1 (Thursday, 18 April 2024) 1 A. That's correct. 2 2 Q. We will come back to that shortly, but (10.02)3 MR SANTOS: Good morning, sir. We now 3 before we do, we would like to ask you about 4 move on to our next witness, Sergeant Paul 4 your role in the investigation team. Can I ask 5 5 you to turn to your first witness statement at Clarke. 6 SERGEANT PAUL CLARKE, sworn 6 paragraph 16, please? It is A1059. 7 7 Questioned by MR SANTOS A. Okav. 8 8 MR SANTOS: Good morning, Sergeant Q. You say: 9 9 "On 12 April 2019 I was requested by former 10 10 THE CHAIRMAN: Just make yourself Detective Superintendent Richardson and 11 comfortable. 11 former Detective, now retired Chief 12 A. Thank you. (Pause). 12 Inspector Brian Finlayson ... to be seconded 13 MR SANTOS: Can I ask you to look at that 13 from Area Response Team 5 for the purpose 14 bundle in front of you. It should have your 14 of Operation Delhi. It was explained at the 15 three statements. Can I just ask you to check 15 time that Detective Sergeant Neil Zammit 16 that the first statement is your first statement 16 was the OIC." 17 to this inquiry and then to check that your 17 From that point onwards were you working 18 signature is on the final page, please. 18 on Op Delhi full time? 19 A. It is, yes. 19 A. I was. From that point onwards, so that's 20 Q. And do you confirm that the contents of 20 before the initial arrests of the Op Delhi 21 that statement are true to the best of your 21 defendants were made. My role at that point 22 knowledge, information and belief? 22 was to analyse data then building up towards 23 A. I do, yes. 23 the date of the initial arrests to help formulate 24 Q. Thank you. Can I ask you to do the same 24 and plan interviews, then to assist with the 25 for the second statement, please? (Pause). 25 search on one of the Op Delhi defendants and Page 1 Page 3 1 A. That is my second statement and my 1 then assist Mr Zammit and Mr Wyan with 2 signature on the back page. 2 the interviews of the defendants on the day. 3 3 Q. Thank you. And do you confirm that the And subsequently from that point onwards I 4 4 contents of that statement are true to the best was working on Operation Delhi almost full 5 5 of your knowledge, information and belief? time for a period of about 18 months. 6 6 A. Yes, I do. Q. Who did you report to? 7 Q. Thank you. And now can we do the same 7 A. I reported directly to Mr Wyan at the 8 8 for the third statement, please? (Pause). time, Inspector Wyan. 9 9 A. Yes, that is my signed third statement, Q. Did you ever report to Mr McGrail 10 10 directly? 11 Q. And do you confirm that the contents of 11 A. No, um, obviously Mr McGrail at the 12 that statement are true to the best of your 12 time was the Commissioner of Police. I was 13 13 knowledge, information and belief? a constable when I first started with 14 14 A. I do, yes. Operation Delhi and promoted to sergeant 15 Q. Thank you. How long have you been 15 throughout the investigation. And aside from 16 an officer with the RGP, Sergeant Clarke? 16 one meeting I was called to, I think in 17 A. I've been an officer with the RGP now for 17 April 2020, 23 April 2020, um, I had no 18 18 interaction with Mr McGrail regarding just over six years. I am a police sergeant 19 19 and I was promoted in 2019. Prior to serving **Operation Delhi.** 20 20 Q. Were you involved in any decision with the RGP, I was a police officer with the 21 21 Metropolitan Police for about 13 years. making? 22 22 Q. Thank you. We know that you were the A. No, the decision making was made by 23 23 officer who made the application to the Superintendent Richardson as the senior 24 stipendiary magistrate for warrants against 24 investigating officer. Inspector Wyan, then 25 25 Mr Levy. Chief Inspector Wyan, as the officer in Page 2 Page 4

1	charge of the investigation. So strategically	1	Mr Ullger, Superintendent Richardson and
2	Mr Richardson would decide how to go there	2	Mr Wyan, yes.
3	and Mr Wyan would decide how to do it and	3	Q. Thank you. We have managed to match
4	then from there I was mainly given tasks by	4	it up with a draft of the charging advice
5	Mr Wyan and on occasion generally, in	5	report dated 24 March at B3612, if you just
6	Mr Wyan's absence, by Mr Richardson	6	go to that briefly. (Pause). This is
7	directly.	7	a charging advice which was eventually sent
8	Q. Were you involved in the decision on	8	by Superintendent Richardson and Wyan to
9	whether to seek a warrant or were you simply	9	the DPP. And, as I say, some of the
10	instructed to apply for a warrant?	10	references in your notes to paragraph
11	A. I was not involved in the decision	11	numbers appear to refer to paragraph
12	whether to seek a search warrant or any	12	numbers in this document.
13	decision against the course of action to take	13	A. Yes.
14	against Mr Levy. However, I was instructed	14	Q. We have heard from Mr Wyan that this
15	to apply for the search warrant. However, I	15	meeting took place and that there was
16	had to be clear in my mind, I had the belief	16	a discussion of the content of the charging
17	that the evidence was there in my mind	17	advice report with Mr McGrail. Do you
18	before I made the application. It wasn't	18	recall discussing the content of the charging
19	a case of go and get a search warrant and	19	advice report?
20	offer to do it. I had to formulate the plan and	20	A. I do, yes. This meeting for me was rather
21	the belief in my mind prior to making the	21 22	unusual, and I mean that by being asked by
22	application to the magistrate.	22 23	the actual Commissioner, being a fairly
23	Q. Were you present at the discussions or involved in the discussions as to whether to		newly promoted sergeant, to discuss the case,
24		24	obviously a case of this complexity and this
25	obtain a warrant?	25	grandeur merited it. But by this point in
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1	A. No, not at all. As I have come to learn	1	April 2020 the Operation Delhi suspects had
2	over the last week or so hearing the evidence,	2	been on bail for almost a year and had just
3	there was a lot of meetings and a lot of	3	been re-bailed again. We were at the point of
4	documents formulated, um, a lot of	4	formulating a case summary as opposed to
5	discussions made which I was not part of.	5	charging advice as well. Um, because it
6	And rightly so. I wasn't the officer in case of	6	would a complex and long document. So
7	the investigation. I wasn't the senior officer.	7	within this meeting I remember I was sitting,
8	I was an investigator assisting the officer in	8	it was in the Commissioner's table, oval table
9	charge of the investigation.	9	in his office. The Commissioner was ahead
10	Q. Can we turn to B3855, please. This is	10	of me. Mr Ullger was at a chair behind me
11	a note, actually if we go to be previous page	11	and Mr Richardson and Mr Wyan were in the
12	there is a handwritten version of that. This is	12	room. But I was given charge of preparing
13	a note which we believe was prepared by you	13	a lot of the summary from the charging
14	in relation to a meeting on 23 April 2020,	14	advice documents. And Mr McGrail
15	which you may have been referring to just	15	basically had read through the document and
16	a moment ago.	16	given me advice or his opinion, as shown in
17	A. That's correct. That's the meeting I was	17	the paragraph numbers and the comments, of
18	referring to with the Commissioner, yes.	18	what he thought should be included or should
19	Q. It says at the top that the Commissioner,	19	not be included, etc. For example, the first
20	the Assistant Commissioner, Superintendent,	20	comment being dishonesty, how he had
21	presumably Richardson, and Detective	21	shown his dishonesty, and civil wrongs, to
22	Inspector, presumably Wyan, were there.	22	expand on the civil wrongs, just by way of
23	A. That's correct. At the time it was	23	example.
24	Mr McGrail as Commissioner, the Assistant	24	Q. In terms of the information, had you
25	Commissioner at the time would have been	25	drafted an information previous to this one
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1 for a warrant?	1	statement simply reinforces that there was no
2 A. For a search warrant, yes, but not, as far	2	intent by police to seize such material."
3 as I recall, for a schedule 1 search warrant,	3	I should have said that that was in response
4 and definitely not to this detail and this	4	to a question by the Inquiry that asked what
5 complexity.	5	the basis for the conclusion at 322 of the
6 Q. Can we now turn to A1430, please. This	6	application, what was the basis for that
7 is Mr Richardson's third witness statement	7	conclusion that the material did not include
8 and I just want to show you paragraph 25	8	any legal privilege material.
9 where Mr Richardson states that he asked	9	A. Mm.
you to seek advice from DI Goldwyn as	10	Q. Is it correct that the statement and the
11 inspector Wyan was off sick.	11	information was based on a template
12 A. Yes.	12	prepared by Mr Wyan?
13 Q. Do you seek such advice from Detective	13	A. The information, no. And the statement
14 Inspector Goldwyn?	14	being a template, yes and no. If I turn to the
15 A. I did. Um, prior to the end of April 2020	15	warrant itself I can explain you what parts
16 I was asked by Mr Wyan to start preparing	16	would be a template and what parts I would
17 the search warrant. I know in my statement I	17	have completed (inaudible).
18 said it was Mr Richardson, but in hindsight, I	18	Q. Do you mean the information?
19 took a period of annual leave and then	19	A. The information, yes.
20 Mr Wyan was in Covid isolation for a period	20	Q. Yes. We will turn to that.
21 of 14 days, I think it was then. So	21	A. Okay.
22 Mr Richardson asked me to continue with the	22	Q. Just to ask about the templates, had you
23 application. And Mr Goldwyn at the time	23	been given any training on how to use the
24 was head of the Economic Crime Unit and	24	template?
25 his unit would be himself and other officers	25	A. Not at all as far as I can recall, no.
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1 would be the officers who would go to court	1	Q. Do you think that you could have
2 fairly regularly to obtain production orders or	2	benefited from legal advice in drafting the
3 schedule 1 search warrants. And therefore he	3	information?
4 was, in my opinion and in the opinion of	4	A. The information was approved by
5 Mr Richardson, the best person to seek	5	Mr Goldwyn, Mr Richardson and
6 advice from.	6	subsequently the magistrate. But as I
7 Q. Did you seek anybody else's input?	7	understand from this Inquiry, it could have
8 A. No.	8	been better. So with legal advice, in regards
9 Q. Did you seek the Commissioner's input?	9	to the wording used, yes, but not the decision
10 A. The Commissioner's input, no. Um, once	10	to make a search warrant or not, just purely
11 I had completed the application it was sent to	11	for the wording used within the warrant.
12 Mr Wyan, who I don't think read it because	12	Q. Can we now, please, turn to D2900.
13 he was off sick, Mr Goldwyn, who approved	13	A. Yes.
it, and Mr Richardson, who also approved it.	14	Q. 2900, sir. (Pause). This is a document
15 Q. Can we now look at A1040. This is	15	which the file name of this document, the
16 Mr Wyan's third statement and I just want to	16	electronic file name, is "Levy warrant notes".
take you to paragraph 13. He says:	17	A. Mm.
18 "This statement forms part of a template	18	Q. And we understand that the metadata says
provided to officers making applications for	19	that it is a document of which you are the
20 a search warrant pursuant to schedule 1. I	20	author. Do you recognise this document?
21 created the said template for the RGP based	21	A. I do, yes. This is a document created by
22 upon templates utilised by officers in	22	myself purely with notes for myself in
23 England and Wales. There is no provision in	23	regards to the drafting of the warrant and
24 law for police officers to intentionally seize	24	once I, to jump forward to the application, I
25 material subject to legal privilege. This	25	wasn't sure, it is an extensive application
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over 38 pages, if Mr Peter wanted me to read 1 just for my benefit. 2 the whole document as he had it in advance 2 Q. Can we look at 2905, please, and at the 3 3 or give him the personal points, I made bottom of the page on necessity, under the 4 reference to paragraph numbers, etc, within 4 heading "Necessity", you say: 5 this document. And it was purely for my 5 "DPP, CoP and detective superintendent 6 6 benefit. It wasn't meant to be used for any consulted with who recommend the course of 7 7 official purpose. action. It is necessary to execute these search 8 8 Q. So are you saying that it was a sort of warrants to seize devices and inform Levy 9 9 preparatory note for the hearing? Is that our intention to interview him. Levy will not 10 10 what you are saying? be arrested." 11 A. Um, there's no, as far as I am concerned, 11 In this note it appears that you are recording 12 12 no right or wrong way to draft an information that the DPP had recommended the course of 13 for a search warrant. It's effectively a blank 13 action. Was that your understanding? 14 14 page. Um, it took, obviously with the A. No, not at all. This is, if you like, 15 15 a two-step note. Now, obviously the initial subjects of the search warrants and the nature 16 of the offences and the length of the 16 arrests of the subjects came in 10 May 2000 17 17 investigation, it took me a long time to and ... May. Sorry, 10 May 2019, followed 18 18 consider, one, to what extent do I lay the by Mr Sanchez on 14 May 2019 as he had 19 19 information, in how much detail I go to, and been in England. Now as time went on, 20 20 other considerations such as that. So I made Mr Levy was a person of interest in the 21 various notes and there are various drafts and 21 investigation, but it wasn't up until, if 22 revisions of the original warrant, but then it 22 memory serves me correctly, April 2020 he 23 23 ended up being based upon the latest actually became a suspect. Now, in 24 charging advice which was compiled by 24 January 2020, up until that point, myself and 25 25 Mr Wyan with my assistance, but not a copy Mr Wyan didn't work in the same office. Page 13 Page 15 1 and paste. It told, it gave full disclosure of 1 After a forced restructure we were provided 2 what happened, the other arrests of the 2 an office where we could work together and 3 3 subjects, the background, people involved, within that office there was a whiteboard 4 4 and in my thoughts at the time it met the duty where we would record actions and complete 5 5 of candour, it gave as full disclosure as I them by day. But two initials ... or initials on 6 6 possibly could and as I possibly considered that board, which had been there since 7 7 necessary at that point. January onwards, were JR and finally I was 8 8 Q. I probably was not clear enough in my told that the Commissioner and 9 9 question, but my question was more aimed at superintendent and DPP had authorised or 10 knowing whether this document was one that 10 recommended that he is now a suspect and 11 11 you used in your preparation for drafting we can take a course of action against him, 12 information or rather in your preparation for 12 and not necessarily that course of action to be 13 13 a search warrant. That was a decision made the hearing itself. 14 14 A. So, it was for both. It was for drafting by Mr Richardson and Mr Wyan. 15 15 information and then I would have taken it to Q. So is it your position that actually that 16 16 the hearing. I didn't use it at the hearing -reference is to his status as a suspect? 17 17 A. Absolutely, yes. To take executive action Q. Yes. 18 18 A. -- because I just read it. against him as a suspect rather than a witness 19 19 Q. Understood. 20 20 A. By I would have taken it if I needed Q. Is that notwithstanding that the second 21 21 prompts or the magistrate didn't want to hear sentence of that paragraph, which says: 22 22 the full information at that point. "It is necessary to execute these search 23 23 Q. Did you send this document to anybody? warrants to seize devices and inform Levy of 24 A. As far as I can recall, no. It was just, um, 24 our intention to interview him"? 25 25 it was saved in our shared drive, but it was A. Yes, absolutely. A decision was made to Page 14 Page 16

treat him as a suspect and then the decision 1 was involved in the plan to remove the 2 2 by, a tactical decision by, or strategic, sorry, NSCIS contract from Bland at an early 3 3 Mr Richardson was to execute search stage." 4 warrants against Mr Levy. So action would 4 And then you set out the five reasons or the 5 5 sort of five grounds that you set out in be taken against him, then it would be 6 6 support of that statement. subsequently by way of search warrants as 7 7 decided by Mr Richardson. A. Mm. 8 8 Q. What was your understanding as to the Q. If we can now go to 322, please, this is 9 9 DPP's position in respect of the search a section with a heading that says: "There is 10 10 warrants? material that consists of special procedure 11 A. My understanding was I attended 11 material or includes ..." sorry. 322, yes, 12 12 thank you. a couple of meetings prior to the search 13 13 warrants with the DPP and I think I attended "There is material that consists of special 14 14 four meetings prior. But in this case, as with procedure material or includes special 15 15 other cases, I have had cause to meet the procedure material and does not also include 16 OCP about, they will advise on evidence to 16 excluded material on premises specified in 17 17 the application." charge, they will advise on offences, but they 18 18 Just reading the second paragraph, you say will not advise on operational decisions. 19 that the material sought does not include any 19 And that is a stance they take throughout, not 20 20 excluded material. And then in the third just for this investigation, throughout. So I have learnt subsequently the DPP may have 21 21 paragraph: 22 22 made comments, but I was at no point told in "The material sought consists of 23 23 communications between the subjects of this the positive or the negative his views in 24 application. This would not be classified as 24 relation to the obtaining of search warrants 25 legally privileged material. The material 25 for Mr Levy. Page 17 Page 19 1 MR WAGNER: Could the witness just 1 does not, however, consist of anything which 2 2 speak just a tiny bit more slowly? I am very could be regarded as excluded material." 3 3 sorry. And then four lines from the bottom: 4 4 A. I'm sorry. I apologise. "The material sought is not and does not 5 5 MR WAGNER: Thank you. contain any legal privileged material. 6 However, it is understood legally privileged 6 THE CHAIRMAN: If it is a mannerism, it is 7 7 difficult for him to alter it, but I agree, you material may be present on digital devices 8 8 are speaking very fast. which will be seized." 9 9 A. I will try and slow down, sir, thank you. What was your understanding as to why the 10 MR SANTOS: We have heard the evidence 10 material sought was not privileged? 11 11 of Superintendent Richardson and DI Wyan A. From the evidence we had obtained 12 that the DPP had expressed a preference for 12 through the 13 months of investigation up to 13 13 a production order rather than a search that point, or certainly as far as I was 14 14 warrant. Were you ever made aware of that involved, was Mr Levy was not acting 15 15 preference? basically as a lawyer for the Operation Delhi 16 16 A. No, the first time I heard of that defendants. He was acting, um, with the 17 preference would have been Wednesday or 17 evidence we had, as a co-conspirator for the 18 18 criminal offence. Therefore, there would be Thursday of last week. 19 19 Q. Now can we, please, turn to the legally privileged material on his devices, 20 20 information, B3243. This is the final which I have covered, because he is a lawyer 21 substantive paragraph of the information 21 and has other business, but the specific 22 22 which appears to draw the threads together material we sought, or I sought in this 23 23 from the preceding paragraphs. And the warrant, was communications between the 24 introductory wording says: 24 applicants, which we say, or I say, is for 25 25 "The above paragraphs demonstrate Levy a criminal purpose and therefore excluded Page 18 Page 20

