

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 COMMISSIONER OF POLICE
RICHARD ULLGER**

1. My name is Richard Ullger, and I am the Commissioner of Police. I am in my 35th year of police service and have been the Commissioner since July 2020.
2. I am providing this third statement to the Public Inquiry, in order that I may clarify one of my answers to Sir Peter Caruana KC to his question to me of a meeting with the Deputy Governor Nick Pyle.
3. In my first statement to the Public Inquiry, I provide evidence to having met the Acting Governor Nick Pyle on the 9th of June 2020, when I assumed command of the Royal Gibraltar Police in an Acting capacity.
4. I was then asked by Sir Peter Caruana KC if I had any recollection of a meeting that I had had with Mr Pyle at the Waterfront, shortly after Mr McGrail's departure. And I replied that I had only met with Mr Pyle at the Waterfront, some two years later, where he spoke to me about advising the Governor of his continued choice of having a UK Police Chief Officer taking over once the contract that I had taken over from Mr McGrail had expired (May 2022). As explained, I disagreed with his rationale, but thanked him for telling me before he was to speak to the Governor.
5. Having now checked my digital diary, it does appear that I did meet with Nick Pyle at the Waterfront at 1000hrs on the 9th of July 2020, shortly after Mr McGrail's departure – a month later. In my daybook I have an entry that says

1000hrs DG – re COP Promotion. This meeting it would appear happened, but I have no recollection of what was said. Shortly after, on that very same day, at 1430hrs, His Excellency the Governor promoted me to Commissioner of Police.

STATEMENT OF TRUTH

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

Personal Data

NAME: *Richard Juree*

DATE: *07 May 2024*