pause). So you were asked, do |
| 24 | Q. We may look at that one because of the | 24 | you recall being asked, and this is just really |
| 25 | suggestions put about the process to you | 25 | by way of clarification, yesterday you were |
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1 progressing with the exercise of my section 1 to decide? 2 2 15(1)(a) power to seek a factual report or (16.30)3 assessment. Let's discuss." 3 A. No, not at all. 4 4 And indeed the Chief Minister said that that, Q. I mean, are you satisfied that it was at all 5 this document, had inspired the note of what 5 times the GPA's decision? 6 was going to be raised at the 18 May meeting 6 A. Yes. 7 with Mr Britto and it is reflected in the note 7 Q. And the GPA process to flunk, if that is 8 in very similar terms at C3995. You can 8 what they did? 9 have a very quick look at it. We are not 9 A. Correct. 10 going to look at the text. Just you can see 10 Q. And indeed, if you look back, and I won't 11 that: "The issue is a pressing one." You will 11 take you to it because I took the Chief 12 recognise almost the same language. 12 Minster to it and I know the Chairman will 13 A. Yes. 13 be familiar, that email with black and red, 14 Q. It is about halfway down page 3995. Do 14 specifically sets out the Chief Minister's 20 15 you want to scroll upwards? Yes. 15 line statement about those very things, about 16 A. Yes, I can see that. 16 how Mr McGrail had to be given an 17 17 Q. "The issue is a pressing one." No? It opportunity and how indeed having his 18 should be ... yes: "The issue is a pressing 18 representations would be helpful, not just to 19 one." 19 the GPA but to you if you ever needed to 20 A. Yes. 20 exercise the section, do you recall that? 21 Q. Thank you. So would you accept that 21 A. I do. 22 22 you did discuss in fact the possibility of Q. Do you think that the GPA were free to 23 23 a section 15 report? decide to call for Mr McGrail's retirement or 24 A. Yes, we did. I think, and if I didn't say it, 24 to decide not to call for Mr McGrail's 25 it is inconceivable that we didn't. I just 25 retirement? Page 261 Page 263 1 couldn't draw together in this room when 1 A. Of course. 2 exactly that took place. 2 Q. And why should a prior indication of 3 3 what you would do, rightly or wrongly, if Q. And if I could just take you to the section 4 34 process. You have been questioned quite 4 they didn't, does that curtail their freedom to 5 5 closely and intensely today by my learned make the choice I have just described? 6 friend Mr Wagner as if this process were 6 A. Not at all. 7 7 Q. Yesterday, you said, and I think you yours. Is this section 34 process your 8 8 repeated it today, that you had expected that process? 9 9 A. No. the GPA would ask for more information. 10 10 So, taking your letter as 18 June -- sorry, 18 Q. What is your status in that process? Are 11 May -- do you regard that as your 11 you a complainant or are you a decision 12 maker? 12 "complaint" (in inverted commas) I using the 13 13 word "complaint" lightly? A. Um, I think I am a complainant. 14 Q. And beyond telling Mr Britto what you 14 A. I think as I said I regarded that as more, I 15 15 told him at the meeting of 18 May, which mean, do put it in context setting, but the 16 16 appears somewhere on this page or the next, start of a process. 17 17 it happens to be on screen, but I do not have Q. And I think you also have said that the 18 18 to take you to it. But you wanted to make it GPA would need to provide more details at a 19 19 clear to him the strength of your views, etc. meeting with Mr McGrail and indeed I think 20 20 you have said, have you, that you had Beyond that, and the chairman will decide 21 21 envisaged the section 34 process to take what significance he wishes to attach to that, 22 some time? 22 did you do anything at all to suggest 23 23 an improper process to the GPA or put A. Yes. Q. Why did you think it would take some 24 24 pressure on them as to what they had to 25 decide or direct them as to what they needed 25

