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Dear Kate

I am writing to provide an update in respect of Summonses #11, #12, and #15 - #17.

### **Summons #12**

I note that Items 1 – 12 of Summons #12 are being dealt with separately and are subject to a request for an extension. I note that some material responsive to Items 1 – 10 was delivered to the Inquiry by USB this week.

In relation to Items 13 and 14, I **attach** the 'Terms of Reference' and 'Standard Operating Procedures' in respect of Strike Force Macnamir.

### **SF Macnamir background**

By way of assistance to the Inquiry, I am instructed that SF Macnamir relates to the death of Scott Johnson in December 1988 at North Head, Manly. There has been five separate investigations into the death of Scott Johnson. These investigations have been maintained under various Strike Force names and conducted by varying officers and Commands. The initial investigation following the location of Scott Johnson's body was conducted by detectives attached to the then Manly Police Station. The death was the subject of a Coronial Inquest in 1989. That Coroner found that the death was a suicide.

In 2011, Strike Force Clutha was established to re-investigate the death of Scott Johnson due to information that was provided by Scott Johnson's family. This investigation was maintained by the then Northern Beaches Local Area Command. In 2012, a second Coronial Inquest was held which resulted in an open finding, and which referred the matter for re-investigation by the Unsolved Homicide Team (UHT), NSWPF.

On 11 February 2013, the UHT established Strike Force Macnamir to review and re-investigate the death of Scott Johnson. Prior to the further and third Coronial Inquest being conducted, Strike Force Macnamir-2 was established to investigate new information received from the family of Scott Johnson.

On 30 November 2017, the third Coronial Inquest was held before former State Coroner Barnes, who found that *"Mr Johnson fell from the cliff top as a result of actual or threatened violence by unidentified persons who attacked him because they perceived him to be homosexual"*.

Strike Force Welsford was then established which was comprised of investigators attached to the Child Abuse Squad, State Crime Command. This investigation led to the arrest and conviction of Scott White for the murder of Scott Johnson. This matter is currently before the Courts on appeal.

I am instructed that there are a number of current non-publication and other protective orders associated with the Scott Johnson Inquests and trials.

The UHT had carriage only of Strike Force Macnamir and Strike Force Macnamir-2.

In respect of Item 15 of the Summons, I am instructed that there is no document recording the names of the Strike Force Macnamir of Strike Force Macnamir-2 investigation teams, however they comprised of the following officers:

#### **Strike Force Macnamir**

[DET SUPERINTENDENT JASON DICKINSON](#) - *Investigation Supervisor*

FMR [DET CH INSPECTOR PAMELA YOUNG](#) – *Original OIC*

[DET SERGEANT PENELOPE BROWN](#) - *OIC*

[DET SEN CONSTABLE ROWENA CLANCY](#) – *2IC*

DETECTIVE C/INSPECTOR STEWART LEGGAT - Team Leader  
DET SERGEANT STEVEN MORGAN – Team Leader  
SERGEANT CLINT NASR - Legal Officer  
PAULINE DENNIS – Intelligence Analyst  
DET SEN CONSTABLE PAUL RULLO - Investigator  
DET SEN CONSTABLE SALLY CLARK - Investigator  
DET SEN CONSTABLE NATASHA DOWSON - Investigator  
DET SEN CONSTABLE MARGARET ASHBURN - Investigator  
DET SEN CONSTABLE DANIEL POOLE - Investigator  
DET SEN CONSTABLE DEON KELLY - Investigator  
DET SEN CONSTABLE KIM FIDDEN - Investigator  
DET SEN CONSTABLE FRANCISCO SANCHEZ - Investigator  
DET SEN CONSTABLE MICHAEL CHEBL - Investigator  
DET SEN CONSTABLE KATHERINE TIERNEY - Investigator  
DET SEN CONSTABLE LEZA PESSOTTO - Investigator  
DET SEN CONSTABLE STEPHEN HUNGERFORD – Investigator

**Strike Force Macnamir -2**

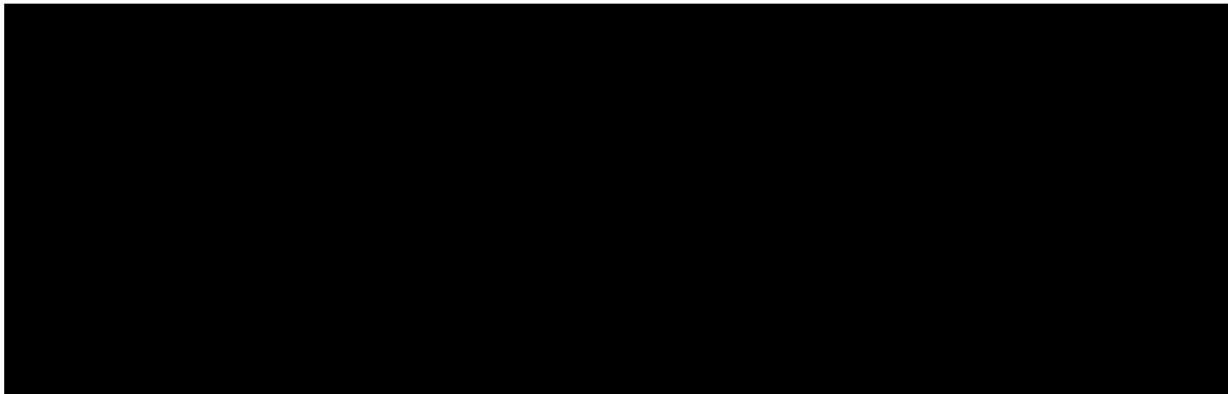
DET CH INSPECTOR DAVID LAIDLAW - Investigation Supervisor  
 FMR DET CH INSPECTOR PAMELA YOUNG – Original OIC  
DET SERGEANT PENELOPE BROWN - OIC  
DET SEN CONSTABLE ROWENA CLANCY – 2IC  
DETECTIVE C/INSPECTOR STEWART LEGGAT - Team Leader  
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DET SEN CONSTABLE LEZA PESSOTTO - Investigator  
DET SEN CONSTABLE STEPHEN HUNGERFORD - Investigator

In relation to Item 15(b), I am instructed that there was no criteria used by which members of the Strike Force Macnamir and Strike Force Macnamir – 2 were selected.

In respect of Item 16, there is no conclusionary or final reports that can be located in relation to the establishment of Strike Force Macnamir or Strike Force Macnamir-2 or in relation to the results of the investigation/s. It is possible that the information sought will be contained in the Coronial OIC's statement prepared for the purposes of the Scott Johnson Coronial Inquest, and I am awaiting further instructions in that regard. We note that the Scott Johnson matter is currently on appeal before the Courts.

I note that the material and information responsive to Items 18 – 20 was provided to you by email on 8 September.

In respect of Item 21, provided by way of USB today will be a 'Finalisation Overview' document and associated documents related to Strike Force Neiwand, being the only "reports" that can be located of the kind required.





Kind regards



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