

Commissions of Inquiry Act

**INQUIRY INTO THE RETIREMENT OF THE FORMER COMMISSIONER
OF POLICE**

**Convened by a Commission issued by His Majesty's Government of Gibraltar
on 4th February 2022 in Legal Notice No.34 of 2022**

**THIRD WITNESS STATEMENT OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF
POLICE CATHAL YEATS**

1. My name is Cathal Yeats, and I am the Assistant Commissioner of Police. I am in my 27th year of police service and have been the Assistant Commissioner since July 2020.
2. I write this statement in answer to a question from the Inquiry in relation to former Commissioner McGrail's laptop, desktop computer and his daybooks.
3. Following the question from the Inquiry I met with Police Sergeant Paul Clarke on the 17th of April 2024 and asked him to inquire into the whereabouts of the former commissioner's daybooks. On that same day I emailed Senior Executive Officer Azopardi and asked him to inquire with the Information Technology and Logistics Department (ITLD) into the whereabouts of the former commissioner's laptop and desktop computer. The administration and management of the RGP's IT systems lies with ITLD.
4. Sergeant Clarke informed me in the afternoon of the 17th of April 2024 that he had done the following:
 - a. Spoken to an officer involved in the Op Delhi disclosure exercise.
 - b. Checked the disclosure schedules for Op Delhi.
 - c. Made inquiries with the RGP's Information Management and Vetting Unit.
 - d. Made inquiries with the Commissioner's Office and Personal Secretary.

- e. Made inquiries with SIO McVea's investigation team.
 - f. Searched the office previously used by the Op Delhi team.
 - g. Searched the office used by the Inquiry disclosure team.
 - h. Searched the store where the Op Delhi material is stored.
5. Sergeant Clarke has not located any of Mc McGrail's daybooks. He has been able to locate scanned copies of notes held in Op Delhi disclosure files. The three notes are dated the 27th of September 2018, 12th October 2018 and 22nd October.
 6. SEO Azopardi has inquired with IT&LD and the IT officer seconded to the RGP in May and June 2020 confirms he did not receive any instructions in relation to either the laptop computer or the desktop computer.
 7. Neither device is currently in the Commissioner of Police's office.

STATEMENT OF TRUTH

I believe the contents of this witness statement to be true.

Personal Data

NAME: CATHERINE TEATS

DATE: 24/4/24