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1 A. It was a possibility because to do it 1 Q. Or complaining together more 2 2 thoroughly and properly meant, you know, accurately? You said, I realise that some 3 giving Mr McGrail every opportunity to not 3 words have a legalistic meaning and perhaps 4 4 a lay meaning, but you said that the GPA's only put representations but perhaps to 5 provide evidence and then have 5 flawed process was about the fact that it was 6 supplementary questioning, etc. 6 inquorate. Inquorate means not enough Q. Thank you. Might that have entailed you 7 7 people present at the meeting. 8 and the Chief Minister being asked to give 8 A. Correct. 9 more evidence if the GPA had thought that 9 Q. Did you have an understanding of some 10 10 defects beyond the question of the quorum, necessary? 11 whether the quorum requirement had been A. Absolutely. 11 12 Q. Information I should say rather than 12 complied with? 13 evidence, or evidence, it does not matter. 13 A. Yes, I did. 14 14 Indeed, from either of you or both of you and Q. So, for example, did you know that they 15 15 indeed from Mr McGrail perhaps? had failed -- that they had purported to make 16 A. Of course. 16 a substantive decision that it was desirable 17 17 Q. So, is it your position that your letter of for Mr McGrail to retire before they had 18 22 May ... of 18 May, your note, was the 18 heard him in representations? 19 start of a process and indeed your invitation 19 A. Yes. 20 orally to Mr Britto to consider whether the 20 Q. And that was part of my learned friend 21 GPA wanted to engage in a section 34 21 Mr Neish's advice as to why the process was 22 22 process? flawed. Is that correct? 23 23 A. Absolutely correct. A. Correct. 24 Q. So, when you were asked today by my 24 Q. Did you know that? Were you legally 25 learned friend Mr Wagner why you acted as 25 advised that the GPA's position resulted in a Page 265 Page 267 1 one with the CM, with the insinuation that by 1 default? 2 acting as one you had failed to uphold the 2 A. Yes, I was. 3 3 constitutional independence of the office of Q. You were legally advised by the Attorney 4 Governor, what role did you have to share, to 4 General, were you? 5 5 act in as one with the Chief Minister in the A. Yes. 6 section 34 process? 6 Q. And can we have B1828 on screen 7 7 please. I hope you will see it there. A. Sorry, what role ...? 8 8 Q. Yes, did you have a role beyond the "Although you have justifiable grounds on 9 9 invitation to the GPA for it to consider which to exercise your section 13(f) powers, 10 10 exercising its powers? there remains a risk that it could be 11 challenged by the Commissioner." Is that 11 A. No, no. 12 Q. So, the acting as one was simply your 12 Foreign Office legal advisor advising you 13 coincidence of desire to see the removal of 13 that in -- I think it is a lady, isn't it -- her 14 opinion you had justifiable grounds on which Mr McGrail if possible? 14 15 15 to exercise your section 13(f) powers? A. Correct. 16 16 Q. And indeed, speaking of acting as one, A. I think it is clear that I do have justifiable 17 17 one or both of you would have had to consent grounds or did have on which to exercise. 18 18 to the exercise of that power by the GPA if Q. Is this email from a Foreign Office legal 19 19 they had decided to invite him to retire, is advisor? 20 20 that correct? A. Yes, it is. 21 21 Q. And if I am not mistaken, I think I have A. Correct. 22 22 read somewhere that she is actually the Q. So acting as one simply means both of 23 23 the two parties, one of which would have had legally advisor relating to Human Rights 24 24 matters. I thought that was an interesting to consent, giving the consent? 25 25 touch. A. Yes. Page 266 Page 268

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1 MR WAGNER: Sir, I hesitate to rise, but 1 process and they thought that they were 2 2 just bearing in mind the transcript, I am not hopelessly tainted by bias? 3 sure it has been completely accurately 3 A. Correct. 4 4 summarised what she said, because there is Q. So that in those circumstances, short of 5 only bits of it, the sort of favourable bits that 5 reconstituting the GPA --6 6 THE CHAIRMAN: Which the Attorney have been read out. 7 SIR PETER CARUANA: I have not 7 General thought was probably itself liable to 8 summarised anything. I have read the whole 8 attack? 9 of what she said, "Although you have 9 SIR PETER CARUANA: Correct, sir, 10 justifiable legal grounds on which to exercise 10 because of the role precisely of the Chief 11 your section 13(f) power", suggests this 11 Minister and the Governor in that process, a 12 particular lawyer, not sitting in some dark 12 Commissioner of Police that the GPA had 13 conspiratorial room in Gibraltar but in the 13 already decided had acquired an untenable 14 14 position, would not and could not have been legal department of the Foreign Office in 15 London, that the Governor of Gibraltar had 15 removed from office unless you did it? 16 16 power to exercise under section 13(f), and A. Correct. 