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Haven-O Inspector, PII [REDACTED] of an address known to Victoria Police can say:

I make this statement from memory only, without the aid of, or reference to, any relevant documentation that may be in existence and I make this statement pursuant to a Notice to Produce served on me under the *Inquiries Act* 2014.

Personal information

1 *Detail your educational background and employment history, including progression through the ranks and roles assigned.*

Educational Background

- Completed Year 11
- Diploma of Business

Employment History

- 19[REDACTED] – Joined Victoria Police
- Constable / Senior Constable (General Duties) – Various metropolitan Police Stations.
- Senior Constable - Communications
- Detective Senior Constable – Various Criminal Investigation Units
- Sergeant (General Duties) – Region [REDACTED] Division [REDACTED]
- Sergeant (Supervisor) – [REDACTED] Regional Response Unit
- [REDACTED] – Dedicated Source Unit / Source Development Unit
- [REDACTED] – Various Criminal Investigation Units
- [REDACTED] (General Duties) - [REDACTED] Region
- [REDACTED] – [REDACTED] Region
- [REDACTED] – PII [REDACTED]

Courses Completed

- Detective Training School
 - Sergeant's Qualifying Program
 - Undercover Training Course
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- Investigation Manager's Course
- ██████████ Human Source Management Course
- Senior Sergeant's Qualifying Program
- Inspector's Qualifying Program

2 *Detail your involvement or association, including the period of such involvement or association, with any investigation which had dealings in any way with Ms Gobbo.*

I was a member of DSU/SDU from 2006 to 2013. As a member of the DSU / SDU I assisted with the security of some planned meetings between Ms Gobbo and the handling team. I did not have any involvement with the management of Ms Gobbo.

Use of Ms Gobbo as a human source

3 *Detail how you learned, or were given reason to believe, that Ms Gobbo was providing information or assistance to Victoria Police, including:*

- a. *when that occurred;*
- b. *in what circumstances that occurred;*
- c. *who told you or gave you reason to believe;*
- d. *what you were told; and*
- e. *who else was present.*

Shortly after commencement at the DSU / SDU I became aware that Ms Gobbo was a registered human source being managed by the DSU. It was Unit practice for all staff to know the identity of all human sources managed by the Unit.

4 *Provide details of any other member of Victoria Police or other organisation or individual who you believe was aware, prior to the end of 2012, that Ms Gobbo was providing information or assistance to Victoria Police, including:*

- a. *the name of that organisation or person;*
- b. *when you understand that person or organisation first had such an awareness; and*
- c. *why you understand that person or organisation to have had such an awareness.*

I cannot comment on who else outside of members of the Unit were aware that Ms Gobbo was a registered human source as I did not manage Ms Gobbo during my time at the Unit. This would preclude me from having contact with relevant investigators etc.

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- 5 *Provide details of person(s) you believe were involved in the authorisation, and continued authorisation, of the use of Ms Gobbo as a human source, including:*
- a. *the name of the person(s);*
 - b. *the role of those person(s); and*
 - c. *the basis of your belief.*

Ms Gobbo was already registered as a human source upon my arrival at the DSU. Authorisation from that point on was managed by the assigned management structure within the human source framework. I cannot comment on any conversations around the ongoing authorisation process.

- 6 *Detail all personal contact you have had with Ms Gobbo, including:*
- a. *when that contact occurred;*
 - b. *who else was present when that contact occurred;*
 - c. *whether you were instructed to make that contact and by whom;*
 - d. *whether you produced or showed any documents to Ms Gobbo during this contact;*
 - e. *what was said during that contact;*
 - f. *whether you believe any record exists of such contact, and if so what.*

I have not, in any capacity, had any personal contact with Ms Gobbo.