1	from legal privilege regardless.	1	made by a legal representative, which I
2	Q. Was your understanding that it was	2	believe was of Mr Levy's choice or he would
3	lawful to search Mr Levy's devices, which	3	have been given the option of such.
4	might well contain privileged material, if the	4	Q. If we can now go down to paragraph 324,
5	material that was of interest to you was not	5	please, we can see there the heading:
6	privileged?	6	"Other methods of obtaining the material
7	A. Yes, absolutely. Um, section, I think it is	7	have not been tried because it appeared they
8	29(4) of the CPEA covers what is known in	8	were bound to fail."
9	England as seize and sift. We can seize	9	And your explanation is:
10	different devices and as long as material is	10	"The material sought is held by a subject in
11	linked to them we can, um, they can be	11	this case and it is feared if notice was given
12	separated by use of keywords and then by	12	to the subject to provide this material to the
13	an independent lawyer reviewing that	13	OIC the subject would destroy, alter, deface
14	material and we will be basically given what	14	or conceal the material sought."
15	is left which will be relevant purely to our	15	What was the basis as far as you were aware
16	investigation.	16	for saying this?
17	Q. Did you consider defining if we can	17	A. The difference between a production
18	just go up to 320, please, you say:	18	order and a search warrant is it is notice to
19	"I now seek to recover electronic devices	19	the person, the subject. With a production
20	capable of sending and receiving text	20	order it is inter partes. So a representative or
21	messages, instant messages and/or electronic	21	Mr Levy himself could have gone to the
22	mail owned and/or used by Haim Levy and	22	application. He would know exactly what
23	any device capable of storing any of the	23	we were looking for and by this time, this
24	aforementioned communications."	24	was a year after, almost to the day, that the
25	Did you consider defining the material more	25	original suspects had been arrested and he
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1	narrowly to only capture documents relating	1	had only become a suspect of the
2	to your investigation and which were not	2	investigation some weeks before. Now, for
3	privileged?	3	me Mr Levy is a very, very senior lawyer,
4	A. Within the material sought at the time,	4	head of Hassans, he's, at the time Queen's
5	no, the application was extensive and it laid	5	Counsel, Commander of the British Empire,
6	out the evidence we received so far and what	6	he is head of the Jewish community, very,
7	we were seeking and electronic devices	7	very charitable man, and he has an extremely
8	would include, as I have said, mobile	8	good reputation in Gibraltar. Now, if he was
9	telephones and computers and this wording	9	aware of the evidence of criminality that the
10	of point 1 and 2 was defined by	10	police at that point knew about him, his
11	Mr Richardson as the SIO of the	11	reputation was on the line. And it was
12	investigation. And that is what he wanted. I	12	a point I made above of the points I made to
13	understand it was my application, but for me	13	believe he had committed the offence of
14	what was sought and what was laid out in the	14	conspiracy to defraud, that is not information
15	information covered what the material sought	15	that I felt he would, one, want to be put in,
16	was.	16	well, handed to the police and then put in the
17	Q. When, as far as you were aware, was it	17	public domain at any later trial. And, two, it
18	intended that the legal representative would	18	is unlikely, knowing at that point in May then
19	start reviewing the material?	19	what his mindset was likely to have been in
20	A. I was made aware that a legal	20	May the year before or later when, um,
21	representative was yet to be assigned.	21	another subject was arrested. Um, so it was
22	However, it was my understanding, and	22	my fear that he would not hand over
23	obviously it is a point for the SIO and the	23	willy-nilly evidence upon notice. So my
24	IOC, however, that nothing would be	24	view was we have a search warrant to attend
25	touched or looked at prior to an agreement	25	his home and his place of work without
	F to an agreement		F
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1	matics and then not aim him a about to	1	**************************************
1	notice and then not give him a chance to,	1	warrant?
2	firstly, review and then conceal or destroy	2	A. Yes, absolutely.
3	any evidence against him.	3	Q. But if you can - you have touched upon it
4	THE CHAIRMAN: Those words in that	4	in your answer, but I just want to deal with it
5	sentence: "The material sought is held by	5	specifically. Did you consider, as a
6	a subject", etc, that sounds as if it has come	6	counterargument, the fact that Mr Levy was a
7	straight of the template.	7	senior lawyer?
8	A. It's come from, I believe, it's not	8	A. I did, yes, as I've explained. But at the
9	a template, the template is the bold writing,	9	same time, there was extensive evidence to -
10	sir.	10	for me to believe he had committed a serious
11	(10.31)	11	criminal offence.
12	THE CHAIRMAN: Sorry?	12	Q. Can we
13	A. The template is in bold, and the writing	13	A. Sorry - an offence based solely around
14	underneath is writing I've input. In other	14	dishonesty, as well.
15	words: destroy, alter, deface or conceal are	15	Q. Can we look at A1431, please. Paragraph
16	mentioned too (?) I believe in paragraph 11	16	38, towards the bottom. This is Mr
17	of schedule one, if I'm not mistaken, and	17	Richardson's witness statement, where he
18	that's the argument against a production	18	gives an explanation as to the fact that Mr
19	order.	19	Levy had been aware of the investigation for
20	THE CHAIRMAN: Sorry, I am not sure I	20	over a year but he nevertheless says as
21	have completely understood your answer.	21	follows, "JL did not know (so far as I was
22	You are saying that that sentence comes from	22	aware) how much information we had
23	some other source?	23	collected that implicated him. If he had
24	A. It's - it's wording, or similar to wording,	24	deleted communications from his digital
25	in the Act itself, sir.	25	devices after the earlier arrests, as CS had
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1	THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, exactly.	1	done, notice of an application for a
1 2	THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, exactly. A. Yeah.	1 2	done, notice of an application for a production order might have resulted in him
			= = -
2	A. Yeah.	2	production order might have resulted in him
2 3	A. Yeah. THE CHAIRMAN: But, it does not deal	2 3	production order might have resulted in him arranging for his devices to be professionally
2 3 4	A. Yeah. THE CHAIRMAN: But, it does not deal with the particular circumstances of this	2 3 4	production order might have resulted in him arranging for his devices to be professionally wiped. That would have meant that any
2 3 4 5	A. Yeah. THE CHAIRMAN: But, it does not deal with the particular circumstances of this particular case?	2 3 4 5	production order might have resulted in him arranging for his devices to be professionally wiped. That would have meant that any deletions, which might themselves have been
2 3 4 5 6	A. Yeah.THE CHAIRMAN: But, it does not deal with the particular circumstances of this particular case?A. No, in - in hindsight - with the benefit of	2 3 4 5 6	production order might have resulted in him arranging for his devices to be professionally wiped. That would have meant that any deletions, which might themselves have been relevant evidence and which might have been
2 3 4 5 6 7	A. Yeah. THE CHAIRMAN: But, it does not deal with the particular circumstances of this particular case? A. No, in - in hindsight - with the benefit of hindsight I would have gone into far more	2 3 4 5 6 7	production order might have resulted in him arranging for his devices to be professionally wiped. That would have meant that any deletions, which might themselves have been relevant evidence and which might have been forensically recovered, would have been
2 3 4 5 6 7 8	A. Yeah. THE CHAIRMAN: But, it does not deal with the particular circumstances of this particular case? A. No, in - in hindsight - with the benefit of hindsight I would have gone into far more detail, yes.	2 3 4 5 6 7 8	production order might have resulted in him arranging for his devices to be professionally wiped. That would have meant that any deletions, which might themselves have been relevant evidence and which might have been forensically recovered, would have been destroyed." Do you agree with that
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have obtained neither a production order nor 1 application. If he wished for the Chief 2 a search warrant, because it would be my 2 Justice to hear the application that - that 3 3 belief that the material did not exist, I could've happened. 4 thought. Maybe he may have deleted some 4 Q. Sorry to tell you again, Sergeant Clarke, 5 5 but you are talking quite quickly. things which could be recovered; he would 6 6 be aware of forensic capabilities to the RGP. A. Sorry, I apologise. 7 7 Q. Can we now look at A1058, please. If we But then, moving forward he may - it could 8 8 be human nature to become more relaxed, go to paragraph 10, in response to the 9 9 question, "Were submissions made to the more complacent as time went on. Now 10 10 we're talking almost a year later and maybe, Court in writing and/or orally when seeking 11 to think of a better term, he may not even 11 search warrants? If oral submissions were 12 think that the police would have the audacity 12 made how long did the oral submissions 13 to - to conduct a search warrant at his home 13 take?", you say, "I sent the 38-page document 14 14 address or target him as - as a suspect. to the Clerk of the Court as requested by him. 15 15 As detailed in para 8 above, during the Q. Why do you not mention this more 16 specific information in that paragraph dealing 16 application, I read the 38-page document in 17 17 with the preference for a search warrant over its entirety. To the best of my memory, the 18 18 a production order? application took approximately 2 hours." Do 19 19 you recall how much of that two hours was A. At the time I drafted the - the search 20 20 warrant, I did it to the best of my ability. It taken by your reading out the application? 21 was checked by the inspector, the 21 A. It was pretty much all of the two hours. 22 superintendent and - and agreed by a 22 Now, at - at the application wa-- was myself, 23 23 magistrate. I - I believed that I had a Mr Richardson, Mr Goldwin, clerk of the 24 sufficient detail included, and unfortunately 24 court Mr Turnock; and - and the magistrate, 25 25 the details such as this in hindsight I would, obviously. The application was heard in Mr Page 29 Page 31 1 but at the time I didn't think to include it. 1 Pitto's chambers, so it was in his - an office 2 2 Q. Now turning to the hearing, we have seen around a table, not - not in a court, so 3 3 that Superintendent Richardson's NDM unfortunately it wasn't recorded. Now, after 4 4 proposed applying to the Supreme Court for the - the pleasantries and formalities, Mr 5 5 the warrant, rather than the Magistrates Pitto asked me to - to basically rea -- rea --6 6 Court. Do you know why the decision was read it, the document, in its entirety, which 7 made to apply to the Magistrates Court rather 7 was - it took approximately two hours. It's -8 8 than the Supreme Court? it's a long document, and some parts deal 9 9 A. In relation to the NDM document, I know with quite complex computer-speak, which -10 I received it via email on 10 May, after the 10 which took a - a little bit of time to - to go 11 11 application. I can't recall if I ever saw that over. Now, he asked me a couple of 12 document prior to it, and if with me the Chief 12 questions to clarify pl-- points, sorry, and 13 13 Justice was discussed, because Mr Wyan and clarify points only. Now, I - I made a note of 14 14 myself - Mr Wyan began to draft the the - at the time of the - the application and 15 15 application. But then, I took a period of who was present, and I left that space - pa--16 16 annual leave, he was in Covid isolation, so space in my book, sorry, to record any 17 17 that (?) it's a bit disjointed, and Mr questions had he asked them. However, 18 18 Richardson wanted the - the application there wasn't any questions outside of the - the 19 19 pushed forward, so I sought adv-- sorry, information or - or the grounds for the search 20 20 excuse me - sought advice from Mr Goldwin, warrant, so no questions are recorded 21 21 who - who is well versed in - in these because it's just purely on - on what was --22 22 applications, who advised to - to contact the THE CHAIRMAN: Sorry, just go through 23 23 clerk of the court and go through the that again, very slowly. The hearing took 24 magistrate. And, Mr Richardson not (?) 24 two hours? 25 25 obviously aware of that, he was at the A. It - it took two hours and nineteen --Page 30 Page 32

