

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

**STATEMENT OF Ms Alley**

- 1 My full name is **Ms Alley**
- 2 I am a Sergeant in the Queensland Police Service.
- 3 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 (Q1)**

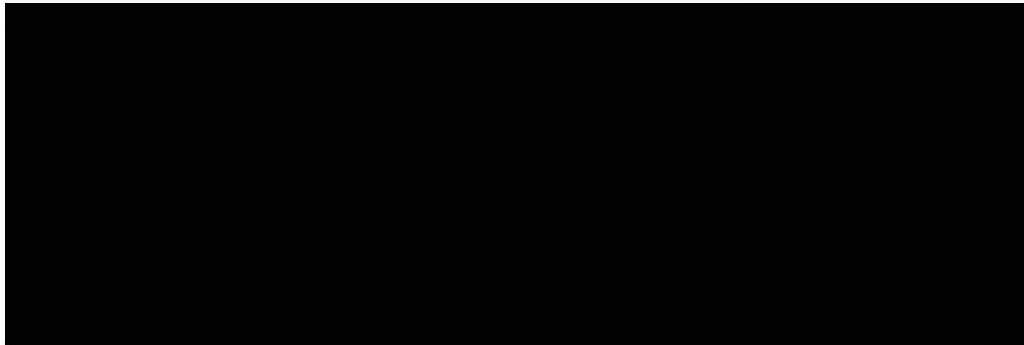
- 4 I joined Victoria Police in 1998. Details of my progression through the ranks of Victoria Police are contained in Annexure A to this statement.

**Involvement or association with investigations relating to Ms Gobbo (Q2)**

**My role at the SDU**

- 5 From November 2004 until July 2006, I held a role as a Tactical Intelligence Operative (TIO) at the Source Development Unit (SDU). This was an analyst role, supporting the handlers and controllers who managed sources. As a <sup>PII</sup> analyst, I was the most junior member of the SDU. The role was essentially a desk job, where I would assist in managing information and researching personal details of human sources and targets and their associates. I did not have contact with human sources.

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- 7 On occasion, I would be asked to conduct checks as part of the SDU's process of deciding whether to register a source. However, I was not involved in any discussions or decisions about whether someone should or should not be registered as a source.

- 8 Sometimes, handlers or controllers would ask me to conduct specific record checks to confirm a person's movements or identify links between certain people. They would instruct me to do certain tasks and I would report back to them with my results.
- 9 Another part of my role was to personally deliver material from the SDU to the offices of the Human Source Management Unit (HSMU), where the information was stored electronically. The material was saved to electronic hard drives. I understood that the material included source contact reports and other information about sources. When the SDU moved to an offsite location, delivering material to the HSMU at the St Kilda Road complex took up a significant amount of my time.
- 10 Sometimes, I was instructed by handlers or controllers at the SDU to deliver sanitised Information Reports to investigating teams. In those cases, I was told where to deliver the material and who should receive it. I was not involved in discussions about where information should be sent. I would generally deliver the material on a hard drive.

#### Ms Gobbo as a human source

- 11 I became aware that Ms Gobbo was a human source in my role at the SDU. I do not recall precisely when I first knew that Ms Gobbo was a human source, but I believe that Officer Sandy White may have told me. I do not recall who was Ms Gobbo's primary handler. I believe that Ms Gobbo had already been registered as a human source by the time I knew because I do not recall doing any record checks as part of her assessment process.
- 12 My lawyers have reviewed my official diaries for the period that I was at the SDU and identified entries relating to Ms Gobbo. I have been assisted by reviewing these diary entries when preparing this statement.
- 13 I have been shown a Victoria Police profile of Ms Gobbo<sup>1</sup>. My diary records that on 8 November 2005, I began a profile for 3838, which refers to Ms Gobbo's human source registration number. I believe that I would have created the profile document around the time I became aware Ms Gobbo was a source.
- 14 [REDACTED] I would have populated Ms Gobbo's profile over time with information from [REDACTED] database checks and public records, such as Ms Gobbo's addresses, phone numbers and criminal history. My diary records that I also undertook searches of the [REDACTED] and analysed [REDACTED]

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<sup>1</sup> VPL.2000.0002.0188.

records. My diary records that I did tasks related to Ms Gobbo's profile on a number of days in November and December 2005 and January 2006.

