

Commissions of Inquiry Act

INQUIRY INTO THE RETIREMENT OF THE FORMER COMMISSIONER OF POLICE

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

SIXTH WITNESS STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER OF POLICE RICHARD ULLGER

1. My name is Richard Ullger, and I am the Commissioner of Police with the Royal Gibraltar Police (RGP). This is my sixth statement to the Public Inquiry.
2. I make this statement in response to the very regrettable and evident new suggestions/accusations in the Government Parties Written Submissions dated the 18 March 2025 ("**GOG March Submissions**") and their previous secret submissions dated the 25 November 2024 ("**GOG November Submissions**") that the RGP current senior management (and perhaps even more specifically, me) have colluded or conspired with former Commissioner Mr McGrail and even former Superintendent Richardson, not to disclose relevant information to the Inquiry.
3. Such suggestions/accusations are littered throughout the said submissions, be it in the heading of "*Coincidences of non-disclosure and reasons*" coupled with suggestions of implausibility at paragraph 34 of the GOG March Submissions, or at paragraph 6 of the GOG November Submissions where the GOG parties in these secret submissions assert that there is an "*implausible coincidence that neither the RGP nor Mr McGrail chose to disclose them.*"
4. In the circumstances, I believe it is appropriate that Counsel to the Inquiry and relevant Core Participants counsel and our own, test this matter at the forthcoming reconvened hearing and to assist, I attach two emails and a WhatsApp that talk about the relationship, post Mr McGrail's departure but, I believe, strongly rebut the suggestions being made by the Chief Minister, Attorney General and former Interim Governor about the police force and its current leadership.

5. Fundamentally, the email exchange dated the 29 November 2022 between Mr McGrail and I demonstrate how alert I was to possible conflicts and the relationship between the RGP and Mr McGrail given the ongoing Public Inquiry and related criminal investigations. This is demonstrated further in a prior WhatsApp chat that I had with the Chief Minister dated the 22 September 2022 and in which, upon the Chief Minister's recommendation, I sought legal advice from our lawyer Mr Cruz.
6. The WhatsApp Group created by the Chief Minister, which included His Excellency the Governor, Sir David Steel and I, named 'Concerns' with the RGP crest, with exchanges between the Chief Minister dated the 19th of January 2023 and I, where Mr Picardo raised numerous allegations of criminality against Mr McGrail made by alleged whistle blowers, resulted in the RGP's referral to SIO John McVea (just retired) from Police Service Northern Ireland, (who at the time was investigating the alleged Data Breach at former STI's office) with parallel reporting lines to the Governor and the RGP. This again demonstrates the extraordinary lengths the RGP went to avoid any suggestions of conflict, or collusion and answer these rather extraordinary new allegations aimed at the RGP, and perhaps me specifically. This is also supported in entries made by me into my daybook on the independent briefs SIO John McVea would have provided me and the Governor separately, maintaining transparency and accountability of his investigations. At no time did I interfere or influence his investigations.
7. This email and messages are exhibited to this statement as "RU1".

STATEMENT OF TRUTH

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



NAME: Richard Ullger

DATE: 28 March 2025