17 17 that the section was engaged. That is all I Q. Now, we have heard quite a lot, and I do 18 have suggested. Isn't it obvious? 18 not want to dwell on this very much because 19 MR WAGNER: It is the second bit to the 19 the Chairman is, I am sure, very familiar with 20 20 sentence that you have not read out. all these Foreign Office emails now. Can I perhaps just pick one out. So we have done 21 SIR PETER CARUANA: Sorry? 21 22 22 THE CHAIRMAN: He did read the second the Foreign Office advice. I will not go there 23 23 bit out the first time he read it. again. Now, can I just ask you who this 24 24 SIR PETER CARUANA: The fact that there exchange of emails is with. Could you turn 25 25 is a risk of -to -- Mr Triay, could we have B1838. Page 269 Page 271 1 MR WAGNER: (inaudible) 1 Reading the Diptel, I don't know if you 2 SIR PETER CARUANA: Do not worry. 2 explained what Diptel is, has somebody 3 3 asked you to explain what -- what is Diptel? These things happen. Even the lawful 4 exercise of a power can be unsuccessfully 4 I mean, I know the answer. Can you explain 5 5 challenged, can't it? for the benefit of the Inquiry what Diptel is? 6 6 A. A Diptel is sort of the most formal A. Yes. 7 7 O. So the fact that there was a risk of communication that goes to Ministers --8 8 challenge doesn't detract from the first part, THE CHAIRMAN: Sorry? 9 9 that you had justifiable grounds in their SIR PETER CARUANA: No, no, I was just 10 10 opinion to exercise your section 13 ... is that being asked how long I will be and I am 11 how you read it? going to rattle through and finish quite 11 12 A. Yes. 12 quickly. 13 13 THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Q. Now, was it your understanding from the SIR PETER CARUANA: Sorry, you were 14 14 letter that the GPA wrote to you telling you 15 that they had messed up the process, that (1) 15 explaining very quickly please. 16 they had decided that in their view Mr 16 A. It is the highest level of communication 17 17 McGrail's position had become untenable we have which will go to the Minister's 18 and should be invited to retire, albeit that 18 office and occasionally higher up to Foreign 19 19 they came to that conclusion in a flawed Secretary and Prime Minister and across 20 20 process, but that was their view and we have Whitehall. 21 heard the evidence from Mr Britto, and Mr 21 Q. Yes, that is the point. Do I correctly 22 22 understand that a Diptel is after an event has Morello and others. 23 23 A. Correct. happened of wider interest to the Foreign 24 24 Office, not just circulated beyond the Q. But that they could not and would not 25 implement that decision because flawed 25 immediate players in it? Page 270 Page 272

A. Yes, it can be but it can also be at a 1 get a Commissioner in post who has the 2 2 moment in time to take advice or to brief ... leadership and values that the RGP 3 to get into the Minister's mind that we need a 3 deserves." Is this your bilateral decision with 4 4 the Chief Minister or is this -- did you pen decision, so it is not just at the end of a 5 process, a negotiation or a treaty or incident. 5 this with the Chief Minister? 6 6 A. No. Q. But there, at the end of the first paragraph Q. We have also heard a lot about the flawed 7 there, whoever this email -- I am going to ask 7 8 you in a moment who you think it is to and 8 process, the flawed section 38(4) process and 9 from, but a challenging situation -- it says, 9 how insufficient information was provided 10 "Reading Diptel made me think of something 10 and all of that. Now, am I right in thinking 11 11 my company commander at Sandhurst", that before the letter of 29 May, that is my 12 obviously a military type, "used to frequently 12 learned friend Mr Gomez's firm's letter to the 13 say, the right thing to do is often the hardest 13 GPA, you had already lost confidence in Mr 14 14 thing to do. That certainly resonates when I McGrail before 29 May, is that correct? 15 15 think of this situation, a challenging situation A. Correct. 16 16 but without doubt the right course of action." Q. And the GPA had already made its Sorry, B1838, is that not on the screen? 