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

STATEMENT OF [REDACTED] Officer Landing

1. My full name is [REDACTED] **Officer Landing**
2. I am a Detective Sergeant attached to the Undercover Unit at Victoria Police.
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 1988.
5. Between 2001 and 2003, I was a Detective Sergeant at the Major Drug Investigation Unit.
6. Since 2004, I have been a Detective Sergeant in the Undercover Unit.
7. In 1986 I completed year 12 and obtained my Higher School Certificate. In 1987 I commenced studies at [REDACTED] University ([REDACTED] degree) but deferred studies to join Victoria Police in 1988. From 1988 to 1994 I performed uniformed duties at [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Police Stations. From 1995 to 2000 I was a Detective Senior Constable performing full time investigative duties at the [REDACTED] Squad and [REDACTED] CIB. In 2000 I was promoted to uniform sergeant at [REDACTED] Police Station before recommencing full time supervisory investigative roles from 2001.

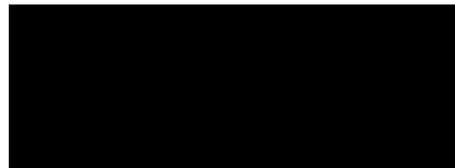
Involvement or association with any investigations that had dealings with Ms Gobbo (Q2)

8. In my time at the Undercover Unit, I have both dealt directly with registered human sources and received information from the Source Development Unit (**SDU**) from human sources. When receiving information from the SDU, I was not informed of the identity of the human source. I do not recall ever receiving any information sourced from Ms Gobbo. I believe I would recall this, had it occurred.
9. To my knowledge, I have not had any involvement or association with an investigation which had dealings with Ms Gobbo.
10. I have not had access to my emails for the relevant period for the purpose of preparing this statement.
11. I have not reviewed my police diaries as I do not believe that there would be any relevant material or entries relating to Ms Gobbo.

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

12. My first awareness of Ms Gobbo providing information or assistance to Victoria Police was via reporting in the media. I was not aware and had no reason to believe that Ms Gobbo was 'Lawyer X' until her identity was revealed by the media.
13. I have been informed, for the purposes of preparing this statement, that there is a list of people who were aware that Ms Gobbo was a human source.¹ Despite my name being on that list, I confirm that was not the case. I do not know why my name is on the list.

¹ Exhibit RC112b



Awareness of others (Q4)

14. I now know that relevant members of the SDU were aware that Ms Gobbo was providing information or assistance to Victoria Police. I did not learn this until after Ms Gobbo's identity was revealed in the media. I had no knowledge of that fact during any of my earlier dealings with the SDU.
15. I am not aware of other members of Victoria Police or other organisations who were aware that Ms Gobbo was providing information or assistance to Victoria Police, other than what has been reported in the media.

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

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

Personal contact with Ms Gobbo (Q6)

17. I do not believe I have ever met or had any other contact with Ms Gobbo.

Information & assistance received (Q7 & Q8)

18. I have no knowledge of any information or assistance given by Ms Gobbo to Victoria Police.

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

19. I have no knowledge of these matters.

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

20. I have no knowledge of these matters.

Awareness about disclosure in relation to Ms Gobbo (Q11)

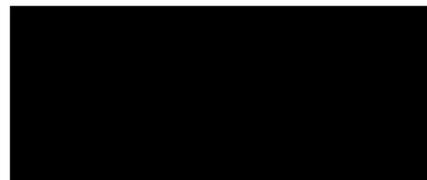
21. I have no knowledge of these matters.

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

22. I have no knowledge of these matters.

Training (Q13)

23. My recollection of the training or retraining I have received on these topics is as follows:
 - a) Obligations of disclosure – this was covered in the Human Source Management Course. I cannot recall whether it was also covered in the Police Academy.
 - b) Right to silence – this was covered in the Academy.
 - c) Right of an accused person to a legal practitioner – this was covered in the Academy.
 - d) Legal professional privilege – this was covered in Detective Training School. I cannot recall whether it was also covered in the Academy.
 - e) Public interest immunity – this was covered in the Human Source Management Course and is covered in the Undercover Training Course, which I teach.
 - f) Professional and ethical decision-making – this was covered in the Academy and has also been covered in various online training programs, the details of which I cannot specifically recall, over the course of my career at Victoria Police.



Other information (Q14)

24. I have nothing further to add.

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