

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

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT OF CHRISTINE NIXON

1. My full name is Christine Nixon.
2. I have previously made a statement to the Royal Commission dated 30 October 2019 and given oral evidence before the Royal Commission on 18 December 2019.
3. I make this statement in response to a further request from the Royal Commission dated 5 February 2020. This statement is produced to the Royal Commission in response to a Notice to Produce.
4. The request from the Royal Commission dated 5 February 2020 refers to evidence given by Mr Simon Overland in relation to an entry in his diary on 29 September 2005.
5. I have no recollection of a meeting with Simon Overland on that date and nor do I have any record of such a meeting.
6. My recollection is that Mr Overland and I had regular high level briefing meetings in our respective roles as Chief Commissioner and Assistant Commissioner.
7. The usual way in which those briefing meetings proceeded was for me to ask questions and for Mr Overland to provide updates about investigations being conducted within the Crime Department, including the investigative work being undertaken by the Purana Taskforce. I would be briefed on matters such as a significant arrest or event. I would also be briefed about any intersection of crime and corruption identified in an investigation. I was not briefed on the detail of the investigations within the Crime Department.
8. Mr Overland would also brief me on new crime strategy, resourcing considerations, budgeting and other administrative matters within the Crime Department.
9. I note that Mr Overland gave evidence that he has no memory of telling me that Nicola Gobbo was a source. Nor do I have any memory of him or anyone else telling me that.
10. I believe that I would remember if I was told that Ms Gobbo was a source. I do not believe that I would forget such information and then be surprised when her role as a source became public.
11. It is not something that I would forget because:



- (a) it was rare for me, as Chief Commissioner, to be briefed about human sources;
 - (b) on the rare occasion when I was briefed about sources, I do not recall being told the source's identity or information that might identify the source, such as their occupation. It was standard practice that the identity of all human sources (and information that might identify the source) was not revealed unless it was absolutely critical. This practice also extended to applications for rewards for information provided by human sources;
 - (c) using a barrister as a source is unique; and
 - (d) I knew of Ms Gobbo through media reporting. If I had been told that she was a source then I would have been extraordinarily surprised and shocked because it would never have occurred to me that she was assisting police.
12. I would have been aware that the Purana Taskforce was using human sources because I knew that that was part of the strategy. If that part of Mr Overland's diary entry referring to 3838 relates to our meeting on 29 September 2005, then he may have told me that Purana had a new source. If he did tell me that then that was probably in response to me asking about any key developments at the taskforce because that was usually the way in which our discussions about investigations occurred. If he did tell me that Purana had a new source then I cannot recall being told that but it is not something that I would remember. If he had referred in the discussion to the source as 3838 then I do not believe that I would remember that either and I would not have known the identity of the source based on the registration number.
13. If Mr Overland or anyone else had told me that Ms Gobbo was a human source, I believe that I would have taken the steps that I said I would have taken during my oral evidence. I did not take any of those steps which must mean that I was not told. If Mr Overland had told me that Ms Gobbo was a human source on 29 September 2005, then there would have been a series of further conversations with him and others about it. I have no memory or record at all of any discussions with anyone.

Dated: 21 February 2020



Christine Nixon