17 17 decision that it thought that his position had 18 THE CHAIRMAN: It is. 18 become untenable simply on the basis of the 19 A. Yes. 19 fact that the Governor and the Chief Minister 20 20 SIR PETER CARUANA: Do you know who had lost confidence in him? 21 that -- all the names are blanked out. But do 21 A. Correct. 22 22 Q. Although there is some evidence that they you know --23 THE CHAIRMAN: Possibly for good 23 gave some weight to the maritime incident, 24 24 but principally they say because of the loss of 25 25 SIR PETER CARUANA: Sorry? confidence resulting in untenability. Was Page 273 Page 275 1 THE CHAIRMAN: Possibly for good 1 that your understanding? 2 2 A. Correct, yes. 3 3 A. I might be able to help you out here, Sir Q. So, if the GPA's position before this letter 4 Peter, that if you read the second paragraph, 4 was that his position was already untenable, 5 5 do you think that this letter made his position that might give you a clue. But I don't think 6 as it has been redacted, it would be wrong of 6 more untenable than it already was, given the 7 7 allegations he makes in it about the Chief me to say. 8 8 SIR PETER CARUANA: You can do. Is it Minister, the Deputy Governor. You were 9 9 the Overseas Territory Police Advisor? going to stay on as Deputy Governor, weren't 10 10 you? A. Yes, it is. 11 THE CHAIRMAN: So this is the person in 11 A. I was until September 2021. 12 Miami? 12 Q. And who deals with these issues normally 13 SIR PETER CARUANA: That is the same 13 in The Convent. Is this something that the 14 14 Deputy Governor would normally deal with man. 15 15 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes. for the Governor? 16 16 SIR PETER CARUANA: He sits as part of A. So, with Lieutenant General Ed Davis I 17 the Foreign Office, does he? 17 suspect had he been there, and indeed had Sir 18 A. Correct. 18 David arrived, then I would have handed 19 19 Q. He is part of the Diplomatic Staff of the over correctly the ultimate responsibility and 20 20 Foreign Office and his job is to advise decision to the Governor, but with my 21 21 overseas territories in respect of policing briefing, advising recommendations, etc, 22 22 issues? supported by London. 23 Q. Okay. But is it viable -- I mean the 23 A. Correct. 24 Q. And in the last sentence of that email 24 answer is necessarily going to sound a bit 25 there, "This now opens up the opportunity to 25 self-serving so the Chairman will decide Page 274 Page 276

1 what evidential value he attributes to it --1 Q. Okay now, do you think all your 2 2 THE CHAIRMAN: You are expecting the messages to London, some of them were 3 answer "Yes". 3 converted into reports to ministers in 4 4 SIR PETER CARUANA: Yes. So, is it in London, is that correct? 5 your experience viable for the RGP to 5 A. Correct. 6 6 Q. Given the questions that were put to you operate effectively and efficiently in 7 Gibraltar without the confidence or having 7 by reference to your emails of 22 May and 8 said these things under the leadership of a 8 whether your "James Levy!", do you recall 9 man who has said all these things here about 9 those emails? 10 the Chief Minister, the Deputy Governor and 10 A. Yes, I do. 11 11 Q. I will not waste time going back to them. the Attorney General? 12 A. Yes, it is a yes. 12 Do you believe that London's support for 13 (over speaking) 13 your actions to exercise your power under 14 14 A. I think you caught me out a bit. section 13 and everything that preceded it, all 15 your reports when you were at the section 34 15 Q. Speaking of re-writing history, you have 16 16 read this letter, have you? stage with the GPA, do you think that 17 17 A. Yes. London's support for your actions and indeed 18 Q. 29 May? 18 the terms in which they responded and 19 19 A. Yes. praised you even, including Sir David, 20 20 Q. Apart from the references to vanishing depended on the fact that they did not know 21 reasons, in other words, why wasn't the Chief 21 that James Levy was a suspect in the 22 Minister's reason for losing confidence 22 Operation Delhi criminal investigation? 23 feature more prominently in 22 May letter 23 A. No, and I think the email from Sir David 24 that the Chief Minister helped craft, apart 24 saying that he had discussed the issue a few 25 25 from that, have you found any reference in days before his arrival with the PUS, as I Page 277 Page 279 1 this --1 pointed out, the PUS is Sir Philip Barton, 2 THE CHAIRMAN: 38 pages. 