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1 THE CHAIRMAN: Hang on, I am taking it	1	unfortunately, and it was very, very few.
2 very slowly.	2	THE CHAIRMAN: Well, how long did that
3 A. Okay.	3	part of the process take?
4 THE CHAIRMAN: And, you read the whole		A. Not long at all. As - as I said, it took me
5 thing out?	5	approximately two hours to - for me to read
6 A. I did. All 38 pages, from - from start to	6	the document.
7 end, yes, sir.	7	THE CHAIRMAN: Well, hang on. "Not
8 THE CHAIRMAN: Did that strike you as a	8	long at all" could be five minutes or half an
9 rather peculiar thing to do? I mean, I know	9	hour.
10 you were asked to do it, but why would the	10	A. No, no, it was - I'm not going to say
11 magistrate want you to read it?	11	seconds, but it was literally a couple of points
12 A. It's his domain, it's his application, and		to - to clarify the evidence I had told him,
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he wanted me to - to read out 38 pages to hi		rather than anything outs anything outside
14 that's - that's - that's his decision.	14	of the evidence.
15 THE CHAIRMAN: Well, I	15	THE CHAIRMAN: It could only have been
16 A. I - I didn't - sorry, Sir, I didn't feel like		seconds?
was there to - to question him, being an	17	A. Really, yes. As far as I recall.
18 experienced magistrate.	18	Q. I think it is fair to interpret from your
19 THE CHAIRMAN: Anyway, what questions		evidence, but I just want to ask you the
20 did he ask?	20	question directly. Did the magistrate ask any
21 A. As I say, I really cannot recall any	21	questions about the suggestion that Mr Levy
22 specific questions outside of either the	22	could destroy evidence?
23 information or the justification for a search	23	A. No, he accepted the - the reasons on the -
24 warrant, otherwise I would have	24	on the document.
25 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, but that is what I	25	Q. Did he ask any questions about why a
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1 want to know about.	1	search warrant had been preferred over a
2 A yes. It was purely to do with the	2	production order?
3 information there, the - and that - the	3	A. No, again, he accepted the - the reasons
4 information being the - the substance. I can	I	on the document. Unfortunately the hearing
5 recall	5	wasn't recorded, otherwise we'd have a
6 THE CHAIRMAN: What questions did he	6	transcript, but if he had asked any questions
7 ask about the substance?	7	like - for - for the justification or - or over
8 A. Unfortunately I really cannot recall, sir,		and above the information, I would have
9 and there's very few.	9	recorded it in my book like I've done with
10 Q. When you say "the substance", are you	10	previous applications to him.
11 referring	11	THE CHAIRMAN: Because, have I
I	12	understood you correctly, you had a space in
	13	your notes for recording
13 Q. The evidence?	13	•
14 A. The background and the evidence, yes.	I	A. Absolutely, and I'll give you an example,
15 Q. As to the grounds	15	sir. I applied to the magistrate, for this case,
16 A. Yes.	16	for an international letter of requests, I think
17 Q. Rather than	17	in July 2019, and I made a series of notes of
18 A. Absolutely, sir.	18	questions he had asked in relation to that
19 Q the procedure that you were proposing	19	application. But, for this application he
20	20	didn't ask any - any questions over and above
21 A. Yes.	21	points to clarify in - in this information.
22 Q and		
23 THE CHAIRMAN: How many questions	22	THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, but that is what I
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1	it's more of a case of coming to the point (?)	1	clarification, did we think, if it would be
2	and just reiterated what I'd told him. I didn't	2	compromised if we just asked for the information which we handed over, and for
3 4	give him any information over what was in the information.	3 4	the - the reasons for that are clearly, yes, and
5	Q. If we look at the information itself, sorry,	5	they were borne out yesterday. You know,
6	maybe it might help to give a bit of context.	6	this - this wasn't - I'm an officer of the court,
7	Let us just go to B3208. Or just, maybe, a	7	here is our understanding, and the argument
8	little bit further along, something like	8	therefore". Superintendent Richardson
9	paragraph 20. Where the paragraph sets out,	9	appears to be explaining questions asked by
10	for example, the background to the NSCIS	10	the magistrate, and then the previous - just
11	platform, and the software system etc. Is that	11	further up he says, "Yeah, he asked about
12	the kind of thing that he was asking you to	12	how we would deal with the legally
13	clarify? Can you think of a sort of example	13	privileged material." Do you recall questions
14	of the type of question that he would be	14	of that nature by the magistrate?
15	asking?	15	A. I do not recall, no.
16	A. I - I really can't - I don't want to mislead	16	Q. Were you involved in the execution of the
17	the Inquiry by - by - by (inaudible)	17	warrants? Or, the intended execution of the
18	Q. I am	18	warrants?
19	A. — it is purely to clarify the points within	19	A. I was not directly involved, no. It was
20	the information. If I had given him any	20	Mr Richardson and - and Mr Wyan, as we've
21	evidence or information outside what's on	21	heard. I w I was nearby should I be
22	this document, it - it - I would record it	22	needed, but I wasn't involved in the
23	myself.	23	execution in the end. Well, I can clarify that:
24	Q. Thank you.	24	the only part I did play, sorry, was to send the
25	THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, but you said: I gave	25	Hassans IT person (I think it was Arthur
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			3
1	him no information over what I had already	1	Mills) a list of keywords which we required
2	written in the application.	2	from the IT system, that's - that all my
3	A. Yeah, that's correct sir.	3	involvement was. That was subsequent to
4	THE CHAIRMAN: That is correct?	4	the execution - or, sorry, the - the attendance
5	A. Yes, yeah. THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.	5 6	at Hassans. Q. I think you mentioned earlier that you
6	Q. Can we now turn, please, to B213. This	7	assisted in the drafting of the charging advice
7 8	is a meeting on 13 May, the day after the	8	report with Inspector Wyan, at the time?
9	warrants - they were not actually executed,	9	A. Yeah, he - this - there was a number of
10	but the day after the RGP attended Hassans	10	variations of it - of this report, a as time
11	with a view to executing the search warrants	11	went on, obviously as different people were
12	if cooperation was not given. And, this was a	12	involved and then taken out of the occasion
13	meeting between the Commissioner of	13	and what have you, and this eventually
14	Police, Superintendent Richardson, the	14	became the summary of evidence. I would
15	Attorney General, the DPP and Mr	15	have given him information to put in the
16	DeVincenzi. I do not believe that you were	16	charging advice, and then I was
17	present at this meeting?	17	concentrating more on the summary of
18	A. I was not.	18	evidence when it - when it pushed forward,
19	Q. I just want to show you something that	19	but I was certainly aware of the contents of
20	Superintendent Richardson says towards the	20	it, yes.
21	bottom of the page. About two-thirds of the	21	Q. So as far as you are concerned, is that the
22	way down, there is a larger paragraph which	22	best explanation that you could give in terms
23	starts, "And asked", can you see that?	23	of the decision to treat Mr Levy as a suspect?
24	A. I can, yes.	24	A. Yeah, I - I was informed by, I can't
25	Q. He says, "And asked - he asked for	25	remember if it was Mr Wyan, or both Mr
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1 Richardson and Mr Wyan at the same time,	1 Q. Sorry, just to clarify, "no formal
that the status of - of Levy was now a - a	2 complaint", or (inaudible)?
3 suspect, and that was early April, if I recall,	3 A. No complaints concerned (?) or any - any
4 2020.	4 comm anything, to be honest, no, in
5 Q. As far as you were concerned, how	5 relation to Mr McGrail.
6 important was the NSCIS ownership issue to	6 Q. And you make the clarification, "Save for
7 the Operation Delhi proceedings?	7 interactions with Hassans" of course
8 A. It was an - an issue which would - which	8 A. Yeah.
9 had, sorry, occurred all along. Blands put	9 Q and I was not asking about that. Just
forward their point of view, the Government	10 finally - sorry, two more topics. One of them
put forward their point of view, and as far as	is Mr McGrail's retirement. Were you as an
12 I was aware it was always in dispute.	12 investigator, or as far as you are aware the
Q. What was your view on the Government's	13 senior management team, were you worried
cooperation regarding the ownership issue?	at any time about interference with your
15 A. I didn't get involved in too many	15 work or damage to your careers from what
meetings with senior government officials,	16 occurred to Mr McGrail?
but my understanding was the	17 A. Putting the series of events together, it
Q. When you say "my understanding", are	wa it was a very shocking and surprising
19 you only going to tell us things that were told	19 time for, I think, everybody within the - the
to you by Misters (?) Wyan and Richardson?	20 RGP, how - how quickly things move
21 A. Absolutely.	21 forward. But, as far as my - my position as a
Q. Yes, well then I do not think we need to	22 Sergeant at the time, as I am now, and my - I
look at that.	23 - I believed everything I did was in good
24 A. Okay.	24 faith and I wasn't concerned, or had any - any
Q. As far as you were aware, was Mr	25 worries myself, no.
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1 McGrail's advice sought on whether a search	1 Q. Did you, and the investigation team to
2 warrant should be obtained against Mr Levy?	2 your knowledge, remain confident that you
3 A. Not at all. As I said, the only interaction I	3 could fulfil your functions without fear or
4 had with Mr McGrail regarding Op Delhi	4 favour, or risk to your careers?
5 was on 23 April, and it was always my	5 A. Absolutely. We - we police - we police,
6 understanding that Mr Richardson was the	6 sorry, through - without fear or favour, and
7 senior investigating officer; he was the head	7 we continued the - the investigation
8 of the crime division and he made all the	8 regardless of Mr McGrail's early retirement.
9 decisions in relation to Operation Delhi.	9 The - the investigation commenced, and the
Q. Can I now ask you to look at your first	10 Op Delhi defendants were eventually charged
statement at paragraph 38, please. Here you	11 later that year.
say, when you were asked, "Were any formal	12 Q. In your experience, did Mr McGrail's
complaints made or concerns raised to you in	early retirement have an impact on the
14 respect of Mr McGrail's handling of	14 morale of the police?
Operation Delhi, including the decision to	15 A. Within the morale of the police, I can't
issue the Search Warrants?", you give a	really say. I don't - it - again, as I said, again
17 characteristically (if I may say) full answer,	17 it was ra for me rather shocking and
but I think the long and the short of it is that	surprising, and especially within - at the team
there were no formal complaints or concerns	in my office - excuse me - at the time
20 raised to you in relation to Mr McGrail.	20 comprised of Mr Wyan, myself and I believe
A. Not at all.	one other detective. And on the - on the last
Q. I just wanted to ask you to confirm that	day of Mr McGrail's tenure in the RGP he
that is (inaudible).	he - I think he visited every office within - in
A. That's the case, there's no - no formal complaint at all, no.	New Mole House, but he came to our office, said goodbye. He had tears in his eyes, and it
25 complaint at all, no.	25 said goodbye. He had tears in his eyes, and it
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1 was very - it was a very - it was a very sad 1 (?) 2 time for - for us. 2 MR SANTOS: Well, I do not think we have 3 3 Q. Finally, just on the progress on Operation any applications. 4 Delhi after Mr McGrail's departure. Did 4 THE CHAIRMAN: No. (?) 5 work on the prosecution continue unabated 5 SIR PETER CARUANA: Just one question, 6 6 until the nolle prosequi was filed in February if you will permit. 7 2022? 7 THE CHAIRMAN: No, no... 8 8 A. That's correct. My work with Operation SIR PETER CARUANA: Just one. 9 9 Delhi led up just past the point of charge of THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. 10 10 the Delhi defendants. Then I - I assumed a -Questioned by SIR PETER CARUANA 11 a Sergeant role elsewhere, whilst the post-11 Q. Can I just ask you this, Sergeant Clarke. 12 12 prosecution process started. But as far as I'm At the hearing in front of the magistrate for 13 concerned, everything went forward as 13 the warrant application, did any of the other 14 14 officers more senior to you say anything at planned and there was no - there was no 15 interference with the investigation 15 all during the proceedings, to the magistrate? 16 16 A. During the proceedings themselves, no. I whatsoever. 17 17 Q. To your knowledge, was the Chief was under oath, and it was my application, 18 18 Minister kept informed of the progress of the and I was afforded that respect, sir, to make 19 prosecution? 19 the application for - for the warrant in its 20 20 A. To my knowledge, no, I couldn't answer entirety. 21 that question, it's - wouldn't be something at 21 Q. That includes Mr Richardson? 22 my level to - to do. 22 A. Yes. 23 23 THE CHAIRMAN: So, if questions were Q. And in terms of the Attorney General, to 24 your knowledge was he kept informed of the 24 asked by the magistrate you answered them, 25 25 progress of the prosecution? rather than... Page 45 Page 47 1 A. Again, I'm aware that senior officers went 1 A. Yes. Yeah - I --2 to meetings, but I - I was not aware of the 2 THE CHAIRMAN: (inaudible) 3 3 content of - of those meetings, really, until A. -- it was my - it was my application, yes. 4 4 last week. THE CHAIRMAN: Okay, thank you. Right, 5 5 Q. Did any of the Governor, the Chief well I know it is very early, but it is probably 6 6 Minister or the Attorney General provide a good time to break, is it? 7 input, directly or indirectly, to the ongoing 7 MR SANTOS: I was going to ask whether 8 8 investigation? we could break for a slightly longer period, 9 9 A. As far as I'm aware, no. Not on my level. perhaps 15 minutes, just to give us a little bit 10 Q. When were you told that the prosecution 10 of time to deal with a couple of... I am 11 11 was to be discontinued? informed by Mr Simpson, in fact, that Mr 12 A. Mr Wyan told me at the time it actually 12 Baglietto was asked to attend at 11, so he 13 happened. I can't remember if I saw it on the 13 may not even be here. So, perhaps could we 14 14 news first, but me and Mr Wyan - we - we break until quarter past 11? 15 15 were not working together (?) at that point, I THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, but it should not be 16 16 think he - he may have been - been promoted taken as a precedent. 17 17 MR SANTOS: No. I do not think anybody again, I can't remember. But it was 18 something that we - we discussed, he just 18 has any doubts. 19 19 (10.56)told me that his had happened, and that was 20 20 when the - when it was actually announced, (Adjourned for a short time) 21 21 so not beforehand. (11.24)22 MR SANTOS: I had no further questions, 22 THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. 23 sir. I do not think we have any applications 23 MR SANTOS: Thank you, sir. 24 for any further questions, so... 24 MR LEWIS BAGLIETTO, Sworn 25 THE CHAIRMAN: Sorry, I did not catch. 25 QUESTIONED BY MR SANTOS Page 46 Page 48

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1 MR SANTOS: Good morning Mr Baglietto? 1 Llamas a friend? 2 A. Good morning, sir. 2 A. I do, yes. 3 3 Q. I think you have in front of you a file Q. And how often do you speak to the 4 with your witness statement in it. Can I just 4 Attorney General? 5 ask you to turn to that, please? 5 A. Not as often as I'd like because he's been 6 6 A. Yes, of course. so busy with Brexit and other issues, and 7 7 Q. Can you please confirm that that even when he's not I don't really speak to him 8 8 statement is the statement that you have that often unless I'm - we arrange to meet up 9 9 provided to this inquiry? socially which, as I say, is quite rare, or 10 10 A. Yes, it is. unless I'm doing some work on his 11 Q. Thank you. Can I ask you to turn to the 11 instructions, or instructions of the 12 final page, please, and confirm that it is your 12 Government. 13 signature at the end of that document? 13 Q. How often do you message him? 14 A. Yes, it is. 14 A. Not particularly often I'd say. No, not 15 Q. And do you confirm that the contents of 15 often at all I'd say. 16 that statement are true to the best of you -16 Q. How often do you message him outside 17 sorry, that affidavit is true to the best of your 17 of work - outside of work contact? 18 information, knowledge and belief? 18 A. Very, very rarely. Very rarely. 19 A. Yes, I do. 19 Q. Turning now to 36 North, we know that 20 Q. How long have you been in practice, Mr 20 your colleagues at Hassans were involved in 21 Baglietto? 21 setting up that company. Did you play any 22 A. Since 1986. 22 role in the setting up of --23 Q. And what is your role at Hassans? 23 A. Not at all, no. I don't get involved in 24 A. I'm a partner of the firm and have been 24 transactional work. I'm a litigator and 25 head of litigation at the firm since 2003. 25 therefore my area of work is completely Page 49 Page 51 1 Q. In his fourth affidavit to this inquiry the 1 different. 2 Chief Minister describes you as one of his 2 Q. Am I right in saying that you had an 3 3 closest personal friends. Do you agree with ultimate beneficial interest in 36 North of just 4 4 that description? under 3 per cent? 5 5 A. Yes, I do. A. I'm not sure what the percentage was, and 6 6 Q. How often do you speak to the Chief when I came to know about 36 North and our 7 7 shareholding in it, I assumed that my 8 8 A. It varies. It depends largely on whether percentage would be very small. 9 9 I'm doing some work for the Government, in Q. Why do you say that? 10 which case contact might be more frequent, 10 A. Because if we were shareholders of a 11 11 but at a personal level I very rarely do. In larger company and my equity shares is quite 12 fact the last time I spoke to him was probably 12 a small one, it followed that by share in a 13 13 to wish him a happy Christmas at the end of larger, or ultimate beneficial interest in a 14 14 last year, and I also sadly bumped into him at larger enterprise involving other 15 15 a funeral last week and just said "Hello" but shareholders, would be even smaller. 16 16 I've had no contact with him for the past four Q. When did you learn that Mr Levy had an 17 months, for example, but on the other hand 17 ultimate beneficial interest in 36 North? 18 18 there may be times when I do have more A. I was - Until 12 May I was vaguely 19 19 contact, but it's not as if we go out for dinner aware of the fact that we had invested in 20 20 regularly or anything of the sort. It's a some security company, but to be honest I 21 21 didn't really know much about it. I didn't friendship that goes back many years and we 22 22 have been professional colleagues also for even know the name of it, let alone the extent 23 23 many years. of our interest in it. 24 Q. Can I ask next please about the Attorney 24 Q. So, when you say, "we had invested", you 25 General, Mr Llamas. Do you consider Mr 25 mean Hassans? Page 50 Page 52

