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**Royal Commission
into the Management of Police Informants**

STATEMENT OF ANDREW STUART CRISP

1. My full name is Andrew Stuart Crisp. I am a former member of Victoria Police.
2. I make this statement in response to a request from the Royal Commission into the Management of Police Informants dated 23 May 2019. This statement is produced to the Royal Commission in response to a Notice to Produce.

Educational background and employment history (Q 1)

3. I joined Victoria Police in 1978. A summary of my employment history since that time is set out below:
 - (a) 1979: graduated from the Victoria Police Academy;
 - (b) 1979 – 1981; Constable, Force Reserve and Fitzroy Police Station;
 - (c) 1981 – 1983: Protective Security Group;
 - (d) 1983 – 1988: promoted to Senior Constable, Ferntree Gully Police Station and Warrnambool Police Station;
 - (e) 1988: promoted to Sergeant, Protective Security Group and Traffic and Transit Safety Department;
 - (f) 1996: promoted to Senior Sergeant, Education Department;
 - (g) 2000: promoted to Inspector, Education Department;
 - (h) 2005: promoted to Superintendent, Education Department;
 - (i) 2009: Acting Assistant Commissioner Region 1;
 - (j) 2010: Acting Commander, Operations Support Command;
 - (k) 2010: promoted to Assistant Commissioner, Operations Support Command;
 - (l) 2015: promoted to Deputy Commissioner (Regional Operations of Victoria Police); and

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- (m) August 2018: separated from Victoria Police and commenced as Emergency Management Commissioner Emergency Management Victoria.
4. I have undertaken Victoria Police qualifications and training including:
- (a) the Inspectors Exams (1997);
 - (b) the Sergeants Course (1989); and
 - (c) the Officers Course (1998).
5. I have received the following commendations and awards including:
- (a) National Medal 15 years (1998);
 - (b) Police Overseas Service Medal (2001);
 - (c) United Nations East Timor Medal (2001);
 - (d) Highly Commended Certificate (2004);
 - (e) National Medal 25 years (2007);
 - (f) Emergency Management Medal (Victorian Bushfires 2009);
 - (g) Australian Police Medal (2012);
 - (h) National Police Service Medal (2013);
 - (i) 35 Year Service Award (2016); and
 - (j) National Medal 35 years (2017).

Involvement or association with any investigation which had dealings with Ms Gobbo (Q 2)

6. In July 2009, I commenced as the Acting Assistant Commissioner, Region 1. Midyear in 2010, I was selected for promotion to the rank of Assistant Commissioner. My role had been identified as the Assistant Commissioner, Operations Support Command. Assistant Commissioner Paul Evans held that role at that time and I was to replace him when he retired in November 2010 which I did. Prior to that date, I held the rank of Acting Commander and worked with Paul Evans.

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7. The Assistant Commissioner, Operations Support Command, had responsibility for the Victoria Police witness protection program (WPP).
8. To the best of my recollection, I was not aware of Ms Gobbo, her registration as a human source, her transition to witness, the civil claim she had subsequently lodged against the Chief Commissioner or Victoria Police or any of the associated issues before I took up as the Acting Commander, Region 1 in July 2010. After that time, I had limited involvement.
9. I am aware from documents I was shown in the course of preparing this statement that I attended a meeting on 20 July 2010.¹ This meeting occurred shortly after I took up as the Acting Assistant Commissioner. I have no independent recollection of being invited to this meeting or attending it. My diary for this meeting reads:

Met Fin McRae re: GOBBO; D Ryan VGSO and Gobbo's received threats. No [REDACTED] Wants to [REDACTED]. Use [REDACTED]. Plus \$20M. Health issues. Self-mutilation? Claims stress is causing physical injuries. Priority safety. Mediation 11 August. [indecipherable]

Paul and I will not meet with her. Should meet with [REDACTED]

10. My diary uses Ms Gobbo's name. I infer from this diary entry that I was being given information about the Witness Security Unit's (WITSEC) involvement with Ms Gobbo. I understand the note '*Paul and I will not meet with her*' to mean it was suggested that we should not do so and that we indicated that it was more appropriate for any such meeting to be held with [REDACTED]. It would have been highly unusual for [REDACTED] for the WPP to meet with an Acting Commander or Assistant Commissioner.
11. I believe that the meeting of 20 July 2010 was the first occasion when I became aware of or had any knowledge of Ms Gobbo or her interactions with Victoria Police. My diary note indicates that, at the very least, I was aware of the threats to her life, her civil claim and some of the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] her entry into the WPP.
12. I have been shown an email dated 26 July 2010 that suggests to me that in the weeks that followed there were internal discussions about a need to identify a Victoria Police "figure head" to attend a mediation scheduled for 11 August 2010 in connection with the civil claim that Ms Gobbo had filed against the Chief Commissioner and Victoria Police.² I have also seen a document which states that it was proposed that I would represent Victoria Police in the capacity of a "figure head" for the mediation.³ I was not aware until reading these documents that it was

¹ VPL.6020.0056.9348, VPL.6020.0126.3153, VPL.0100.0058.3813 at 3822.

² VPL.6020.0056.6118.

³ VPL.6020.0002.2397.

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proposed that I play that role. I do not recall this proposal being discussed with me at any stage, and I did not attend the mediation.