- 7 *Provide details of information received by Victoria Police between 1995 and 2012 where you knew, believed or had reason to suspect that the source of that information was Ms Gobbo, including:*
- a. *what the information was;*
 - b. *when the information was received;*
 - c. *how, and from whom, the information was received;*
 - d. *when you came to know, believe or suspect that the source of the information was Ms Gobbo;*
 - e. *what use was made of such information in any investigation;*
 - f. *what evidence obtained in consequence of that information;*
 - g. *the significance of that evidence to the investigation; and*
 - h. *the name of any person charged as a result of the investigation.*

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As part of the SDU team I was aware of Ms Gobbo's ongoing registration as a human source, however I have no independent recollection of specific information she may have provided and to whom that information may have related to.

- 8 *Provide details of any assistance given to Victoria Police, other than as a potential witness from 2009, where you knew, believed or had reason to suspect that such assistance was provided by Ms Gobbo, including:*
- a. *what the assistance was;*
 - b. *what use was made of the assistance in any investigation;*
 - c. *what evidence was obtained in consequence of the assistance; and*
 - d. *the name of any person charged as a result of the assistance.*

Refer response to Q.7

Concerns in relation to use of Ms Gobbo as a human source

- 9 *Provide details of your awareness as to whether any concerns were raised at any time by members of Victoria Police (or other policing or law enforcement agencies for example the AFP, the Office of Public Prosecutions, the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions) as to the use of a legal practitioner of a human source, including in relation to each of those concerns:*
- a. *who raised the concern, and with whom it was raised;*
 - b. *when the concern was raised;*
 - c. *what the concern was;*
 - d. *whether the obtaining of legal advice was raised; and*
 - e. *what, if anything, was done about the concern.*

As previously stated, upon my arrival at the DSU, Ms Gobbo was already a registered human source. I can only assume that all discussions surrounding this topic would have occurred as part of the authorisation and registration process. I cannot recall with any certainty any specifics or concerns that were raised about the use of a legal practitioner as a human source.

10 *Question is repeat of Q.9*

11 *Provide details of your awareness as to any discussion within Victoria Police about the obligation of disclosure in relation to material concerning the use of Ms Gobbo as a human source.*

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I have no recollection of any such discussions.

Other relevant matters

- 12 *Provide details of your involvement as an informant against Mr Cvetanovski including but not limited to:*
- a. *The extent to which information contained in the brief of evidence was obtained from Nicola Gobbo.*

I have no knowledge of the person referred to as Mr Cvetanovski.

- 13 *Provide details of any other human source who, to your knowledge, has provided information or assistance to Victoria Police who were subject to legal obligations of confidentiality or privilege, including:*
- a. *the name of the human source;*
 - b. *if registered, the number of the human source;*
 - c. *the nature of the legal obligations of confidentiality or privilege;*
 - d. *the nature of the information or assistance provided by the human source.*

I have no knowledge of any other human source that has provided information or assistance to Victoria Police in this category.

- 14 *Detail any training, including any retraining, you have received in relation to:*
- a. *your obligation of disclosure to accused persons, prosecution agencies and the courts;*
 - b. *the right of an accused person to silence;*
 - c. *the right of an accused person to a legal practitioner;*
 - d. *legal professional privilege;*
 - e. *public interest immunity; and*
 - f. *professional and ethical decision making.*

I cannot recall any specific training received in respect to points "a"; obligation of disclosure, point "d"; legal professional privilege and point "e"; PII.

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I can say that I have gained some knowledge of these points from experience gained across many years of policing, including investigation of serious offending, attendance at various Courts of Law as an investigator and exposure to specialist areas of the organisation such as Special Projects Unit.

Any issues surrounding PII are in my experience referred to the Victorian Government Solicitor's Office for opinion.

Points "b" and "c" were from memory taught as part of initial recruit training and may be further referenced through investigator specific training.

Point "f" is underpinned by the Code of Ethics, Force Values and S.E.L.F test.

15 *Are there other matters relevant to the Commission's terms of reference about which you are able to provide assistance to the Commission?*

No.

Haven-O

Date:

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