1	A. Yes.	1	A. I don't know about on the 12th. No, I
2	Q. And so, by virtue of knowing of that	2	wouldn't have learned any of that on 12 May.
3	investment, your vague awareness, you	3	On 12 May what happened was Well, we
4	would have a vague awareness that Mr Levy	4	know what happened, the search warrant, and
5	and you had a beneficial interest in the	5	I just became involved in that and that was
6	company?	6	my sole focus. It wasn't until later in the
7	A. Yes. I assume I would have had	7	course of Mr Levy providing his voluntary
8	something, and certainly Mr Levy because he	8	statement to the RGP that I began to learn a
9	has a larger share in the business, as in - by	9	bit more about the structure and so on.
10	which I mean partnership.	10	Q. Did you know that Hassans had lent Mr
11	Q. Did the other partners - did other partners	11	Cornelio and Mr Perez 476,000?
12	know that they were shareholders?	12	A. No. I may have learned that afterwards,
13	A. I have no idea because I never spoke to	13	as I say, in the course of Mr Levy providing
14	anybody about this. It's something that I	14	his voluntary statement to the RGP, but
15	heard. I had a vague idea that there was this	15	certainly not any time before that.
16	investment and it was something that simply	16	Q. At the time when Mr Cornelio, Mr Perez,
17	wasn't on my radar until 12 May basically.	17	Mr Sanchez and Mr Asquez were arrested,
18	Q. Did you hear Sorry, when you say you	18	did you raise any concerns about Hassans'
19	had a vague idea, do you know where you	19	investment in 36 North?
20	got that vague idea from?	20	A. No, I didn't actually. I imagine it was a
21	A. It could have been a partners' meeting, an	21	typically busy day in the litigation
22	informal partners' lunch or just casually	22	department and there was a call from the
23	chatting to one of my partners. I couldn't	23	police station, and the extent of my
24	really say.	24	involvement was to make sure that somebody
25	Q. Would you accept that you potentially	25	was up there to because I think we got a
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1	stood to gain financially if 36 North obtained	1	request to attend to assist one or more of the
2	the NSCIS maintenance contract?	2	people arrested, and in fact one of my
3	A. I don't know the profitability, feasibility	3	partners did go on the day, although I believe
4	studies and all that but potentially I suppose	4	we ceased acting shortly afterwards.
5	if it was a good business, yes I would have	5	Q. You say that you ceased acting shortly
6	hoped to have got something out of it,	6	afterwards. Why was that decision taken?
7	however little.	7	A. I assume that it must have been because
8	Q. Just going back to your vague idea about	8	of the involvement in 36 North and potential
9	your interest, there was obviously a point	9	conflicts.
10	when four individual were arrested in	10	Q. Did you - were you aware that the police
11	relation to that company's activities, at that	11	were investigating Mr Levy at the time?
12	point were you aware of your interests and	12	A. Not at all. At the time, being the time of
13	Mr Levy's interests in the company?	13	the arrest?
14	A. Hard to say. I dare say that on the day of	14	Q. Yes, sorry?
15	the arrest it must have - I must have come to	15	A. Not at all.
16	realise that it concerned this security	16	Q. Did you discuss the arrests and the
17	company that we were somehow invested in.	17	company with Mr Levy around the time of
18	Q. Did you know that Hassans had granted a	18	the arrests?
19	million-pound loan facility to 36 North?	19	A. I don't recall that and it's highly unlikely
20	A. Not at the time, no.	20	because it just was not my area of practice.
21	Q. When you say, "not at the time", are you	21	Q. Did you take any steps to assure yourself
22	talking about before 12 May?	22	that Mr Levy himself was not involved in the
23	A. That is correct.	23	alleged criminal conduct?
24	Q. Did you learn about that loan facility on	24	A. No, I didn't, no.
25	12 May?	25	Q. Mr Levy instructed you and Charles
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1	Bonfante to represent his interests in the	1	say there was constant engagement, constant
2	Operation Delhi investigation. Is that	2	lines and leading counsel in London was
3	correct?	3	involved, largely involved in advising and
4	A. That is correct.	4	the drafting - had a lot of input in the
5	Q. When were you first instructed?	5	drafting of the many letters and
6	A. In the afternoon of 12 May.	6	communications that were sent to the
7	Q. Given your own interest in 36 North, did	7	Attorney General, and to the RGP.
8	you think it was appropriate to act as a	8	Q. Do you, in retrospect, notwithstanding
9	lawyer for Mr Levy in relation to the	9	the instruction of external counsel, do you, in
10	criminal investigation?	10	retrospect, wish that you had passed the case
11	A. I didn't give it a minute's thought. This	11	on to an external lawyer to act in - to instruct
12	was a bombshell. I needed to sort out what	12	counsel?
13	appeared to us to be a gross abuse of process,	13	A. Well, with hindsight, I don't know
14	and abuse of power, and my sole focus was	14	whether I would have done that. It would
15	to try and have that redressed as quickly as	15	have obviously sort of made my life easier,
16	possible. I wasn't the slightest bit interested	16	but at the time I was not even thinking about
17	in whatever interest, however small, I might	17	that. I was just thinking of sorting it out for
18	have had in that company which I seem to	18	my senior partner who, I think, had been
19	recollect was not doing very much at the time	19	unfairly treated, with the help of a colleague
20	anyway.	20	in my office who was experienced in
21	Q. Were you surprised when Mr Levy asked	21	criminal law and whose integrity and ability I
22	you to represent him?	22	had total trust in. In addition to that, we had
23	A. No. I expected him to ask me to represent	23	the support, detached support if I can put it
24	him. As head of litigation, I do do some fire-	24	that way, of an eminent specialist silk in
25	fighting for the firm from time to time.	25	London.
23	ingining for the in in from time to time.	23	London.
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2	Richardson and Mr Lloyd DeVincenzi?	2	be disclosed to any third party without
3	A. I don't recall being aware. I really don't	3	authority of the Royal Gibraltar Police."?
4	recall being aware. Obviously I've seen	4	A. Yes.
5	transcripts of that meeting since, but whether	5	Q. Did you disclose any information from
6	I was aware at the time, I am afraid I no	6	within this document to any third party other
7	longer recall.	7	than legal representation?
8	Q. Is it the case	8	A. No, because what - all that - all those
9	A. I should say, Mr Santos, as well, and this	9	items listed relate to the historical
10	is certainly not a criticism of the Inquiry, but	10	relationship regarding 36 North, in other
11	I have not had occasion to actually apply my	11	words, the substance of the investigation. I
12	memory to many of these events because it	12	was not concerned with the substance of the
13	wasn't until fairly recently that I was asked to	13	investigation. I was only concerned with
14	provide evidence to the Inquiry.	14	procedural fairness.
15	Q. Do you think it was likely that you were	15	Q. If we now look at C6/806 please, this is
16	told by the Attorney General as to that	16	another transcript of WhatsApp exchanges,
17	meeting?	17	this time between the Attorney General and
18	A. It is likely or possible at any rate.	18	Mr DeVincenzi I just want to focus on the
19	Q. Can we now turn to C/3522 please?	19	final three - well, the final two, sorry, one
20	A. I have got it.	20	timed at 12.31 and the other 12.45 on 14 May
21	Q. I am not going to read out lengthy	21	2020. And Mr DeVincenzi says: "Lewis and
22	passage from this document. You may	22	another gent here to see you. Moshe Levy is
23	recognise this is a document that was handed	23	the other gentleman."?
24	to Mr McGrail on 12th - sorry, that was	24	A. Yes.
25	handed to Mr Levy on 12 May 2020. It is a	25	Q. Do you know whether that reference to
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2	A. 4.2, yes exactly.	2	much correspondence there had been with
3	Q. What was the purpose of that meeting?	3	the DPP.
4	A. I can't recall the specific purpose, but if I	4	Q. I believe your original email, or one of
5	had to make an intelligence guess I would	5	the later emails, was copied to the DPP?
6	say this was the meeting that I was hoping to	6	A. There was a later one, yes, but I had total
7	have with the Attorney General, albeit in the	7	trust and I knew the Attorney General and as
8	absence of the RGP, to actually make - to	8	I say he was above - without - with no
9	protest and make representations with a view	9	disrespect to anybody else, any of the other
10	to having matters dealt with in what we	10	Crown legal advisers and I thought I should
11	considered to be a more proportionate and	11	go straight to the top basically, and because
12	fair manner going forward.	12	he is guardian of the public interest and one
13	Q. So, is your evidence that this is the	13	of the guardians of the rule of law and so on
14	meeting which you requested in your email	14	and so forth.
15	of the late night of 12 May, albeit without the	15	Q. Did you or Mr Levy take any notes of
16	Commissioner?	16	that meeting?
17	A. I'm not sure that I would go so far as to	17	A. Not that I can recall. I have looked for
18	say that this is the evidence that that is the	18	notes going back that far, but I tend to not
19	meeting, but certainly if I did not meet the	19	turn up with iPads and laptops at meetings or
20	Attorney General on the 13th, I mean that was	20	anything like that. My manner of taking
21	certainly my next opportunity - or my first	21	notes is much more old-fashioned. It's one of
22	opportunity, rather, to air our grievances with	22	these types of counsel's notebooks and I have
23	him.	23	looked to see whether there were any notes
24	Q. What role did you believe that the	24	going back that far, but there weren't. I think
25	Attorney General was playing in this	25	you have to understand as well that most of
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1	scenario? Was he lawyer to the Governor,	1	the - I think all of the momentous
2	lawyer to the Chief Minister, negotiator,	2	developments in this case were recorded in
3	mediator? Was he acting in his personal	3	what was practically contemporaneous
4	capacity?	4	correspondence, whether it was emails or
5	A. I think he was exercising his own - well,	5	letters, and therefore the need for attendance
6	I trusted him to exercise his own judgment	6	notes - and I think if I may say generally has
7	and give his own opinion to other attendees	7	become less important than it was, say, 30 or
8	of that meeting as to what a measured and	8	40 years ago, largely because of that. And
9	fair manner of proceeding would be as	9	then, of course, as far as we were concerned
10	regards to the obtention of the evidence, and	10	this case was totally over by October 2020.
11	having read the transcripts of the tape	11	So, my notes may have been disposed of,
12	recordings of those meeting, he seems to	12	along with the notes of many other cases
13	have performed exactly that role, in my view	13	which were dead by then.
14	anyway.	14	Q. So, is your evidence that you believe you
15	Q. Why was Mr Levy Junior there?	15	would have taken a note, but you are unable
16	A. I cannot recall. Obviously Mr Levy	16	to find it?
17	junior felt very strongly about the way that	17	A. I'm not sure because - that I will have
18	his father had been treated. He worked very	18	taken a note, because at the end of the day I
19	closely with me. He may have assisted me	19	was there to make representations and the
20	with research, and indeed I may have asked	20	Attorney General was there to listen to those
21	him to come along to the meeting.	21	representations, and hopefully taken them on
22	Q. Why did you need to meet the Attorney	22	board. Therefore, it is possibly unlikely that
23	General in person, given that you were	23	I got any feedback from him at the time, and
24	already in correspondence with him and with	24	that his response may simply have been:
25	the DPP over email?	25	well, let me look into it, in which case there
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2	directly - either told me or told Mr Levy and	2	May 2020) that the Commissioner of Police
3	Mr Levy told me.	3	would be prepared to accept a voluntary
4	Q. But Mr Levy's evidence yesterday was	4	statement from Mr Levy in lieu of the
5	that he was not aware of the DPP's advice.?	5	interview under caution scheduled for 18
6	A. Right. Well, maybe the Chief Minister	6	May 2020."
7	told me directly, but I can't say for a fact. I	7	A. Yes.
8	mean, I am just saying that that is plausible,	8	Q. Who was it who came up with the idea of
9	that it my have happened that way.	9	a voluntary statement being provided by Mr
10	Q. Do you think it is proper for a suspect to	10	Levy?
11	know the DPP's advice on executive action	11	A. I don't remember but it is perfectly
12	taken against that suspect?	12	plausible that it came from us because it
13	(12.02)	13	would he been consistent with our contention
14	A. Well, certainly it is open, in my view, to	14	that in the first instance Mr Levy ought to
15	the legal representatives of a suspect to try	15	have been treated as a witness rather than as
16	and obtain as much information as they	16	a suspect but, on the other hand, looking at
17	possibly can from whoever they think might	17	the transcripts of the meeting that took place
18	be able to provide that information and then	18	between the Attorney General, I believe the
19	it is up to that person, the holder of the	19	DPP, Mr McGrail and Mr Richardson, I
20	information, to decide whether it is proper to	20	believe the idea of a voluntary statement
21	share that information with those seeking it.	21	evolved from something that Mr Richardson
22	Q. So is it your position that the legal	22	had said although in fairness to him he did
23	representatives do not make their own	23	say that it should be under caution and then if
24	assessment as to whether they are receiving	24	you follow that transcript, I think the DPP
25	information properly or improperly?	25	it starts to gather a bit of momentum and the
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3	from my recollection of the transcripts, it	3	because you are messaging your messages
4	seems that many of the points that were made	4	through WhatsApp is far more frequent?
5	in that correspondence were also the subject	5	A. Yes, but as I have said before, it is not
6	of discussions at meetings involving the DPP	6	necessarily that frequent anyway but it is
7	and the Commissioner of Police but, on the	7	my use of WhatsApp is more regular than my
8	other hand, it is also apparent from those	8	use of SMS. I don't know why I sent an SMS
9	transcripts that they were going through our	9	that day. I may have just pressed the wrong
10	letters quite meticulously.	10	button or something and sent the SMS one
11	Q. The RGP had in fact agreed to accept the	11	instead of the WhatsApp one.
12	voluntary statement as an interim measure	12	Q. The first four messages that we can see -
13	and they would then assess whether an	13	we cannot see all of the content - can I just
14	interview under caution was needed. Did the	14	ask why those have been provided why
15	Attorney General explain that to you?	15	you have provided those to the Inquiry?
16	A. I am not sure whether he explained that to	16	A. Well, I didn't want to just give the 2020
17	me but I think that would have been the	17	message on its own. I didn't want to sort of
18	understanding. In fact I think Mr McGrail	18	cut it out and paste it on a I don't know, I
19	himself in a letter of around 22 May made	19	am not very techie, I don't know how that
20	that clear. I stand to be corrected but	20	works so what I thought is I would just give
21	certainly it was apparent to me at the time	21	you the whole page and show you that the
22	that that option remained open to the RGP.	22	message before that is not a message from a
23	Q. Can I now show you an iMessage	23	couple of days earlier in 2020, it's actually a
24	exchange which you disclosed to the Inquiry	24	year before and that the one that followed
25	yesterday.	25	was a year and a half later, roughly.
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2	A. I am afraid I don't know. It may have	2	relation to the point on which he had been
3	been a message left at my office. I simply	3	asked to give evidence on the basis of a
4	don't know, I am sorry.	4	voluntary statement and not under caution.
5	Q. Could it have been the Chief Minister	5	Q. Do you act for Mr Levy KC in this
6	asking you to attend?	6	Inquiry?
7	A. I doubt it. I doubt it. I think this would	7	A. Do I in this Inquiry? I have assisted him
8	have come straight from the Attorney	8	when he has received letters from the Inquiry
9	General or his office.	9	and when he was asked to give evidence but I
10	Q. Do you recall how you were asked to	10	am not really generally advising him on the
11	come? Was it by text message, email or	11	Inquiry to the extent that he needs to be
12	phone message?	12	independently advised, he is independently
13	A. No, I don't. It's very possible that	13	advised.
14	somebody might have phoned me and left me	14	Q. What efforts have you made to try and
15	a message and my secretary might have just	15	track down Mr Levy's messages and
16	scribbled a note on a notepad saying, "You	16	communications with the Chief Minister, the
17	are wanted at a meeting, you have been asked	17	Attorney General and other individuals of
18	to attend a meeting at such and such a time	18	interest to this Inquiry?
19	on Friday afternoon."	19	A. I haven't made any efforts because I rely
20	Q. At that meeting on 15 May sorry, let	20	and trust Mr Levy to provide whatever he
21	me just double check something. Yes, what	21	reasonably can provide and obviously I know
22	was the purpose of that meeting on 15 May?	22	that he gave his evidence to the Inquiry in
23	A. The purpose of the meeting on 15 May I	23	that regard yesterday afternoon.
24	learned was that the Commissioner or the	24	Q. His evidence yesterday was that he would
25	RGP were happy to take a voluntary	25	not have been much use in locating electronic
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1	statement from Mr Levy in lieu of his having	1	documents because of his lack of familiarity
2	to attend New Mole House at ten o'clock on	2	with it, so how is it that he, as far as you are
3	the Monday morning for an interview under	3	aware, complied with the Inquiry's request
4	caution.	4	for those communications?
5	Q. Are there any notes of that meeting?	5	A. As far as I am aware, I think he spoke to
6	A. Of which meeting?	6	his IT our IT people. I don't know the
7	Q. Of that meeting?	7	detail of that.
8	A. No, because that was the gist of it and	8	Q. You were not involved in that?
9	there was no more to it really.	9	A. No, I wasn't in on that.
10	Q. Did you attend on your own or with	10	Q. In 4.1, can we go to 4.1 of your
11	anybody else?	11	statement, you say, "I have recently been
12	A. On my own; yes, on my own.	12	provided with Mr Picardo's fourth affidavit
13	Q. Again you did not take any notes of what	13	where he states that he and I discussed the
14	was said?	14	matter on a number of occasions."
15	A. I don't think I would have taken any notes	15	A. Yes.
16	because the message was very short and	16	Q. "While I note this and from the
17	simple.	17	WhatsApp disclosed by the Chief Minister it
18	Q. What information did Mr Llamas give, if	18	is clear that I spoke to him around those
19	any, about the meeting which had taken place	19	dates, the fact is that nearly four years later I
20	that afternoon with Mr McGrail, Mr	20	simply have no recollection of the contents of
21	Richardson, Mr Rocca, et cetera?	21	any discussions with him on the subject of
22	A. I don't think he would have gone into any	22	the warrants."
23	detail about that meeting. I think he would	23	A. Yes.
24 25	have just said, "Look, listen, the RGP are content for Mr Levy to provide his full	24 25	Q. "It is easier for me to recollect my interactions with other persons listed above
23	content for tvir Levy to provide his full	23	interactions with other persons listed above
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in relation to the warrants because they were 1 those messages going back pre 2021? 2 recorded in contemporaneous letters and 2 A. I have spoken to my IT department and 3 3 emails with them." they have told me that it's impossible to get 4 A. Yes., 4 them back. 5 Q. "With the Chief Minister, however, I 5 Q. Have you asked whether Hassan's Cloud 6 6 have no such correspondence and I no longer storage might contain those messages? 7 7 have WhatsApp exchanges with him on my A. I haven't asked them that because I just 8 telephone going back that far." 8 don't --- it's not the sort of question that ---9 9 I'm not a techie person at all and they would A. Yes. 10 10 Q. Why do you not have correspondence know and they have told me that it's totally 11 with the Chief Minister going back that far? 11 impossible to get them. I am obviously very 12 12 A. Because I routinely clear old chats with happy to deal with them here before the 13 clients, with family members, and so on, and 13 Inquiry. 14 14 of course as far as this case is concerned, as Q. I think you said earlier, but just for the 15 15 sake of clarity, have you searched your far as I was concerned, the whole operation 16 saga has --- the Delhi saga insofar as it 16 iMessages or SMS messages with other 17 17 affected Mr Levy was done and dusted by individuals as you have now done with 18 October I think it was 2020 and there was no 18 regard to ----19 pending litigation or any other proceedings 19 A. I have indeed, yes. 20 20 that would have had an impact on my Q. And there is nothing? 21 decision to just --- I mean, there is a lot of 21 A. There was nothing. 22 other material on some of these chats which I 22 Q. When you say there was nothing, do you 23 23 just don't like having on my phone, frankly, mean nothing relevant or nothing at all? 24 if I don't think I am going to need it and of 24 A. Well, certainly nothing relevant and I 25 25 course, I mean, I didn't have the slightest think probably in the case of the Chief Page 89 Page 91 1 intimation of the fact that an Inquiry might 1 Minister and the DPP nothing at all. 2 need these from me until four years after the 2 Q. Yesterday Mr Levy offered for an 3 3 event and more than two --- and about two affidavit to be prepared by Hassans and an 4 4 years after the Inquiry started; in other individual in Hassans IT department 5 5 words, about a month ago, but, as I say, I am explaining the inability to retrieve relevant 6 6 not making any criticism of that timing. messages, would you similarly be willing to 7 Q. How far back do you believe your 7 arrange for the same affidavit or another 8 8 messages with the Chief Minister go? affidavit to confirm in detail what efforts 9 9 A. 2021 maybe. have been made to locate your missing 10 Q. You say that you were not anticipating 10 messages with the Chief Minister and the 11 11 litigation but I think it is fair to say that Mr Attorney General? 12 Levy yesterday intimated potential litigation. 12 A. My WhatsApp? 13 13 Did it occur to you that those messages may Q. Yes. 14 14 be relevant to or useful in that litigation? A. Yes, of course. I mean, I would have no 15 15 A. I think those messages would be utterly difficulty with that because I have spoken to 16 16 useless to that litigation because the only my IT department and I have been reassured 17 thing that matters --- and I don't want to 17 that --- and I have spoken to them more than 18 18 waive any privilege or anything of the sort, I once because I am very keen to make sure 19 19 am satisfied that with the information in Mr that that is the case and I have repeatedly 20 20 Levy's exhibit which contains all the inter reassured to that effect. Q. Can we now go back to C6883 please, 21 21 partes correspondence at the time, that if 22 22 anything would be of potential use but I don't just looking at 20 May. These are further 23 23 propose to say anymore because I don't want messages between Mr Llamas and you, "Can 24 to get into the territory of privilege. 24 you call me," from Mr Llamas, and then a 25 25 Q. What efforts have you made to locate missed voice call, "Sorry, was on telecon and Page 90 Page 92