13. I do not recall having any further involvement with Ms Gobbo until October 2010.
14. On Friday 13 October 2010, I met with Peter Lardner. I have no independent recollection of that meeting. My diary notes are:

Met with PL
any other agreements in place
talk to Geoff [Alway]

15. I infer from that diary entry that, in the course of the meeting with Mr Lardner, I was informed of the settlement of Ms Gobbo's civil claim, that an issue had arisen about whether there were other agreements in place between Ms Gobbo and Victoria Police and that I was to talk to Geoff Alway (who was at that time responsible for the witness protection program) about it. I do not recall whether I in fact spoke to Mr Alway.
16. In the course of preparing this statement, I have been shown a document headed "ISSUE: Operation 'ADOBE'" and dated 15 November 2010.⁴ The document bears my signature. It appears that I signed it on 23 November 2010. I have no independent recollection of this document, though I do not doubt that I read and signed it.
17. On 25 February 2011, I received an email from Ian Campbell bearing the subject line "FW: Witness F" and with the text '*Andrew, Update as discussed, IC.*'⁵ I do not recall asking for this update. I infer that the update would have been asked for in the context of the WPP, which I had responsibility for at that time.
18. I do not recall being briefed during this period about the full details of Ms Gobbo's engagement with Victoria Police. My recollection is that my involvement was focused on the immediate issues that required resolution and, specifically, Ms Gobbo's refusal to accept the terms offered to her for entry into the WPP. I had no direct involvement in these matters. Rather, I was briefed from time to time as required.
19. I have no specific recollection of any involvement between February 2011 and October 2011 though, as noted above, I expect that I was briefed from time to time as required.

⁴ VGSO.2000.1517.0022.

⁵ VPL.6020.0017.7928.

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20. I have been shown an email dated 30 October 2011 from Boris Buick to [REDACTED] with the subject "Witness F".⁶ In that email, Mr Buick refers to a proposed out of sessions WITSEC Steering Committee, which I was to chair. I do not independently recall the proposal that Mr Buick refers to in that email or whether the out of sessions meeting occurred.
21. I have been shown an email chain from May 2012, which relates to concerns [REDACTED] held about a request for information made by Superintendent Steve Gleeson who was, at that time, assisting Neil Comrie with a review of Victoria Police's handling of Witness F (Ms Gobbo).⁷ I do not independently recall these emails. However, on 3 May 2012, I sent Superintendent Gleeson an email about these matters, and an email of 6 May 2012 indicates that I spoke with Superintendent Gleeson about [REDACTED] concerns and then asked Superintendent Guenther to meet with Superintendent Gleeson.
22. On 7 April 2014, I attended a meeting of [REDACTED], at which an [REDACTED] for [REDACTED] the WPP for Ms Gobbo [REDACTED]⁸ [REDACTED] was established to consider [REDACTED] entry into the WPP. [REDACTED] had authority to approve or refuse to approve an application for entry into the WPP. I do not independently recall this meeting, or the decision to [REDACTED]. However, I have no reason to doubt that the minutes of that meeting are accurate.
23. I infer from materials shown to me in the course of preparing this statement that the WPP request followed a series of media articles about "Lawyer X" which had been published in the weeks prior to the commencement of a coronial inquest into the murders of Terrence and Christine Hodson.

How I learned, or were given reason to believe, Ms Gobbo was providing information to police (Q 3)

24. I refer to my answer to question 2 above.

Awareness of others (Q 4)

25. I believe that the following people were aware:

(a) Paul Evans;

⁶ VPL.6031.0021.5753.

⁷ VPL.6020.0092.2347.

⁸ VPL.6020.0046.0039, VPL.0100.0058.5294.

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- (b) Geoff Alway;
- (c) Ian Campbell;
- (d) [REDACTED]
- (e) Shane O'Connell;
- (f) Peter Lardner;
- (g) Findlay McRae; and
- (h) David Ryan.

Authorisation of the use of Ms Gobbo as a human source (Q 5)

26. I do not know who was involved in the authorisation and continued authorisation of Ms Gobbo as a human source.

Personal contact with Ms Gobbo (Q6)

27. I have had no personal contact with Ms Gobbo.

Information & assistance received (Q7 & Q8)

28. I have no knowledge of any information of this kind.

Concerns raised as to the use of a legal practitioner as a human source (Q 9)

29. I am not aware of any concerns of this kind being raised, save as set out above.

Concerns raised as to the use of Ms Gobbo as a human source (Q 10)

30. I am not aware of any concerns of this kind being raised, save as set out above.

Awareness about disclosure in relation to Ms Gobbo (Q 11)

31. I am not aware of any such discussions.

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Other human sources with obligations of confidentiality or privilege (Q 12)

32. I am not aware of any other human sources has provided information or assistance to Victoria Police was subject to legal obligations of confidentiality or privilege.

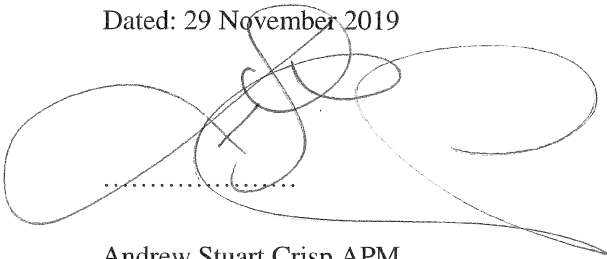
Training (Q 13)

33. I completed a number of training courses throughout my police career. I would have received training on each of the topics identified in question 13 at the Academy and at various stages throughout my police career.

Other information (Q 14)

34. I have no further information to provide.

Dated: 29 November 2019

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke, positioned above a dotted line.

Andrew Stuart Crisp APM