2 who would be well aware of --3 3 SIR PETER CARUANA: Yes, a 38 page Q. And do you think that it depended on the 4 letter, to the alleged insufficiency or dearth 4 fact that the Chief Minister was a friend of 5 5 of information to sustain the loss of Mr Levy? 6 confidence? 6 A. It's irrelevant. 7 7 Q. Given the importance that we all attribute A. No. no. 8 8 or certainly should attribute to the rule of law Q. I am not surprised because there is none. 9 9 MR WAGNER: That is just false, I am and the operational independence of the RGP 10 10 in it, I remember negotiating the new sorry. 11 11 constitution getting the grief here, but is this THE CHAIRMAN: I agree. There are such 12 references in the letter. 12 an issue that London takes particular interest 13 SIR PETER CARUANA: Only in respect of 13 in when, in the context of its reserved powers 14 the vanishing reasons, sir, which I concede in 14 and its good governance oversight? 15 15 A. Yes, of course. the --16 Q. Would you therefore expect London to 16 MR WAGNER: That is not true. 17 MS GALLAGHER: We will deal with it in 17 take a particularly keen interest in a 18 Governor's decision to seek the removal of a 18 submissions. 19 19 SIR PETER CARUANA: Exactly. That is Commissioner of Police? A. Absolutely. The Overseas Territories are 20 the right place to deal with it and so will we. 20 21 21 In that case we will leave it, but you are not all under great scrutiny. 22 22 aware of references of the sort of the Q. And this went up to ministers. Would 23 23 senior officials in the Foreign Office support magnitude that have been described to you 24 24 and indeed advise it without oversight and today? 25 25 without believing that it was justified? A. No. Page 278 Page 280

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| 1 | A. No, correct. It would not. | 1 2 | retirement." Then at the bottom, "Please |
| 2 3 | Q. And I will not take you we have seen the position of the police advisor. So, in | 2 3 | confirm to me by no later than midday tomorrow whether that is indeed your |
| 4 | respect of your section 13 powers, you | 4 | decision and, if so, whether you would be |
| 5 | threatened to exercise them, didn't you? | 5 | tendering your letter of resignation." Error? |
| 6 | A. I don't think it was a threat. I think it was | $\begin{vmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \end{vmatrix}$ | A. Error. I apologise. |
| 7 | putting people on notice that I would be | 7 | Q. Yes. And at C4820, this is an email |
| 8 | prepared to use them should I need to. I | 8 | addressed to you by Mr Gomez, Mr |
| 9 | don't think I can threaten something at the | 9 | McGrail's solicitors, the day after that letter |
| 10 | end before the start of the process had begun. | 10 | and in response to it, and can you just go to |
| 11 | Q. But did you in fact exercise your powers | 11 | the paragraph starting "Moreover", but just |
| 12 | under section 13? | 12 | over half way down, there you are, |
| 13 | A. No, I did not. | 13 | "Moreover, there is no reason that we can see |
| 14 | Q. When you met with Mr McGrail on 5 | 14 | why the process which you appear to be |
| 15 | June, I think it was in the later | 15 | preparing for", do you see that? |
| 16 | afternoon/early evening, I do not recall, you | 16 | A. Yes, I do. |
| 17 | will correct me, was it to initiate the process? | 17 | Q. " ie, the exercise of your powers under |
| 18 | A. No. | 18 | section 13, notice should be rushed unless it |
| 19 | Q. Why did you meet with him then? | 19 | is because you wanted to dispose of this very |
| 20 | A. I think it was to help conclude, and I | 20 | serious matter and with it my client's career |
| 21 | know Mr McGrail had concerns and said that | 21 | and reputation before the swearing in of Sir |
| 22 | he wished to take retirement subject to terms | 22 | David Steel." But had they not already told |
| 23 | and conditions. | 23 | you two days earlier that they wanted or |
| 24 | Q. Did Mr McGrail come to the meeting of 5 | 24 | rather told the GPA that he wanted to retire? |