just tried to call you," and then another 1 1 materials. 2 missed telephone call. Did you manage to 2 A. Yes. 3 speak with the Attorney General on that day? 3 Q. So this letter also deals with that point. 4 A. I can't remember. I really can't 4 A. Yes. 5 5 Q. And at the bottom of the first page you remember. Q. Can I take you to 4071, please, which is a 6 urge reconsideration of the RGP's objection 6 7 7 to that application. transcript of a meeting on the same day, on 8 8 20 May 2020, and the third box is from the A. Yes, yes. 9 9 Attorney General and it says, "Look, I've Q. Do you believe that your call of 20 May 10 10 spoken to Lewis Baglietto," or maybe he is would have been to discuss the contents of 11 saying your name, but I do not think it is 11 this letter? 12 material, "I've spoken to Lewis Baglietto and 12 A. It's possible. I mean, I don't have a 13 you know --- and my impression was, my 13 bundle with all the correspondence ----14 impression is that they welcome this written 14 Q. One after the other? 15 statement but that there are --- they consider 15 A. --- spanning those days but it is possible. 16 there are issues that need to be dealt with at 16 But I can't give you a full answer without 17 17 the same time like this in this letter." Do you seeing all of the correspondence which, as I 18 recall having a discussion with the Attorney 18 think I indicated earlier, I would much rather 19 19 General of that nature? see in hard copy form, in hard copy. 20 20 A. No, I don't. No. Q. You should have the letters in that bundle 21 21 Q. Are you able to assist at all with what 22 was said between you and the Attorney 22 A. In this one, okay, let me have a quick 23 23 General on 20 May? look. You are quite right, Mr Santos, the 24 A. Well, perhaps if we look at the letter that 24 letter of 20 May is here. 25 25 he is referring to Q. And then there is 15 May which is Page 93 Page 95 1 Q. Yes, it is A5443. 1 B5419. 2 A. Right. 2 A. Yes, where we wanted --- where we 3 3 Q. This is a letter from you to Mr McGrail requested the return of the items. 4 4 on 20 May. Q. Of the device, yes. 5 5 A. Yes. I think this letter, if I am not A. But I think we moved on ----6 6 mistaken deals with an important outstanding Q. You may need time to remind yourself of 7 issue that remained regardless of the fact that 7 the contents of the 20 May letter? 8 8 Mr Levy was prepared to give a voluntary A. Of course, yes, that is the only one --- and 9 9 statement, not under caution, and that followed by Mr McGrail's letter of the 26th to 10 10 outstanding issue was the concern about the which I have just referred where he did give 11 11 safety of Mr Levy's devices, that they would those assurances, so if you just give me a 12 not be inspected within a certain time frame, 12 minute I will just have a speed read of it. 13 13 that we would have sufficient notice and I Q. Of course. [After a short pause] 14 14 may be jumping the gun but I do believe that A. So there is the question of disclosure of 15 15 this letter addressed that issue because from material which we had asked for and also 16 16 memory, the correspondence on 20 and 21 there is the --- in addition there is the 17 May was about seeking further reassurance 17 question of the safeguarding of the 18 18 from Mr McGrail in that regard which Mr equipment in respect of which Mr McGrail 19 19 McGrail readily provided. did give his reassurance. There is also at the 20 20 Q. I think also in --- I am happy for you to end an expression of concern about whether 21 21 take the opportunity to read, to remind Mr Levy should continue to be treated as a 22 yourself because I think there is also --- there 22 suspect or not but the bulk of the letter seems 23 23 was also an application under the Criminal to be devoted to the question of disclosure 24 Procedure Rules, rule 5.74, the disclosure of 24 and an insistence on the disclosure 25 25 the application for warrants and other application for the warrant to its fullest extent Page 94 Page 96

1	possible.	1	there had been confirmation
2	Q. Did the Attorney General have any input	2	A. Yes, exactly.
3	into the contents of this letter?	$\frac{2}{3}$	Q. I think that is correct, that by that point
4	A. Not at all. As I said before, Mr Santos,	4	there had been confirmation
5	all our letters are written entirely by our team	5	A. Yes, exactly.
6	and there was no liaison with any outsider in	6	Q. Was there a reluctance on your part to
7	the preparation of these letters and, as I say,	7	disclose how you had learned of the position?
8	within the team, specialist leading counsel	8	A. I don't think I would have had any
9	had the greater part of the role in the drafting	9	difficulty in disclosing had it been an issue at
10	of them.	10	the time.
11	Q. Over the page, on the second page of this	11	Q. Turning now to your communications
12	letter, the third paragraph from the top, you	12	with the Chief Minister between 8 May and 8
13	say the following, "I also note from your	13	June, we know that your evidence is that you
14	letter that the DPP's advice was not sought on	14	do not remember a lot from this period but I
15	the application for search warrants. This is	15	would like to give you another opportunity to
16	contrary to what Mr Levy was led to believe	16	give evidence
17	by Detective Superintendent Richardson and	17	A. Of course.
18	contrary to what we understand was the	18	Q as you have had a bit more time to
19	position."	19	think about it and you may have seen other
20	A. Yes.	20	documents that may have jogged your
21	Q. Just dealing with the second part of that	21	memory.
22	sentence, "This is contrary to what Mr Levy	22	A. Of course.
23	was led to believe by Detective	23	Q. Can I first go to B1442, please.
24	Superintendent Richardson," what is your	24	A. Yes.
25	understanding of what Superintendent	25	Q. These are messages between you and the
23	understanding of what supermendent	23	Q. These are messages between you and the
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1	Richardson told Mr Levy?	1	Chief Minister, WhatsApp messages.
2	A. Well, it is what Mr Levy says in his	2	A. Yes.
3	witness statement and in his instructions that	3	Q. Just focusing on the Chief Minister, can
4	he was given to understand or told that the	4	you explain why you have been unable to
5	advice which he understood or was told was	5	disclose messages between you and the Chief
6	that the search warrants that the DPP had	6	Minister?
7	advised that the search warrants be obtained.	7	A. Sorry?
8	This reference came from the top and Mr	8	Q. WhatsApp messages
9	Levy interpreted that as a reference to the	9	A. Why I have been unable to disclose
10	DPP.	10	them?
11	Q. The second part of that sentence says,	11	Q. Yes.
12	"and contrary to what we understand was the	12	A. Because I don't have them on my phone.
13	position." Just focusing on that wording, why	13	Q. And these messages in particular I
14	the coyness as to the source of that	14	think you made reference to clearing chats
15	information?	15	previously?
16	A. I can tell you why the coyness but you	16	A. Yes.
17	asked me earlier as to where that might have	17	Q. And you say that your messages currently
18	come from and I said that it might have come	18	go back to about 2021.
19	from the Chief Minister who appears to have	19	A. Yes.
20	been told the contrary and then there was	20	Q. Was it in 2021 that you would have
21	also a letter from the DPP to the magistrates'	21	cleared these messages out or would it have
22	court if I am not mistaken and also from Mr	22	been at an earlier stage?
23	McGrail I think on the 14th saying that no	23	A. I don't recall, I am sorry, I really don't
24	advice had been obtained from the DPP.	24	recall. I can't imagine it would have
25	Q. I think that is correct, that by that point	25	happened whilst the matter was live as in the
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25 (Pages 97 to 100)

1	question of Mr Levy's investigation; that's	1	(12.37)
2	what I mean.	2	Q. Can we go to, please, the Chief Minister's
3	Q. Are you able to assist with whether you	3	evidence in his fourth affidavit on page
4	would have cleared it later in 2020 or in	4	A1447. I am just picking it up at paragraph
5	2021?	5	10.
6	A. I really couldn't tell you.	6	A. Yes.
7	Q. What did you think of the propriety of	7	Q. In fact, just one further back, 9, "As can
8	your contact with the Chief Minister?	8	be seen from the WhatsApp messages
9	A. I didn't think it was improper at all. I	9	disclosed, I met with Mr Baglietto KC on a
10	mean, the mindset at the time is that we had	10	number of occasions during that period.
11	got this bombshell, as we perceived it	11	Those meetings occurred nearly four years
12	anyway, which is the search warrant which	12	ago and I cannot recall the detail of what was
13	was a very serious intrusion into the private	13	discuss. I can, however, assisted by the
14	rights of Mr Levy and indeed of an	14	references in the WhatsApp messages I have
15	individual and courts have repeatedly	15	disclosed, recall the general tenor of the
16	referred or that in their judgments and my	16	discussion. In those meetings, I believe that I
17	sole focus was to get to the bottom of how all	17	shared with Mr Baglietto KC, who is,
18	this had come about and as I mentioned	18	incidentally, one of my closest personal
19	earlier, my initial preference was to meet	19	friends, my outrate at the RGP, in my view
20	with the Attorney General and with the	20	improperly, obtaining a search warrant in
21	Commissioner of Police on the 13th and when	21	respect of Mr Levy KC instead of a
22	the Commissioner of Police felt unable to	22	Production Order." Just pausing there, how
23	hold such a meeting with me, I turned to the	23	much information did you give to the Chief
24	Attorney General directly and also to the	24	Minister as to the basis put forward by the
25	Chief Minister because I knew or anticipated	25	RGP for the search warrant?
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1	that he would have been involved in all these	1	A. I dare say I don't recall exactly, but I
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2	reason to state that and there was certainly no	2	believed he had, as I have already stated in
3	evidence to support it, and the same applies	3	my earlier Affidavits, lied to me about the
4	to the risk of destruction. Then looking at	4	advice he had taken and received about the
5	the application, of course, there was just a	5	appropriateness of the execution of a search
6	mere statement of fear, or because he was a	6	warrant as opposed to a Production Order.
7	suspect, ergo there was a risk of destruction,	7	Mr Baglietto KC and I discussed at length
8	which was a complete non sequitur and	8	how best he should raise these issues in his
9	nothing to support those bare allegations.	9	representations of Mr Levy KC. We
10	Q. In terms of seeing the information, did	10	discussed whether Mr Levy KC should be
11	you see the information when it was	11	advised to judicially review the RGP's
12	disclosed to you by the RGP with the	12	actions in this respect. In this context, I
13	redactions or did you previously see the	13	believe (though I have no precise recollection
14	information from any other source?	14	of the detail of the discussion) that I would
15	A. I think it was sent to me under cover of a	15	have shared with Mr Baglietto KC also the
16	letter. I can't recall exactly when, but it was	16	fact that I was very open with the Gibraltar
17	definitely during that week, possibly within a	17	Police Authority and the then Governor that
18	couple of days that I saw the information	18	Mr McGrail no longer enjoyed my
19	which was highly redacted, but for my	19	confidence and my views as to the
20	purposes it was more than sufficient because	20	mechanisms to see Mr McGrail removed and
21	the parts that dealt with the alleged basis of	21	the consequences thereof." Do those
22	the warrant were not redacted or were largely	22	paragraphs accord with your recollection of
23	unredacted.	23	the exchanges with the Chief Minister?
24	Q. And did you feel at liberty to share	24	A. Right, where do we start, 12?
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sure to what extent we had gone into a 1 recollection of that being said? 2 lengthy sort of discussion about it frankly. 2 A. Of sending it on to Mr Levy? 3 Q. And then 14, he believes he would have 3 Q. No, no, of the Chief Minister telling you 4 shared with you also the fact that he was very 4 5 open with the Gibraltar Police Authority. Do 5 A. I have no clear recollection for his 6 you remember him mentioning that? 6 Honour I am afraid, but I think it's entirely 7 7 A. I don't remember it. I mean, his plausible that he did. It's just that it wasn't 8 8 statement is somewhat qualified. It says, "I relevant to what I was doing. I was just 9 focused on Mr Levy and getting the devices believe that I would have shared it." It is 9 10 slightly -- it's the sort of thing ... in other 10 back for him, or having them safeguarded 11 words, it's the sort of thing that he would 11 and having his evidence dealt with in a less 12 12 have told me during these discussions, but I draconian way. 13 have no issue with what he's saying. It's very 13 Q. We know that the Chief Minister first 14 possible that he did tell me what he had told 14 raised his concerns with Dr Britto of the 15 15 the GPA and the Governor and what he GPA on 18 May 2020, so he could only have 16 thought the way of dealing with it was. But I 16 shared with you his openness with the 17 mean, that's not something which was of any 17 Gibraltar Polie Authority either on that date 18 18 or after that date. Do you recall sort of relevance to what I was doing, 19 19 conversations on 18 May or afterwards about because I was just concerned with Mr Levy 20 20 the Chief Minister's loss of confidence in Mr and the return of his equipment, of his 21 devices rather, and having the gathering of 21 McGrail? 22 the evidence sought from him, dealt with on 22 A. On the 18th? No, I think that was the 23 23 a fair footing. I may not even have actually Monday. 24 passed these comments by the Chief Minister 24 Q. That's the Monday. 25 25 on to my legal team in fact. They don't A. That was the Monday, no, I honestly Page 109 Page 111 1 feature in the actual correspondence that 1 don't recall. 2 followed. It basically wasn't my business. It 2 Q. Or afterwards? 3 wasn't what I was doing. 3 A. I don't recall, Mr Santos, I am sorry. 4 4 Q. Were you making any representations on Q. Can we turn to B1422 please. 5 5 behalf of Mr Levy --6 6 Q. We are back to the exchanges between A. Not at all. 7 Q. -- as to Mr McGrail's position? 7 you and the Chief Minister over WhatsApp. 8 A. Not at all. No representations, no advice, 8 At 4.55 the Chief Minister says, "The last 9 9 nothing of the sort. limb refers" and he sends a message that 10 Q. But would you not agree that a Chief 10 says, "Dismissal with total loss or reduction 11 Minister sharing with you information about 11 of pension benefits, forfeiture of pension 12 his views on the Commissioner of Police and 12 benefits will be used as a disciplinary 13 13 his discussions with the Gibraltar Police measure only in O's", which seems to be a 14 14 Authority and the Governor and his typo. 15 15 confidence and the mechanisms to see Mr A. Cases, it must be cases. 16 16 McGrail removed was quite -- although you Q. Cases, yes, I think that is right, where the 17 say it wasn't relevant to you -- momentous 17 police officer is convicted of treason or some 18 information. 18 other offence which is gravely injurious to 19 19 A. Well, he was obviously expressing his the State or is liable to lead to serious loss of 20 20 dissatisfaction. I don't think he would have confidence in the police force. 21 21 gone into any particular detail about it. He A. Right. 22 would have just been venting it. 22 Q. And you reply an hour and-a-half later, 23 Q. Yes, but my point is that given the 23 "Many thanks." 24 momentous nature, the important nature of 24 A. Yes. 25 25 that information, do you nevertheless have no Q. Having looked that provision up, we Page 110 Page 112

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found it to be a disciplinary measure that is 1 A. Yes. 2 2 available under the Police Regulations. Do THE CHAIRMAN: With the Chief Minister 3 3 you know why the Chief Minister sent you a saying "the last limb refers". He must be 4 message containing that provision? 4 referring there to some previous exchange 5 A. No, I don't know what I would have made 5 which has gone on between you and the 6 6 of that message at the time. I mean, he's Chief Minister? 7 7 obviously drawing my attention to provisions A. Yes, I see what you mean, Sir. Yes, it 8 8 looks like -- it's odd that it should just come that deal with misconduct on the part of 9 9 police officers. I have since reviewed the out of the blue. 10 10 relevant provisions which are the Police THE CHAIRMAN: That is precisely -- it 11 Discipline Regulations if I am not mistaken, 11 wouldn't just come out of the blue, would it? 12 as I think you said in your opening address, 12 A. It may have, but I don't recall having any 13 Mr Santos, they expressly do not apply to the 13 discussion about disciplinary proceedings 14 14 against police officers. He may have **Commissioner or Assistant Commissioner of** 15 15 Police, as opposed to, for example, section mentioned it in a conversation and this may 34 of the Police Act, which specifically deals 16 16 have been a follow up of that. I just don't 17 17 with the removal of the Commissioner of know. 18 18 THE CHAIRMAN: You mean like Police. So, I don't know why he would have 19 19 sent it, but what I can tell you, and it's discussing it on the phone and then there is 20 20 obvious from the papers and hopefully in this this exchange? 21 bundle as well, is that in a letter that I wrote 21 A. It is possible. It's possible. I cannot 22 to the Magistrates' Court, copied to Mr 22 discard that possibility. But in any event, it's 23 23 Richardson on 13 May, I referred to, I think not something which we were adopting or 24 it was, what we apprehended was a serious 24 following up in any way. We were 25 25 abuse of power and also misfeasance I think. concentrating on a public law remedy and a Page 113 Page 115 1 Again, I know this has been misunderstood 1 potential tortious remedy, not a statutory 2 2 in subsequent meetings as misfeasance in the disciplinary remedy, and the same applies to 3 3 criminal sense, but I wasn't suggesting that. I section 76 of the Police Act, which he then 4 4 was suggesting the tort of misfeasance in refers to. 5 5 MR SANTOS: We will turn to that next. public office. Now, I don't know whether the 6 6 Chief Minister somehow became aware of So, is your position that you can't recall 7 7 anything that you discussed beforehand the fact that I was raising issues of 8 8 misfeasance by individual officers, and it which might have prompted the Chief 9 9 may have been in that context that he thought Minister to send this to you? 10 that that provision might be relevant. So in 10 A. I'm afraid I can't, no. 11 11 no way would I have understood it, I think, to Q. Is it possible that the Chief Minister was 12 have referred to the Commissioner of Police. 12 referring to some sort of punishment against 13 13 Q. The provision itself that is quoted, it either Mr McGrail or any other officers 14 14 quotes a disciplinary measure that is only to involved in Operation Delhi? 15 15 be used in cases where the police officer is A. I wouldn't have thought Mr McGrail 16 16 convicted of treason or some other offence because otherwise he would have drawn my 17 which is gravely injurious to the State or is 17 attention to section 34, having been 18 liable to lead to serious loss of confidence in 18 conscious of the primary legislation to which 19 19 the police force. he referred in the next message. 20 A. Yes. Well, I think "or is liable to lead to 20 Q. But the other officers? 21 serious loss of confidence in the police force" 21 A. Other officers, yes. I mean, if he was of 22 is consonant with misfeasance in public 22 the view that other officers might have 23 23 seriously misbehaved in relation to the 24 THE CHAIRMAN: But that exchange starts 24 warrant or otherwise, he might have thought 25 25 off at 16.55. that relevant. Page 114 Page 116