15 Ms Gobbo's profile appears to contain additional information that I would not have had access to (such as Ms Gobbo's medical history) as well as information from 2007 and 2008, which was after my time at the SDU. I expect that her profile was updated when new information became available. That was usual practice.

16 On some occasions, I read source contact reports or information reports for the purpose of updating a source's profile. When I did this, I recorded doing so in my diary. My diary records that I reviewed source contact reports or information reports relating to Ms Gobbo to update her profile on the following dates:

- (a) 6 December 2005
- (b) 16 December 2005;
- (c) 19 and 20 January 2006;
- (d) 25 January 2006; and
- (e) 30 January 2006.

17 I do not now recall the information that was in the source contact reports that I read. I have no record or recollection of helping to draft any information reports that came from Ms Gobbo's source contact reports, and I do not believe that I did.

18 On 16 November 2005, there was an SDU office meeting where the current status of source operations was discussed. At SDU office meetings, the handlers and controllers would discuss the current status of source operations, sometimes referring to information they had supplied. My diary records that Ms Gobbo was mentioned during office meetings on:

- (a) 16 November 2005;
- (b) 9 December 2005;
- (c) 9 January 2006; and
- (d) 22 May 2006.

19 I do not recall what was discussed at these meetings beyond what is recorded in my diary.

20 On 1 December 2005, Officer Black gave me a disk to load onto the SDU computer system containing a risk assessment and registration documents relating to Ms Gobbo. As my



diary records, a computer error meant that the risk assessment was deleted from both the disk and the SDU's computer system. I do not recall this occurring but believe that if I wrote a note about it meant the risk assessment was lost. I don't recall whether or how this was fixed.

21 On 5 December 2005, I was instructed to disseminate a number of IRs that related to 3838 and Operation Posse to Senior Constable Steve Spargo at the Purana Taskforce. My diary records that I delivered these IRs to Scott Elliot at St Kilda Road. My diary records that I disseminated IRs relating to Ms Gobbo on a few other occasions:

- (a) 9 December 2005 to S/C Spargo at the Purana Taskforce;
- (b) 15 December 2005 to DSC Burrows at the Purana Taskforce;
- (c) 19 January 2006 to S/C Spargo at the Purana Taskforce;
- (d) 20 January 2006 to S/C Spargo at the Purana Taskforce;
- (e) On 24 January 2006, I saved information reports to a portable hard drive and gave them to Peter Smith for him to deliver to the Purana Taskforce;
- (f) On 26 April 2006, I attempted to deliver IRs to the Purana Taskforce, but no-one was present in the Purana Taskforce office. My diary records that I delivered them to the Purana Taskforce the next day, 27 April 2006;
- (g) 16 May 2006 to S/C Spargo at Purana Taskforce.

22 I recall that I was instructed by the controllers or handlers where IRs would be disseminated to. I was not involved in discussions about where they would be sent. I did not discuss the IRs with the investigating teams when I delivered them.

Instructions from <sup>Sandy</sup> regarding security of documents

23 On 15 December 2005, I attended the IMU to save material to their computer system as usual. My diary records that the files related to Ms Gobbo were to be held by DS Walshe and that he should speak to DS Maclean about how these should be stored. When I returned to the SDU, I spoke with Officer Sandy White about this and was instructed to delete my files relating to Ms Gobbo from my portable hard drive.

- (a) It may have been that IMU had specific arrangements for storing material relating to Ms Gobbo but I do not know as I did not work in that unit.

24 The next day, 16 December 2005, I deleted all IRs and ICRs related to Ms Gobbo from my portable hard drive, as Officer Sandy White had directed me. I believe this is something I would have done in any case but believe it may have been a direction to remember to do it. All of these documents were saved to the SDU's files.

