

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

STATEMENT OF JOHN SCICLUNA

1. My full name is John Scicluna.
2. Until 2015, I was a Supervisor Sergeant in the Operational Safety and Tactics Training Unit at the Academy at Victoria Police. In December 2015, I resigned from 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. In 1978, I completed Year 11.
5. In 1980, I joined Victoria Police. A summary of my employment history is as follows:
 - a) From 1980 to 1981, I performed uniformed duties as a Constable at Springvale Police Station;
 - b) From 1981 to 1986, I performed uniformed duties at South Melbourne Police Station;
 - c) From 1986 to 1990 I performed uniformed duties at Ferntree Gully Police Station;
 - d) In 1990, I was promoted to Sergeant and moved to the City West Police Station and remained there until 1993;
 - e) From 1993 to 1995, I performed uniformed duties at Caulfield Police Station;
 - f) From 1995 to 2003, I was a trainer at Knox Operational, Safety and Tactics (OST) Training;
 - g) From 2003 until 2015, I was a supervisor Sergeant in the Operational Safety and Tactics Training Unit at the Academy.
6. I have also completed the following courses/training with Victoria Police:
 - a) Completed internal Police courses;
 - b) Sergeant's Course;
 - c) Team Leadership Course;
 - d) Tactical Communications Course Investment In Excellence Course;
 - e) Diploma in Frontline Management.

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

7. To my knowledge, I have not had any involvement or association with an investigation which had dealings with Ms Gobbo.
8. I have not had access to my emails for the relevant period for the purpose of preparing this statement.
9. I did not keep police diaries during my employment at Victoria Police.

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

10. 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.

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11. 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.

Awareness of others (Q4)

12. 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)

13. 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)

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

Information & assistance received (Q7 & Q8)

15. 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)

16. I have no knowledge of these matters.

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

17. I have no knowledge of these matters.

Awareness about disclosure in relation to Ms Gobbo (Q11)

18. I have no knowledge of these matters.

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

19. I have no knowledge of these matters.

Training (Q13)

20. 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 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 – I cannot recall whether this was covered in the Academy.
 - e) Public interest immunity – I do not recall
 - f) Professional and ethical decision-making – this was covered in the Academy and has also been covered over the course of my career at Victoria Police.

¹ Exhibit RC112b

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Other information (Q14)

21. I have nothing further to add.

Dated: 10 October 2019

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Scicluna". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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