O. The disciplinary regulations, do they 1 over it and alighted on it. I simply cannot 2 2 give, as far as you are aware, any powers to assist the Inquiry with that. I really am sorry. 3 the Chief Minister to discipline officers? 3 I wish I could. 4 A. I'm sorry, I haven't read the whole lot. 4 MR SANTOS: You say, "Let me think about 5 Q. Did you think it was appropriate for the 5 this provision" --6 6 Chief Minister to be sending this provision to A. Yes. 7 7 Q. "... but we'd prefer not to go ... not to 8 8 have to go to court but for CPO to return due A. Well, I didn't form a view on its 9 9 appropriateness and it is more a matter for to clear unlawfulness." Why did you prefer 10 10 him and he will know what his red lines area. not to go to court? 11 I mean, people sometimes offer suggestions 11 A. Well, we didn't want to have to go to 12 and then I look at them and I take them on 12 court with all guns blazing if we could 13 board or not, but with respect, I don't think 13 actually come up with a sensible way 14 this would even have gone before my legal 14 forward to deal with the question of 15 15 obtaining evidence from Mr Levy. As I think team. 16 Q. Then we have the reference to section 76 16 most individuals would, rather than have the 17 17 of the Police Act. publicity, the cost and all the work involved 18 18 A. Yes. in having to go to court. 19 19 Q. Which is a provision permitting an Q. Were you content to have suggestions of 20 20 application to the Magistrates' Court by a this nature put to you by the Chief Minister? 21 person whose property has been taken by the 21 A. Content? Well, I mean, I didn't 22 police under a statutory provision to seek its 22 particularly object to them. I suppose any 23 23 return. Did you understand there the Chief suggestion is welcome when you're in a 24 Minister -- well, your response to that is, 24 situation like that. Obviously, you might 25 25 "Thanks. We are drafting a letter. Let me take them into -- or might not take them into Page 117 Page 119 1 think about this provision, but we prefer not 1 account. But we already had a very clear 2 2 to have to go to court but for CPA to return thinking or clear strategy of the way we 3 3 due to clear unlawfulness", to which you wanted to go, if we needed to push it in 4 4 responded, "Yes, I understand." court. 5 5 Q. Did you consider yourself and the Chief A. Yes. 6 6 Minister to be acting at arm's length? Q. So, you understood that as a proposal by 7 the Chief Minister of an application to be 7 A. At arm's length? Well, I would consider 8 8 made, is that correct? that I was acting as Mr Levy's lawyer and the 9 9 A. Yes, yes, of course, yes. I mean, yes, that Chief Minister was obviously trying to be 10 was more aligned with the sort of action we 10 helpful. I can't -- I don't know whether that 11 11 might have contemplated. would be categorised as arm's length or not. 12 THE CHAIRMAN: That exchange -- sorry, 12 Certainly from my perspective I had no issue 13 13 if he wanted to send me it. I had no issue I did not mean to interrupt you -- starts at 14 18.41 with the Chief Minister saying, 14 with that. 15 "Section 76 of the Police Act". 15 Q. Did you not consider it rather unique for 16 A. Yes. 16 the Chief Minster to be making proposals of 17 THE CHAIRMAN: How did that come 17 potential legal applications to a suspect in a 18 18 criminal investigation? about? 19 19 A. Yes, because that's like an hour and-a-A. Well, it might have been unique but it 20 20 half, well, a couple of hours after the -was a unique scenario and I knew the depth 21 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, exactly. 21 of feeling that he had about it. 22 22 A. Yes, I am not sure. I'm not sure. MR SANTOS: Sir, I still have about five 23 23 THE CHAIRMAN: Well, it wouldn't just pages of questions left. I did think I was 24 come out of the blue, would it, or did it? 24 going to be done by lunchtime, but I am 25 A. Well, maybe it did. Maybe he was poring 25 going to be another, probably, half hour at Page 118 Page 120

1	least.	1	Q. One other point is C4/614 please?
2	THE DISTRICT JUDGE: We will break	2	A. C4/614.
3	there.	3	Q. This is a letter from - actually just to give
4	MR SANTOS: Sorry, Mr Baglietto, I still	4	you the benefit of it, can we just go to the
5	have a substantial number of questions so I	5	previous page, 29 May 2020 from the
6	think we will have to pick up again at 2	6	Director of Public Prosecutions to you and
7	o'clock.	7	Mr Bonfante?
8	A. Did you say about half an hour, Mr	8	A. Yes.
9	Santos?	9	Q. In the final paragraph it says: "You
10	Q. Well, I said half an hour at least.	10	should be pleased to know that we are in the
11	A. At least.	11	process of finalising a further version of the
12	Q. Probably between half an hour and 45	12	RGP's application for the search warrant
13	minutes.	13	which slightly scales back the extent of the
14	A. But 2 o'clock then?	14	redactions made to the document which was
15	Q. Two o'clock.	15	provided to you on 27 May 2020?
16	THE CHAIRMAN: 2 o'clock.	16	A. Yes.
17	A. Yes, thank you very much.	17	Q. It looks from that that the initial - the
18	(13.01)	18	first and more heavily redacted version of the
19	(The short adjournment)	19	application for the information was provided
20	(14.01)	20	to you on 27 May 2020. So, I just want to
21	MR SANTOS: Good afternoon, Mr	21	give you the opportunity to revisit what you
22	Baglietto?	22	said before
23	A. Afternoon.	23	A. Sure.
24	Q. Just a couple of points to pick up from	24	Q the lunch break, because there was a
25	this morning. One thing is that you say that	25	suggestion that some of the discussions
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and so on. The warrant itself obviously we 1 statement, and not under caution. Then we 2 had from day one and he didn't really need to 2 have a Saturday, and then at 20:55, if I am 3 go to the schedule one to basically conclude 3 not mistaken on the Saturday, Mr Richardson 4 that the warrant was grossly insufficient, 4 sends us the - sends me, rather, the pre-5 because all that added was the evidence of 5 interview disclosure. That is exhibit 6 6 the lack of substantiation of the allegations HJML/3, and he does so by email. I don't 7 7 that it was impracticable to communicate think I would have pinged that over to Mr 8 8 with the person holding the information and Levy straightaway because I thought the 9 9 then the risk or the fear of destruction and Sabbath had not yet ended, and even though I 10 10 then, as I mentioned this morning, that non know he is not going to read it, in deference I 11 sequitur of "he's a suspect; ergo there's a 11 don't actually like sending him something 12 risk". I don't know if that helps at all. 12 during the Sabbath. So, I may have sent it to 13 Q. Now, moving to B1/422 --13 him a bit later and I must have had a 14 14 A. Yes. conversation with him that evening, and 15 Q. 16 May, if we can go down a little bit? 15 following that conversation or subsequent to 16 A. Yes. 16 that conversation, and possibly consequent 17 17 Q. There is one message on 16 May where upon it, I sent that WhatsApp to the Chief 18 18 you say, "Bro, sorry to disturb but can we Minister. That, I think, explains why I sent it 19 19 speak sometime tomorrow morning."? so late in the day. 20 20 A. Yes. Q. Why did you think that you - why do you think, or perhaps first try and tell us from 21 Q. Do you have the type of relationship with 21 22 the Chief Minister where you refer to him as 22 recollection - why did you have to speak the 23 23 "bro"? next morning, a Sunday morning? 24 A. I don't always refer to him as "bro" 24 A. That is what I cannot recall, and I have 25 25 obviously but there may be times where I said it in my witness statement. It is Page 125 Page 127 1 sort of lapse into the vernacular - or into 1 unfortunate because I wish I could recall and 2 colloquialisms like that, yes. Not on a regular 2 assist this Tribunal more, but regrettably I 3 3 basis, I dare say. don't. The best I can do is actually put before 4 4 Q. You sent this message very late at night? the Inquiry everything that happened and of 5 5 course what you see the following morning is 6 6 Q. Was it very urgent that you needed to that the Chief Minister comes back to me. 7 7 He says: "Sure. What time is good for you?" 8 8 A. It must have been given the lateness of and then we go on to the one at 951, at 12 9 9 the day, but what I can do is I can - the best noon he says - I think he must refer to Mr 10 that I can do is actually put on the table all 10 Levy --11 11 the various exchanges and things that took Q. Just pausing before then because I was 12 place so that they can get a full picture at 12 going to take you to these messages, at 9.43 13 13 least of what all the emails and the Chief Minister says, "I don't mind 14 14 communications that were going on at the [Spanish]" which means I will call you now? 15 15 time concerned, and I think we need to start A. Yes. 16 16 with the fact that there was this meeting with Q. And then a minute later you provide him 17 the Attorney General in the evening of 15 17 with the options of where to call you? 18 18 May. A. Yes. 19 19 Q. But it seems as though the conversation Q. The Friday? 20 20 A. Yes, exactly, on the Friday and that takes place between then and 9.51, which is 21 21 would have been part of the Sabbath, so I when you say: at 12 noon he says... As you 22 22 wouldn't have been able to communicate to say it seems to be a reference to Mr Levy? 23 23 Mr Levy the outcome of that meeting, which A. I think so. 24 was basically that the RGP had confirmed 24 Q. Do you recall a conversation taking place 25 25 at that time? that they would be happy with a voluntary Page 126 Page 128

1	A. No, I don't because actually I didn't recall	1	A. Exactly, so we were quite delayed.
2	this meeting until I read the WhatsApps	2	Q. So, the meeting did not take place at
3	recently provided to me. When I did get	3	midday?
4	them, I did realise - I did remember that I did	4	A. No, so 10 minutes after the time that was
5	actually drive Mr Levy up to Mr Picardo's	5	originally planned, he is asking: "How are
6	house on that Sunday, and I also managed to	6	you getting on?" I don't know whether it's
7	glean the fact that mid-morning we had - that	7	that I didn't see the message or that I told him
8	is Mr Picardo, Mr Bonfante and myself - had	8	by phone that we were delayed, or what
9	a telephone conference with leading counsel	9	happened there. But in any event, I updates
10	in London. I wouldn't want to say what it	10	him at 14:03 by saying: "I'm picking up [Mr
11	was about because that would be privileged	11	Levy] now." Because I can't remember
12	obviously.	12	whether Mr Levy actually joined the call in
13	Q. Relating to this matter or not relating to	13	the office or remotely. It may be that he did
14	this matter?	14	come to the office, but then had to go home
15	A. Oh, relating to this matter, yes.	15	for whatever reason before we had that
16	Q. Sorry, you said Mr Picardo?	16	meeting.
17	A. I am so sorry. I didn't meant Mr Picardo.	17	Q. If we go to Picardo/4, A1/448, paragraphs
18	No, I meant, Mr Levy, Mr Bonfante and	18	15-18?
19	myself. I'm so sorry.	19	A. Yes.
20	Q. So there is a phone call at 9.44.51. We	20	Q. What Mr Picardo says is: "I recall seeing
21	do not know exactly what was said on that	21	Mr Levy KC also at this time on one
22	phone call but at least it included, it appears,	22	occasion with Mr Baglietto KC. I believe I
23	plan to meet shortly thereafter?	23	saw him at my home (the security of which
24	A. Yes.	24	is, incidentally, provided by OSG who have a
25	Q. Then at 12 noon he says Then there are	25	live video feed of all comings and goings
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1	a few missed phone calls. Four past 10: "	1	from my home)."?
2	Okay, let me know when you are on your	2	A. Yes.
3	way up" at 11.42, and you say "Okay" and he	3	Q. "I recall also that Mr Levy KC was, at
4	says, "Como vas?" - How are you going?	4	this time both, incensed but also deeply
5	Then you say, "Picking up now" at 2.03?	5	embarrassed by the events of his home and
6	A. Yes.	6	office being searched."?
7	Q. We think there could be two	7	A. Yes.
8	interpretations of that message. On the one	8	Q. "At the meeting with Mr Levy KC I
9	hand, you could be saying that you were	9	remember we discussed, again, how legally
10	picking up Mr Levy on the way up, although	10	improper it had been, in our view, for the
11	it is at 2 o'clock; or after the meeting you	11	RGP to have proceeded by way of search
12	were picking something up that had been sent	12	warrant and not Production Order, how
13	your way?	13	outraged I was by the fact that I believe that
14	A. Sorry, let me just go to that. There we	14	Mr McGrail had lied to me about the advice
15	go. "Picking up now." He is asking:	15	he'd had in that respect and my subsequent
16	"Where are you?"?	16	complete loss of confidence in him."?
17	Q. Yes, that is at 11 12.09?	17	A. Mmh.
18	A. Yes. I don't know why there is such	18	Q. "The key issue" Just pausing there
19	Well, I know why there's such a gap because	19	A. Yes.
20	I mean obviously we were still having that	20	Q does that all accord with your
21	conference with leading counsel, Mr	21	recollection?
22	Bonfante and Mr Levy. So, we were delayed	22	A. Well, I remember we went up I don't
23	because I think originally the plan had been	23	specifically remember his expression of
24	to meet at about midday or something.	24	outrage, but it was entirely consistent with
25	Q. Yes?	25	his mood at the time, I think, and I therefore
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1	have no issue with that having been said.	1	issue in that meeting, however" Sorry, just
2	Sorry, that is my answer to your question, I	2	before asking that, did the Chief Minister
3	think.	3	give any assurances to Mr Levy as to the
4	Q. Just focusing on 17, because he mentions	4	investigation or as to his devices?
5	a number of things	5	A. Not that I can recall. No, I would have
6	A. Yes.	6	found that quite surprising actually.
7	Q the Chief Minister says: "I remember	7	Q. Did he discuss taking any retributive
8	we discussed how legally improper it had	8	action against Mr McGrail or RGP officers,
9	been in our view, for the RGP to have	9	such as reduction of pension benefits or
10	proceeded by way of search warrant	10	anything like that?
11	A. Yes.	11	A. I certainly don't recall that. If I recalled
12	Q and not Production Order." Do you	12	anything in that respect, I would tell you but
13	recall something to that effect?	13	I really don't.
14	A. No, but that wasn't surprising. There	14	Q. Did he discuss measures which would be
15	would have been comments on that. I think	15	taken to discipline or dismiss Mr McGrail?
16	Mr Levy said yesterday that it was all much	16	A. Again, my answer is the same. I simply
17	more high level about police methods. I	17	do not recall.
18	really cannot shed light one way or the other.	18	Q. Now, at paragraph 18 he says: "The key
19	I really can't remember.	19	issue in that meeting, however, was that Mr
20	Q. Then he says "how outraged I was by the	20	Levy KC, as a result of the acute
21	fact that I believe that Mr McGrail had lied	21	embarrassment he had felt, had wanted to see
22	to be about the advice he had had in that	22	me to offer me his resignation as the
23	respect." Do you remember something to	23	Chairperson of Gibraltar Community Care
24	that effect?	24	Trust, a post he has held for over thirty years.
25	A. I'm afraid not, no.	25	It old Mr Levy KC in that meeting that I
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1	Q. So, there it does seem as though -	1	continue to have full confidence in him and
2	ignoring anything that happened previously,	2	his integrity and that I did not believe it was
3	it does seem that at least there the Chief	3	necessary for him to resign from the
4	Minister did, according to his account, share	4	Chairmanship of Community Care Trust."
5	with you the information that he had as to the	5	Mr Levy says that that was the purpose of the
6	DPP's advice on the warrant?	6	meeting - to resign from his position as
7	A. Yes, on the Chief Minister's version, he	7	Chairman of the Community Care Trust.
8	would have done so by then, but as I said this	8	Was that really the purpose of the meeting,
9	morning, it is possible that I have gleaned it	9	Mr Baglietto?
10	from him at an earlier stage.	10	A. Mr Santos, I honestly could not tell you if
11	Q. Because you had already referred to it in	11	that was the purpose of the meeting. It hasn't
12	the letter?	12	stuck in my mind, otherwise I would have
13	A. Exactly.	13	said
14	Q. " and my subsequent complete loss of	14	Q. Do you have any recollection of
15	confidence in him" i.e. Mr McGrail. Do	15	Community Care being mentioned at that
16	you remember references to his loss of	16	meeting?
17	confidence?	17	A. I don't have any specific recollection.
18	A. Not on that day, but as I said this	18	I've got a very, very hazy recollection of his
19	morning, it would not have surprised me that	19	concern in relation to Community Care
20	he would have made those comments to me	20	having arisen around that time, but I couldn't
21	in the course of any conversations with him,	21	put a date to it, I really couldn't. I know for a
22	but as I said this morning, they were of no	22	fact that having worked with them for 38
23	effect as far as what I was doing on behalf of	23	years, that Community Care is something
24	Mr Levy.	24	that was very close to his heart, and I think
25	Q. Then in paragraph 18 he says: "The key	25	he felt very embarrassed by the whole thing
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about the effect of the warrant on some of his 1 I don't want to say too much but it was to do 2 2 public appointments and public profile, but I with the evidence. 3 3 honestly cannot assist you further in terms of THE CHAIRMAN: Right, well, it is to do 4 that hazy recollection that I have and when it 4 with the trouble that Mr Levy perceived 5 might have been expressed to me. 5 himself to be in? 6 6 Q. What was his concern? You have A. Yes. 7 7 referred to it, but what was his concern? THE CHAIRMAN: Why would he suddenly 8 8 A. Well, I think he was just embarrassed that go up and speak to the Chief Minister about 9 9 if he was being considered a suspect - sort of being Chairman of the Community Care 10 10 a conspiracy to defraud, that he should be the Trust in Gibraltar? 11 Chairman of a trust whose beneficiaries are 11 A. I don't know whether it was something 12 12 basically the people of Gibraltar. that was particularly bothering him during 13 Q. Do you have a role with Community Care 13 the Sabbath. I just could not say. 14 14 THE CHAIRMAN: Did you not think: 15 A. No, not at all. I have represented them in 15 Come on, you have got far more important 16 the past, many years ago. 16 things to worry about than this. This, surely, 17 17 Q. In that case, why did he need you to can wait? 18 18 attend with him for that purpose? A. I can't actually comment on behalf of Mr 19 19 A. I think he sometimes likes people to Levy in relation to that, and I have actually 20 20 accompany him to places. For example, I do told the Inquiry that I personally don't 21 not think it is a matter of secret, if you were 21 recollect. I mean, let's just go back to my - if 22 to go down to Limor(?) Road on a Friday 22 you don't mind - to my witness statement, 23 23 afternoon you would see Mr Chincotta, his my affidavit on that. 24 managing partner sort of walking Mr Levy 24 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, do. 25 25 home. So, he does rather like that sort of A. Let us have a look at it. (After a pause) Page 137 Page 139 1 thing and have a chat on the way, and so on. 1 Yes, it is paragraph 11, A1/525. 2 He's that kind of person. I don't think he 2 Q. THE CHAIRMAN: Yes? 3 3 particularly enjoys driving much either, and A. "I note from Mr Picardo's fourth affidavit 4 4 probably after that conference he may well he states the key issue was Community Care. 5 5 have asked me for a lift and wanted me to I no longer recall matters discussed at that 6 6 just go up for a bit of moral support as well, meeting. I note that Mr Picardo states that the 7 but he was actually in a state of some distress 7 matter of the warrant was also raised ... also 8 8 that week, I have to say. note at 14:51 I emailed the AG..." That 9 9 Q. You see, what is strange is that there is would have been shortly after the meeting in 10 10 reference to police disciplinary regulations. relation to the question of the voluntary 11 There is reference to section 76. We know 11 statement. But then I end saying, "But I cannot recall if the subject of that email was 12 that the topic of the search warrant was very 12 13 13 high on the agenda, but there is no reference connected to the meeting with Mr Picardo on 14 14 to Community Care in any of the messages that day." 15 15 THE CHAIRMAN: Would it not have been between you, the Chief Minister or anything 16 16 very remarkable if Mr Levy was concerned like that. Can you explain why there isn't? 17 A. I honestly can't. I really can't. 17 about being Chairman of the Community 18 18 Q. Can we go to B3/346 please? Care Trust when he is facing this major THE CHAIRMAN: You had just finished a 19 19 crisis, being the subject of a search warrant? 20 20 Would you not remember that his main long conference with leading counsel in 21 London? 21 concern was fiddling around with being 22 22 A. Yes. Chairman of the Community Care Trust? 23 23 THE CHAIRMAN: About the search A. Well, as I say, I have a hazy recollection 24 24 that he was concerned at the time. I don't 25 25 A. Yes. Sorry, not about the search warrant. know whether that concern crystallised that Page 138 Page 140

