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Hi Boss,

Any chance you can run your eye over the below response composed in relation to a QoN about gay hate crimes. The pink was done by Danny Doherty (attached) and they have based their response on that.

Let me know and I will forward it off.

Cheers



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DRAFT ANSWER TO QON

Part 1 of the question on notice has been interpreted to refer to homicides and suspected homicides potentially motivated by gay hate bias that occurred over the period 1976 to 2000. These deaths were the subject of NSW Police Force Stikeforce Parabell.

1a How many other cases (ie other than that of Mr Scott Johnson) have the NSW Police Force identified as unsolved gay hate crimes from that period?

The NSW Police Force considers that there are five other gay hate related homicides which occurred in the period from 1976 to 2000 that remain unsolved.

1b Will the NSW Police Force continue investigating these unsolved deaths?

Three of the five matters have been re-investigated and there is at present insufficient information/evidence to progress them. These three matters are now included in the unsolved homicide review process.

Of the remaining two matters, one is currently in the process of being re-investigated. The other matter has been triaged and is to be the subject of a review that will be considered by the Unsolved Homicide Review Committee. That Committee will consider any review recommendations and determine whether there is sufficient evidence/information/avenues for solvability available to re-investigate the matter.

Matters that are not deemed worthy of re-investigation at any given point are re-considered on a periodic basis as part of the ongoing unsolved homicide review process.

1c What further action will police take to encourage information from the community to solve these cases?

Case reviews continue to be conducted to identify further lines of inquiry under the current cold case review process. These reviews are ongoing. As part of the review process, any recommendation that is made or any request for consideration of an increase to the reward on offer are considered in conjunction with the senior next of kin of the victims and any possible future investigative strategies to maximise the investigative benefits in progressing the case.

Additionally, Crime Stoppers can and is used to make appeals to the public in unsolved cases.