25 On 12 January 2006, I went with Officer Black as part of a [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Ms Gobbo, Officer Sandy White and Officer Peter Smith. I do not recall this, except that I believe I did not have any contact with Ms Gobbo that day. From my diary entry, it seems that Officer Black and I [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and left shortly after.

26 I have also been shown an entry dated 21 April 2006 from a source contact report prepared by one of Ms Gobbo's handlers<sup>2</sup>. I do not recall seeing this document before it was shown to me when preparing my statement. I am informed by my lawyers that this is the only source contact report they have identified that mentions my name. The entry records that I was instructed identify an associate of a potential offender. It records that I was not able to identify the person. I do not recall doing this task, but this was a common type of request in my role as an analyst. I do not recall any of the information stated in the record.

27 On 24 April 2006, Officer Sandy White instructed me to compile a hard copy folder of all ICRs, IRs and Risk Assessments for Superintendent Tony Biggin, the Local Information Registrar. I believe I would have prepared the folder but do not recall giving them to Supt Biggin. I assume I provided it to Officer Sandy White to give to Supt Biggin.

28 In July 2006, I finished my role at the SDU. After a period of leave, I was deployed to the [REDACTED] as part of Victoria Police's [REDACTED] until around August 2008. In [REDACTED] 2009, I joined the Queensland Police Service. I have been a member of the Queensland Police Service since then.

**How I learned, or was given reason to believe, Ms Gobbo was providing information (Q3)**

29 I refer to my response to Question 2.

**Awareness of others (Q4)**

30 I am only aware that Ms Gobbo's handlers and controllers within the SDU were aware of her role as a human source.

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<sup>2</sup> VPL.0016.0030.0449 at 0457.

**Authorisation of the use of Ms Gobbo as a human source (Q5)**

31 I have no knowledge of these matters.

**Personal contact with Ms Gobbo (Q6)**

32 I do not believe I have ever met Ms Gobbo.

**Information & assistance received (Q7 & Q8)**

33 I do not recall any information or assistance that Ms Gobbo gave.

**Concerns raised as to the use of a legal practitioner as a human source (Q9)**

34 I have no knowledge of these matters.

**Concerns raised as to the use of Ms Gobbo as a human source (Q10)**

35 I have no knowledge of these matters.

**Awareness about disclosure in relation to Ms Gobbo (Q11)**

36 I have no knowledge of these matters.

**Other human sources with obligations of confidentiality or privilege (Q12)**

37 I have no knowledge of these matters.

**Training (Q13)**

38 My recollection of training I have received on these topics is as follows:

- (a) Obligation of disclosure – this was covered during the Academy as well as during the Intelligence Practitioners' Course;
- (b) The right of accused person to silence and to a legal practitioner – this was covered during the Academy;
- (c) Legal professional privilege and public interest immunity – these topics were covered during the Intelligence Practitioners Course as well as the Field Investigators Course.
- (d) Professional and ethical decision making – covered during training at the Academy.

**Other information (Q14)**

39 I have nothing further to add.

Dated: 4 September 2019

**Ms Alley**



## Annexure A

1. A summary of the major roles I have undertaken and my progression through the ranks is as follows:
  - (a) 1998-1999 – Constable [PII] Patrol Group and [PII];
  - (b) 1999-2001 – Constable, [PII];
  - (c) 2001-2003 – [PII];
  - (d) 2003-2004 – [PII];
  - (e) January 2004 to November 2004 – [PII] State Intelligence Division;
  - (f) November 2004 to July 2006 – [PII], Dedicated Source Unit (later Source Development Unit);
  - (g) July 2006 to [PII] – [PII], seconded to the [PII];
  - (h) [PII] – [PII] State Intelligence Division, [PII];
2. After taking long service leave from Victoria Police in December 2008, I joined the Queensland Police Service in [PII] 2009. I have been a member of the Queensland Police Service since then.
3. While at Victoria Police, my relevant training included:
  - (a) Primary Analyst's Course (2003);
  - (b) Field Investigator's Course (2003); and
  - (c) Human Source Handler's Course (Online) (2005).