day in the form of the meeting with the Chief 1 Q. Sorry, no, 51? 2 Minister or not, but certainly my focus on 2 A. 14:51, I very much doubt that I would 3 3 that day was on the - on the legal issues. have emailed the Attorney General from the 4 THE CHAIRMAN: Well, that is the point. 4 Chief Minister's house. I would have 5 Surely his focus would have been precisely 5 emailed him after dropping off Mr Levy. So, 6 6 on that as wells? if you work it out, it doesn't really give much 7 7 A. Yes. time at Mr Levy's house, and basically I 8 8 think I probably emailed the Attorney THE CHAIRMAN: But it was not, so it 9 9 would seem? General when I did because we had rushed 10 10 A. Well, Mr Picardo and Mr Levy seem to straight from the conference with leading 11 recollect that the main purpose of the 11 counsel to Mr Picardo's house, and that was -12 12 meeting was the Community Care Trust and I this was the first opportunity I had after that, 13 simply have no recollection. I have not had 13 after that conference with counsel, to write to 14 14 any occasion to apply my memory to that day the Attorney General saying: look, we -15 until asked by the Inquiry fairly recently. 15 whatever it is I told him - seeking 16 THE CHAIRMAN: anyway, it is his 16 confirmation --17 17 recollection that that was the subject --Q. Yes? 18 A. Yes, his and Mr Picardo's as well. 18 A. -- because we had got -- because of course 19 19 THE CHAIRMAN: It is not yours? the message that we got from Mr Richardson 20 20 A. No, it isn't. the night before was slightly conflicting 21 MR SANTOS: Whatever the purpose of that 21 because it was proceeding on the basis that 22 meeting might have been, certainly the issue 22 there would be an interview under caution on 23 23 of the search warrant was discussed at that the Monday morning, whereas on the other 24 meeting? 24 hand I had had an indication that the police 25 25 A. I think I probably say something there were happy with a voluntary statement not Page 141 Page 143 1 that it might have been raised. Let me just 1 under caution. I wanted to have that clear in 2 2 have a check of that. (After a pause) Yes, "I my mind, that that was very much on the 3 3 note Mr Picardo states the matter was also table, the possibility of a voluntary interview 4 4 raised..." Well, it is perfectly plausible that it under caution, notwithstanding what we had 5 5 might have been raised at that meeting received from Mr Richardson the previous 6 6 frankly, whether in generic terms or in night. 7 7 specific terms. (14.30)8 8 Q. What do you actually remember about the Q. Do you have any notes of that meeting? 9 9 contents of the meeting without reference to A. Which one? 10 documents or anything? What do you 10 Q. The meeting of 17 May. The meeting at 11 11 actually remember about the meeting? the Chief Minister's house. 12 A. I remember driving us up with Mr Levy, 12 A. No, I don't, no. It was a short meeting on 13 13 not being there for very long, not being there -- I do of course have -- well, I have a note of 14 14 for very long at all actually, and nothing else. my telephone conference with leading 15 15 If I remembered the slightest thing, I would counsel, which is considerably detailed and 16 16 have no difficulty whatsoever in telling this long (?), but that was -- matters of substance 17 17 Inquiry, I can assure you. 18 18 Q. And when you say "not for very long" Q. Did you not think it merited, a meeting 19 19 can you give an estimate of how long? with the Chief Minister where the search 20 20 A. I estimate it, with the help of the warrant was discussed, did you not think that 21 21 WhatsApps actually, because if we were merited a file note? 22 arriving there at 14:03, and then I emailed the 22 A. Not if the purpose was not to discuss the 23 23 Attorney General at 14 whatever it was -search warrant. The matter was -- arose 24 Q. 56? 24 incidentally, and it was just a general 25 25 A. 14:56. complaint or letting off steam by the Chief Page 142 Page 144

1 1 (inaudible)? Minister. I wouldn't file-note that sort of 2 2 A. I have no idea. He had sent me other thing, and there are, you know, rather more 3 substantial things that I wouldn't file-note 3 stuff, which -- like those provisions that we 4 4 either, necessarily, let alone that. were talking about this morning, which he 5 Q. Going back to B1422, just later that 5 may have thought helpful. And -- but of 6 6 evening there is -course, then it was up to me and my legal 7 7 team to decide what we -- what we actually A. Yeah. 8 8 deployed, regardless of the source of Q. -- at 22.48... 9 9 information. A. Yes. 10 10 Q. This is a message from the Chief Minister Q. And, then he says at 2301, "I think the 11 to you --11 above is of major", I think he probably 12 means relevance, "to the issues" --12 A. Yes. 13 Q. And on this occasion it says, "Media 13 A. Yeah. 14 Q. -- "raised this week. It will be important, 14 omitted", and then he says below, "That is 15 15 remember the HMIC report is public." page 13 of the HMIC report published last 16 week, look at the bit I've highlighted in red. 16 THE CHAIRMAN: You have missed out the 17 exchange --17 Boom (?)." And the attachment, actually we 18 18 MR SANTOS: Yes. have been provided with --19 19 THE CHAIRMAN: -- at 22.50. A. Yeah, I've got it here. 20 A(?). "Oh shocking", yes. 20 Q. -- C6761. It is a page from the HMIC 21 Q. Yes, I was going to come back --21 report. Had you seen the HMIC report 22 22 before this was sent to you by the Chief THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. (?) 23 Q. -- to that, but yes. You say, "Shocking, 23 Minister? 24 24 A. No, no, I heard about it on TV, I think, but sadly doesn't come as a surprise" --25 A. Yeah. 25 before this happened. Is -- I see that this Page 145 Page 147 1 copy is marked, is --1 Q. When you said "Shocking, but sadly 2 Q. Yes, that --2 doesn't come as a surprise", what exactly 3 3 A. -- is this what -were you referring to? 4 4 Q. -- seems to be the image that was sent to A. Well, I think that must have meant the 5 5 both you and to the Attorney General by the fact that I didn't -- this finding did not come 6 6 Chief Minister. as a surprise, since it accorded, or was not 7 A. So, marked in this way? 7 inconsistent, with the laxity (if I can put it at 8 8 Q. Yes. its lowest) with which the search warrant 9 9 A. That's (inaudible), right, okay. I hadn't application was approached. 10 10 actually recollected this, because I -- when I Q. Why do you think that the Chief Minister 11 11 got the -- when I got the transcript of the said: "Boom"? (?) 12 emails quite recently it wasn't marked in any 12 A. Because he obviously thought this was 13 13 way. But I did gather that -- well, I did (?) some sort of -- something momentous or 14 14 look at that page, and what seemed to be highly relevant to his and our -- and indeed 15 15 most relevant is in fact what has been our concerns, to do with the warrant and the 16 16 underlined here in red, which is of course a preservation of evidence. 17 matter of concern, of particular concern for 17 Q. Because, it seems to have a slightly 18 18 us, given that the devices were in the hands celebratory tone, or excitement about it. 19 19 of the RGP and we wanted to make A. Well, I don't particularly get excited about 20 20 absolutely sure that they could not be these things, either they're relevant to what 21 21 inappropriately accessed. I'm doing or they're not. Yeah. 22 22 Q. It seems also to have been a matter of Q. Then I was just going to go to that 23 concern to the Chief Minister. 23 message at 22.52, and focusing on the second 24 A. I imagine so. 24 and third sentences. "Thanks for your time 25 Q. Why was the Chief Minister sending you 25 today, bro" --Page 146 Page 148

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1	A. Yes.	1	course you the question, whether the DPP
2	Q. "I think it reassured him a lot."	2	had or not advised, I suppose that was not a
3	A. Yeah.	3	public matter. But I off the top of my head
4	Q. "him", there	4	I can't think of anything else that would
5	A. Was Mr Levy.	5	THE CHAIRMAN: Just look at that
6	Q presumably Mr Levy?	6	sequence of messages again.
7	A. Yeah, yeah.	7	A. Yes.
8	Q. And reassurance, what did the Chief	8	THE CHAIRMAN: 22.47, the image of the
9	Minister say that reassured Mr Levy a lot?	9	highlighted extract from the report is sent to
10	A. I can't I cannot remember, but	10	you.
11	obviously if the — if they were discussing	11	A. Yeah.
12	Community Care and whether he should go	12	THE CHAIRMAN: With the comment,
13	or not, and the Chief Minister had reassured	13	"Boom" (?).
14	Mr Levy that he hadn't lost confidence in	14	A. Yeah.
15	him, or that he wouldn't be he wouldn't	15	THE CHAIRMAN: That is at 22.48. The
16	lose the confidence of the public or the	16	image is sent at 22.47, and then the message
17	beneficiaries, if I can put it in inverted	17	at 22.48: that is page 13 of the HMIC report
18	commas, of Community Care, that would	18	published last week
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20	and in fact I think that's probably what Mr	20	THE CHAIRMAN: Look at the bit I've
21	Levy said yesterday, if I'm not mistaken.	21	highlighted in red. "Boom". And, at 23.02
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23	interpreted that, anyway.	23	of major importance to the issues raised this
24	Q. And you do not think it would have been	24	week, it will be important, remember the
25	related to the search warrant?	25	HMIC report is public."
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1	A. As a result of?	1	discussed. So, it's like almost like an inter
2	Q. Of your relationship, your personal	2	partes file note, or something like that. Well
3	relationship	3	not inter partes, but a file note between the
4	A. No, I don't think my relationship is any	4	parties for a particular meeting, or
5	closer with Mr Picardo than that of the Chief	5	discussion, or whatever.
6	Minister. I'm a bit younger than Mr Levy,	6	Q. The thing is that some of these meetings
7	but they still are quite I don't think that's an	7	could be described as fairly momentous, so
8	issue.	8	do you regret not taking notes of the
9	Q. No messages have been disclosed to the	9	meetings?
10	Inquiry between Mr Levy and the Chief	10	A. I have no particular regrets, and I can't
11	Minister. Did Mr Levy ever show you	11	think of any meeting that would I mean,
12	messages that he had received from the Chief	12	nobody had this Inquiry in mind at the time,
13	Minister?	13	and for the purposes of what I was doing
14	A. Not that I can recall.	14	what I had already documented in
15	Q. You can see, at the very end of that	15	correspondence was more than enough to get
16	exchange there are two messages where the	16	me going if I then wanted to bring a claim
17	Chief Minister says that he has sent the same	17	(on behalf of my client, obviously).
18	HMIC extract to Mr Levy.	18	Q. Did you take any notes of your meetings
19	A. Yeah.	19	and calls with the Chief Minister, the
20	Q. Do you know whether that would have	20	Attorney General or the DPP during this
21	gone via email or via WhatsApp?	21	period, as far as you are aware?
22	A. I have no idea how that might have gone,	22	A. I don't know (?), I may have as I said
23	Mr Santos.	23	this morning, I may have taken notes, I may
24	Q. Did you tell Mr Levy to keep his	24	have scribbled some notes just as an aide-
25	messages with the Chief Minister?	25	m moire, but when all this was over, and it
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1	A. No, I didn't. I obviously, when there's	1	would have probably been contained in one
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2	it can be shown that the solicitor has been	2	able to, but that's what it is. But I but one
3	guilty of fraudulent behaviour and all that,	3	thing I would tell you, Mr Santos, because I
4	and there should be no reason to expect the	4	think this morning you spoke in broad terms
5	solicitor, other than to comply with a	5	about meetings between 12 May and 8 June.
6	production order.	6	Now in my affidavit, answering the two
7	Q. And notwithstanding the seriousness of	7	letters from the Inquiry, I answered according
8	that situation, you did not consider it	8	to the scope of the what according to the
9	necessary to take notes of the meetings in	9	terms of the questions that were put to me,
10	and around that issue with public officials	10	okay? Now, those questions were limited in
11	and	11	scope in relation to the first letter, because in
12	A. No, because	12	the first letter I was told to provide
13	Q where you were making	13	confirmation in respect of any discussions
14	representations etc?	14	relating to the warrant or relating to the
15	A the meetings with public officials, as I	15	retirement of Mr McGrail. And in the second
16	say, didn't really add much in to what we	16	letter it was limited in time, because I was
17	needed to do, in the sense that of course we	17	asked to provide details of any conversations,
18	were told that we were told that the DPP's	18	not necessarily limited to the warrant or
19	advice had not been obtained, or the DPP had	19	limited to the retirement, between 12 May
20	advised against the warrant and so on, but	20	and 29 May. So, I answered the questions
21	these are all pretty discrete and simple points	21	posed to me by the Inquiry in their letters to
22	that did not in our view merit an attendance	22	the best of my ability, but this morning you
23	note.	23	talked about the conversations over a period,
24	Q. Did you not take notes because you were	24	I think you said up to the 8th or something,
25	concerned about what was being discussed at	25	and there's one thing, because it did not fall
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1	those meetings?	1	within the scope of the letters, but I but I
2	A. Not at all, no, at all. And as I say, Mr	2	do want to make the Inquiry aware of it. And
3	Santos, it is very possible that I did take	3	I want to be very clear about this, okay? And
4	some notes at the time but as I say, when this	4	obviously there was no need for me to
5	whole thing was over a few months later it	5	address that in the in the affidavit, because
6	was it was completely hi it was history,	6	I was not being asked about it, okay? And
7	as far as I was concerned.	7	what I'm what I'm going to tell you is that I
8	Q. Is your evidence that, having seen the	8	do recall one meeting with Mr Picardo in
9	messages and the communications around the	9	early June, but it was not definitely not to
10	time, despite all the jogging of your memory,	10	do with either the warrants nor with the
11	this is as far as you can remember? You	11	retirement of Mr McGrail. And what
12	cannot remember any more about what was	12	prevents me from telling you any more about
13	discussed at the various meetings and over	13	it, and I'm very firm in my view about this, is
14	the various telephone calls that we have	14	that that meeting and the contents of that
15	referred to?	15	meeting are subject to litigation privilege and
16	A. No, because if I did remember more I	16	I therefore cannot share that, but I did think it
17	would have put it in my witness state in my	17	right for me to just let the Inquiry view,
18	affidavit, but I'm sorry to come back to the	18	rather than take a formalistic view of what I
19	fact that I was not asked to refresh my	19	have been asked in terms of scope, date, and
20	memory or anything until two years after the	20	all that sort of thing.
21	Inquiry had started, and just a few weeks	21	Q. But, just to clarify on that
22	ago. And I do reiterate that it is no criticism	22	A. Yes.
23	of you, that's just the way things happen,	23	Q you say, "subject to litigation
24	sometimes. And, it it would have been	24	privilege", and there is no intention on my
25	particularly helpful for me to be able to tell	25	part to intrude upon that privilege, but when
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1	you say it does not relate to the search	1	Q. Do you have a note of that meeting?
2	warrant or to Mr McGrail's retirement	2	A. No, I don't have a note of that meeting.
3	A. Retirement.	3	Q. Alright. I want to ask you now about 36
4	Q are you able to say that it does not	4	North. Now, 36 North (just correct me if I
5	relate at all to the Inquiry's terms of	5	am wrong on this) was part-owned,
6	reference?	6	indirectly, by the Hassans equity partners, is
7	A. I'm not sure that I could say that. I'm not	7	that right?
8	I'm not sure that I could say that without	8	A. Yes, 36 Yes, well, yes in part, yes, part
9	giving it further thought.	9	of it
10	THE CHAIRMAN: Well, I think you should	10	Q. And 36 North had been loaned a sum of
11	give it further thought	11	money by Hassans, in the tune of about, I
12	A. Yeah.	12	think 460,000. Is that right?
13	THE CHAIRMAN: in that case, and get	13	A. I honestly don't know, I haven't I
14	back to us when you have thought it through.	14	haven't I've gleamed all this from Mr
15	A. Yeah.	15	Levy's witness statement, but I'm not familiar
16	Q. Yes, perhaps we could follow that up.	16	outside of
17	A. Yes, exactly. We'd need to look at the	17	THE CHAIRMAN: He was asked (?) about
18	terms of reference closely	18	this, and he said: I learnt that afterwards.
19	THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.	19	Q. Yes.
20	A and see whether they fall squarely	20	A. Yeah.
21	within the terms (?)	21	THE CHAIRMAN: We have covered this.
22	THE CHAIRMAN: And seek advice, if you	22	Q. Now at the time, in May 2019, when the
23	think you need to.	23	founders of 36 North were arrested, do you
24	A. Yes, yes, exactly. Anyway, I just thought	24	maintain that the partners of Hassans did not
25	it was the right thing to	25	have a detailed discussion about what on
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attendance notes of any text messages ----