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1 been left with no choice but to apply for early 1 including the Permanent [etc]." 2 2 retirement. He will certainly not be And indeed is that what had been agreed in 3 resigning." So, do you agree that whatever 3 your meeting with the Attorney General and 4 4 might be the effect of your error in your 6 the Chief Minister before that? 5 June letter, it had dissipated by the time Mr 5 A. Yes. 6 Gomez wrote this email, because he was 6 Q. So it was not your intention to call for his 7 7 telling you that he would retire but not resignation --8 8 resign? A. No. 9 A. I agree. 9 Q. -- had he not retired? 10 Q. And then the last three lines of that 10 A. No. (Pause). 11 sentence, "To be clear, his request for early 11 Q. I think that, yes, could I just put this issue 12 retirement is subject to satisfactory terms 12 to you very quickly. Mr Ullger's evidence 13 being agreed in advance. However, should 13 was in part corrected by an affidavit that he 14 14 appropriate terms be agreed, from his submitted yesterday. His oral evidence was 15 15 perspective, we anticipate that this process that the only meeting with you he could 16 could be swift." Then it carries on, "I hope 16 remember at the Waterfront was two years 17 17 that you will appreciate that my client's 36 after Mr McGrail's departure. Do you recall 18 year career and his family ...", etc, "that 18 that? 19 should be hastily disposed of on account of 19 A. I do. 20 whatever expediency and obscure reasons 20 Q. And that yesterday he submitted a third 21 behind the sudden campaign against him." 21 witness statement saying that he had found 22 22 Then the penultimate paragraph, "In order to an entry in his diary suggesting he had met 23 23 assist the incoming Governor, Mr McGrail with you on 9 July, which is a month or so 24 will be writing to him next week with what 24 after Mr McGrail's retirement. But he says: 25 he believes will be reasonable terms for his 25 "The meeting, it would appear, happened but Page 285 Page 287 1 retirement and I would ask you please to 1 I have no recollection of what was said. 2 ensure that he is fully briefed without delay 2 Shortly after on that very day His Excellency 3 so that the matter of his forced departure can 3 promoted me to Commissioner of Police 4 be dealt with in an honourable manner." 4 substantive." 5 5 Presumably he had been acting before that. So, is it your understanding of that that the 6 only thing that Mr McGrail wanted to remit 6 Do you have a recollection of what that 7 7 meeting was about? to the new Governor was the terms of his 8 8 retirement and not his retirement itself? A. I do. I have a very clear recollection and 9 9 A. Correct. I am grateful for Commissioner Ullger for 10 10 Q. So all that you might have been rushing, making that correction. And I think, as I did 11 if that is what you were doing, was the 11 throughout my time in office, have good 12 settlement of the terms and not the 12 working relations with everybody. I asked 13 procurement of his retirement which he had 13 for the meeting to inform Richard of what 14 offered. 14 my drivers were and to also discuss the issue 15 15 and to let him know, in the spirit of openness, A. Correct. 16 16 Q. So, just for the record in any event, can why I was looking for or sort of not working 17 we turn very briefly to A267, the last 17 towards but considering, suggesting, 18 18 paragraph of your second witness statement. recommending, although this was now Sir 19 19 And I will be just two more minutes. You David's call, to bring in somebody from 20 20 outside to work either alongside or with or 21 21 "It is perhaps worth stating that my intention, even above Richard. So I set out the reasons 22 22 had IM not sought early retirement, was to why. I don't need to go into that. 23 23 suspend him pending the arrival of Sir David I did have one issue on my mind, which I did Steel (Governor Designate). Sir David had 24 24 want to sort of clarify in an informal way and 25 discussed the whole issue with the FCDO, 25 I did say I would like to meet Nick and Page 286 Page 288

Richard rather than Deputy Governor and 1 out with his team. 2 2 Q. And this might have focused your mind Acting Commissioner. And it sort of goes to 3 one of the issues in my mind in that there is 3 on the whole matter. 