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2	the time for the meeting and stuff like that	2	of important meetings.
3	and that sort of communication but, as I say,	3	Q. Sorry, I did not ask you that, I asked you
4	I am more than happy to show it to	4	whether you provide guidance or training to
5	Q. Fixing a time for which meeting?	5	trainees or junior solicitors about record
6	A. For the meeting that I had with the DPP	6	management?
7	referred to in the correspondence where he	7	A. I think we provide some sort of training
8	showed me a less redacted version of the	8	but, yes, I am not involved in the training
9	schedule 1 to the warrant application.	9	side it. There is some form of training for
10	Q. So this is a meeting that happened in May	10	that sort of thing.
11	2020?	11	Q. Is it right to say that it is very important
12	A. It happened on 1 or 2 June.	12	when you are a litigator to retain records of
13	Q. 1 or 2 June?	13	cases?
14	A. Yes.	14	A. It depends on the record, it depends on
15	Q. So is it right to say that neither you or Mr	15	the litigation, it depends on whether the
16	Levy or indeed anybody at Hassans has	16	litigation is extant and the nature of the
17	provided any contemporaneous document to	17	information.
18	this Inquiry which records any of the	18	Q. Is it very important because sometimes
19	messages or the meetings, in terms of	19	- I mean, I would have thought it is self-
20	meeting notes, that were taking place with	20	evident to any solicitor or barrister but you
21	Mr Picardo, Mr Llamas and Mr Rocca from	21	might be sued later down the line for
22	12 May onwards?	22	professional negligence or breach of contract,
23	A. No attendance notes.	23	something like that, is that right?
24	Q. No, and no messages?	24	A. Yes, that is right and one takes forms a
25	A. Messages, well, I have messages as in	25	judgment as to when it is likely to be useful
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2	Q. Yes.	2	A. He could benefit from the transaction.
3	A. If I thought especially unless I foresaw	3	Q. Yes, and you knew all or that at the time,
4	that there was going to be no further risk of	4	did you not, on 12 May?
5	any comeback, frankly.	5	A. Well, as I said this morning, I really was
6	Q. You are a litigator, are you not? There is	6	not thinking about that at all because my
7	not unless well, there is never no risk	7	focus was on the search warrant. I wasn't
8	of comeback a few months after a case	8	thinking about what possible benefit one
9	concludes, is there?	9	might derive from this company which, to
10	A. Well, I didn't expect to be sued by Mr	10	my mind, wasn't really doing very much. I
11	Levy in relation to this matter.	11	mean, it just was not on my radar at all. I
12	Q. If a trainee came up to you and said, "Mr	12	think it needs to be appreciated, as I said this
13	Baglietto, my case has just finished, I'm	13	morning, this was a bombshell, we had to
14	going to delete all of my messages relating to	14	deal with it very quickly and the last thing I
15	that case now, it finished a few weeks ago,"	15	was thinking about was any possible profit
16	what would you say?	16	that anybody might get. I mean, the fact is
17	A. I would have I would sit down with	17	that our offices had been had visited on by
18	that person and try and understand why.	18	the police using a very extreme measure in
19	THE CHAIRMAN: I have got the point	19	all the circumstances and I wanted to get that
20	about the notes, Mr Wagner.	20	redressed.
21	MR WAGNER: (To the witness): And if	21	Q. Do you think the fact that you were so
22	you said that there was if you knew that	22	impacted by what was happening at Hassans
23	there was litigation in reasonable	23	would that have been a good reason to not
24	contemplation, would you preserve the	24	act for Mr Levy and pass it on to someone
25	documentation	25	who would not be distracted by the
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1	THE CHAIRMAN: I have got the point.	1	bombshell that had blown up in Hassans
2	THE WITNESS: If there was of course I	2	offices?
3	would.	3	A. This was a very Gibraltar is a very
4	THE CHAIRMAN: You need not pursue	4	small place. One doesn't want word
5	this point, I have got the point.	5	spreads very quickly. This is a matter that
6	MR WAGNER: Very well. (To the	6	had to be dealt with discretely and
7	witness): I want to ask you about your	7	sensitively. At the same time we
8	conversations with the Chief Minister. On	8	acknowledged that we needed to have
9	12 May Mr Picardo was not just the Chief	9	independent advice from someone who was
10	Minister he was also a partner at Hassans on	10	quite detached and would not get as
11	sabbatical?	11	emotionally wrapped up in it as we might,
12	A. Yes.	12	although I do not consider myself a person
13	Q. Right?	13	who would get particularly emotionally
14	A. Yes.	14	wrapped up about their cases but that is by
15	Q. He was also a close personal friend of Mr	15	the bye, and nor is Mr Bonfante. So we saw
16	Levy. Is that right?	16	no issue in dealing with it in the way that we
17	A. Yes.	17	did as a team.
18	Q. And he was also your close personal	18	Q. Because you wanted to keep it
19	friend?	19	confidential?
20	A. Yes.	20	A. Look, well, of course we didn't want to
21	Q. And a shareholder in 36 North?	21	start instructing other law firms on it.
22	A. Yes, ultimate beneficiary I suppose.	22	Q. You said that the purpose you were
23	Q. An ultimate beneficiary, yes, and,	23	asked what you were hoping to achieve by
24	therefore, at that time he was someone who	24	talking to the Chief Minister?
25	could potentially benefit from the fraud that	25	A. Yes.
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1	Q. You said in evidence this morning that	1	danger to your client if you obtained
2	you wanted to see to what extent he could	2	information even if inadvertently that Mr
3	shed some light on what happened?	3	Picardo had received on a confidential basis
4	A. Yes.	4	from the police?
5	Q. Why would the Chief Minister in	5	A. I am sure that this was a matter that was
6	particular be able to shed light on what had	6	canvassed within my legal team and we acted
7	happened?	7	with the benefit of advice. I can't recall what
8	A. Well, he had spoken to Mr Levy the	8	the advice was at the time and, in any event,
9	previous on the 12th and he had obviously	9	that would be privileged of course.
10	heard what was going on	10	Q. Did you ever consider there would be a
11	Q. He obviously what? Heard?	11	danger to Mr Picardo, your close friend and
12	A. He had heard what had happened and, as	12	business partner and Hassans partner
13	I said, that has been borne out by the	13	when he started talking to you about
14	transcripts of the meetings that took place	14	removing the Commissioner of Police?
15	between him and Mr McGrail and the	15	A. That's a matter — he obviously felt
16	Attorney General.	16	strongly about that. That was a matter for
17	Q. Yes, but you were looking to get	17	him. It wasn't it was none of my business.
18	information from him that Mr Levy had	18	Q. Did you say that to him?
19	given him, were you, because you already	19	A. I am not sure whether I did or not but the
20	knew that?	20	fact is that it was not what I was doing and if
21	A. Well, I would have known that unless of	21	he wanted to vent his frustration or
22	course unless of course that information to	22	dissatisfaction with me, well, that is fine.
23	do with the DPP not having advised what	23	Q. Do you agree that if the Commissioner of
24	came directly to me. I just can't remember	24	Police was being told that his job is on the
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2	warrant?	2	Q. And you did not know about that?
3	A. I was not thinking about that at the time.	3	A. I may have known about it at the time but
4	My focus was on Mr Levy. He needed to get	4	I attached no importance to it in relation to
5	his statement done and he got it done.	5	
6	Q. I want to ask you about WhatsApp. You	6	Q. Did you know that Mr McGrail retired in
7	say that you routinely clear out old chats.	7	the immediate aftermath of the warrant
8	How routinely?	8	against Mr Levy?
9	A. It depends, it is quite random.	9	A. I know he retired obviously I know
10	Q. And so you have got messages with the	10	that he retired in June some time.
11	Chief Minister going back to 2021, you said?	11	Q. Did you know that the retirement was
12	A. That's right.	12	connected to the warrant involving Mr Levy?
13	Q. So you have not cleared them out for the	13	A. No, I didn't know what the reason for the
14	last three years?	14	retirement was.
15	A. That's right.	15	Q. I did not ask you that; I asked you
16	Q. When you say "clear out" do you mean	16	whether you knew it was connected?
17	delete?	17	A. No.
18	A. I just delete old chats, yes, old chats	18	Q. The Chief Minister has given ed to this
19	because there may be all sorts of material in	19	Inquiry that he was discussing with you,
20	any chat with anybody. It could be a very	20	whilst he had meetings about the warrant, the
21	personal chat, very private things and I just	21	removal of the Commissioner of Police. You
22	don't like having them on my phone, frankly,	22	must have known at that point that the two
23	unless I feel they might be needed.	23	things were connected?
24	Q. When exactly did you delete	24	A. They may have been part connected in
25	A. I can't remember.	25	part but there may have been other factors
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2	had been executed and that is part of the	2	those WhatsApp messages that causes me the
3	reason why	3	slightest concern and I have made that very
4	A. That may have been part of the reason	4	clear in my evidence this morning.
5	why	5	Q. The WhatsApp with Mr Rocca?
6	Q. And you knew that at the time, did you	6	A. No, the ones that have been put to me
7	not?	7	with the Chief Minister.
8	A. I don't know what I knew I don't know	8	Q. With Mr Picardo, but those have been
9	what I knew at the time. I can't possibly say	9	provided by Mr Picardo, they have not been
10	what I knew at the time, I am sorry.	10	provided by you.
11	Q. I am going to suggest to you that	11	A. No, that is right.
12	knowing that the two things were connected	12	Q. So if we did not have them from Mr
13	and also knowing around the time that the	13	Picardo, we would not have them at all?
14	Chief Minister announced that there was	14	A. No, you could not have, that is right.
15	going to be a public inquiry, you then went	15	Q. No.
16	on to delete all of your relevant messages	16	A. But the suggestion that I deliberately
17	with Mr Picardo	17	deleted those WhatsApps because of the
18	A. I am sorry, that is a deeply offensive and	18	Inquiry, that suggestion is, I am afraid,
19	hurtful allegation to make against me	19	completely incorrect.
20	because that is not the deletion of those	20	Q. I am not making that suggestion, Mr
21	emails had nothing to do with the	21 22	Baglietto.
22	announcement of the Inquiry at all.	22 23	A. That is the only way I can interpret it, but that is fine.
23	Q. I did not suggest that. I just said that I		
24	was just pointing out the sequence.	24 25	Q. I just want to go to clarify something
25	A. I have to take great exception to that. I	23	that you said before at C3523, please.
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1	document; you were not basing yourself on	1	Q. So, the concerns you had about the
2	anything else because you did not have	2	devices were sufficient motivation, the
3	anything else and you had no prior	3	concern about them being looked at to have
4	knowledge.	4	progressed a judicial review had you decided
5	A. Well, one only had to look at the warrant	5	it was merit based, would it not?
6	document to see that it was completely	6	A. Well, to a large extent, we made rather
7	unmerited.	7	good progress actually in that period. We got
8	Q. I see, okay. And Mr Baglietto, your firm,	8	some assurances from the Commissioner of
9	I think you said, Mr Bonfante, is experienced	9	Police. Mr Levy was allowed to give a
10	in judicial review and you had the benefit of	10	voluntary statement not under caution and I
11	counsel from the UK as well, some specialist	11	am not going to go any further into why, and
12	in public law matters?	12	the circumstances, we decided not to pursue
13	A. Yes, yes.	13	judicial review.
14	Q. And you have, I think it is not a secret,	14	Q. So, the alternative route with your two
15	conducted a recent judicial review in relation	15	friends, the Attorney General and the Chief
16	to another lawyer in circumstances.	16	Minister, produced the results that may have
17	A. Mm.	17	meant you did not need to progress the
18	Q. Are you experienced in all of this?	18	judicial review?
19	A. Experienced in what?	19	A. No, it was not a case of my two friends.
20	Q. In judicial review and the sort of	20	It is a case of the fact that we put forward a
21	challenges that one might make to warrants	21	very strong case to show why in all fairness
22	and all the rest?	22	we ought to be given - Mr Levy ought to be
23	A. I have some experience in judicial	23	given - the opportunity to provide a
24	review.	24	voluntary statement and also to be entitled to
25	Q. And your team had a lot?	25	seek appropriate safeguards in relation to the
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2	my team that	2	prepared to be extremely open as indeed he
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2	A. Well, they are still - I think Mr Levy has	2	A. We got some disclosure from the police
3	made reference -	3	last year which I think they felt unable to
4	Q. Yesterday he gave indications of the -	4	give us until the whole Operation Delhi
5	(inaudible) claims.	5	investigation was concluded and within that
6	A. But I am not going to talk about them.	6	disclosure there is material which -
7	Q. No, I understand that, but given that they	7	Q. And - Yes, I am sorry.
8	were still alive, when you say matters were	8	A. No, no, I was just saying that there is
9	sort of all over by October, that litigation was	9	material in that disclosure which could be
10	pending or you had contemplated you would	10	very relevant.
11	not have got rid of any material. Do you	11	Q. But is that disclosure that you received
12	want to rethink your answer, given that those	12	from the inquiry?
13	claims originally made on 13 May 2020 seem	13	A. No, no, not from the inquiry.
14	to have continued to live?	14	Q. Oh, sorry.
15	A. We had the material that we would need	15	A. No, from the police directly.
16	and in fact a lot of material has come out of	16	Q. I am sorry, I just wanted to clarify.
17	the course of this inquiry, which we did not	17	A. No, no, from the police directly.
18	have at the time and has resulted in police	18	Q. Thank you.
19	disclosure, which did not exist at the time,	19	THE CHAIRMAN: Okay, thank you very
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21	possibility of other actions, but as I say -	21	MR SANTOS: Thank you very much.
22	Q. It is my last question.	22	(The witness withdrew)
23	A. I don't want to talk about what -	23	THE CHAIRMAN: Tomorrow, DPP?
24	Q. It is my last question, Mr Baglietto, but I	24	MR SANTOS: Correct, yes, at 10 o'clock.
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1	SIR PETER CARUANA: No, no.	
2	MR SANTOS: But I think that is our best	
3	estimate, no more than half a day.	
4	THE CHAIRMAN: Okay.	
5	MR SANTOS: I can probably give more of	
6	an indication once I have looked at things.	
7	THE CHAIRMAN: I understand that.	
8 9	MR SANTOS: It has been a very intense week.	
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11	THE CHAIRMAN: Say, half past 12? MR SANTOS: Half past 12. I am happy to	
12	commit to half past 12 yes, and that would	
13	leave three hours of questioning to be shared.	
14	SIR PETER CARUANA: Yes.	
15	MR SANTOS: What I would ask is that the	
16	participants engage and -	
17	THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, well we can sort	
18	the order out and then they can sort	
19	prioritisation out.	
20	MR SANTOS: On this occasion there is no	
21	re-examination by a lawyer on behalf of a	
22	witness.	
23	THE CHAIRMAN: I am quite confident that	
24	you will all have a fair share.	
25	MR SANTOS: Yes, thank you.	
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2	Okay, thank you.	
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