4 4 a senior leadership team in most A. It did, as I said in my statement, along 5 organisations and I was slightly worried and 5 with the claims in Spain and HMIC report 6 6 just wanted to explain to Commissioner and --7 7 Q. And finally, this is my last question, in Ullger and perhaps get his view that, um, 8 8 some of the actions, behaviours and policies respect of the Commissioner of Police 9 9 that the Commissioner of Police had selection process, you alluded, I think it was 10 implemented or overseen, accepting that he is 10 this morning or yesterday, to the Chairman of 11 11 not the person that drives the car. And my the GPA, I think it was this morning in 12 worry was that the senior management team 12 answer to my learned friend Mr Neish, that 13 were either complicit, didn't know or knew 13 you had been encouraged by the then 14 14 but did not really do anything about, and that Chairman not to have regard to the outgoing 15 15 is when again Commissioner Ullger, to his Commissioner Yome's recommendation 16 16 credit, declared his long-standing and deep because, I think you said, you had history. 17 17 friendship with Mr McGrail. And he did say, Do you know what the history was? 18 which we know and we have seen evidence 18 A. So --19 Q. I am not asking you to -for, that Mr McGrail's leadership style was 19 20 20 quite forceful and direct and he did give me A. Yes, I do. 21 a couple of examples where they had 21 Q. Unless you think it is appropriate that you 22 22 challenged him on certain procedural policy 23 issues, only for the Commissioner to say, "I 23 A. No, I do believe I know what the history 24 24 am the Commissioner of Police, this is the 25 25 way things are going to be." I think that just Q. And do you think, is it informative to Page 289 Page 291 1 sets, I wanted Richard Ullger, I think it was 1 anything that the chairman might be 2 appointed Commissioner the next day by Sir 2 interested in or is it just gossip? 3 3 David for the rest of the tenure of A. No, I mean, it was I think on a report for 4 Mr McGrail, subject to --4 a promotion that Mr McGrail had sat for 5 5 Q. I think you can be much briefer on this. I which he didn't get. This was part of the 6 do not think the chairman attaches a huge 6 pack provided to the GPA. So I suspect this 7 7 amount of importance to this, at least I am is somewhere still in the evidence. And I 8 8 interpreting his body language anyway. So think it is why in my conclusion and 9 9 thank you, Mr Pyle. Just in 30 seconds, this referring Commissioner Ullger I mentioned 10 10 eight weeks between the incident at sea and it a more modern leadership style, so I was 11 11 dawning on you that it was relevant to forward looking. And I think the comment 12 Mr McGrail's future, was anything happening 12 that I remember in my mind from 13 during that eight-week period? Were there 13 Commissioner Yome's report, and bearing in 14 any visits to Gibraltar that might have helped 14 mind this is at the time, was that there is 15 15 focus your mind on it? an element of Mr McGrail being, I am going 16 16 A. Yes, we had, um, I think the Metropolitan to try and remember the word, I think it was, 17 Police team. We actually had a lot of visits 17 um, you know, strict or autocratic or words 18 18 because Gibraltar was one of the few air to that effect. 19 19 links with the UK because of Covid that was SIR PETER CARUANA: Thank you very 20 20 much, Mr Pyle. Thank you, sir. open. And I think, although one had to get 21 21 permission to travel, etc, etc, if I remember it THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you. 22 22 MR SANTOS: I have no questions for correctly, but yes, certainly, as the evidence 23 23 shows, Gary Smith came out and I assume re-examination. Thank you. 24 24 the people, Captain Meikle, the one in the THE CHAIRMAN: Right, thank you all 25 25 very much indeed. Five weeks ago, frankly, Solis report, he would have obviously come Page 290 Page 292

| 1 | it seemed unlikely that we would start on |
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| 2 | time. And the possibility of finishing on time |
| 3 | 19 days later seemed remote and indeed |
| 4 | fanciful. However, we have done so. Those |
| 5 | who are expecting me to report next week or |
| 6 | next month are going to be disappointed |
| 7 | because the next stage in the proceedings is |
| 8 | to allow the parties to make written |
| 9 | representations, which obviously are |
| 10 | important to them, and indeed to me. We |
| 11 | will reassemble again on 25 June for a final |
| 12 | two days. |
| 13 | This of course is a public inquiry and the |
| 14 | purpose of doing so is to allow the parties to |
| 15 | make their final submissions to me and, I |
| 16 | think rather more importantly, to the public. |
| 17 | So I look forward to seeing you then, 25 |
| 18 | June. Thank you very much. It will be |
| 19 | timetabled. |
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