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Dear Mr Camporeale

Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes – Evidence about the Bias Crimes Unit

We refer to:

- a) your letter dated 10 August 2023, and in particular paragraph 79(a), requesting a statement from a witness or witnesses able to speak to the “accuracy or otherwise” of Sergeant Steer’s claims that he was forced out of the Bias Crimes Unit, or the circumstances in which the Bias Crimes Unit was restructured such that it was moved to a position within the Fixed Persons Unit (**Request**);
- b) our letter dated 18 August 2023 regarding Public Hearing 2;
- c) your letter dated 24 August 2023, requesting a response to the request at paragraph 79(a) of the 10 August 2023 letter; and
- d) your email dated 30 August 2023.

In response to the Request, and in the time available, as noted in our letter dated 18 August 2023, we are making enquiries in relation to the identification of a witness who is best placed to speak to the matters addressed at paragraph 79(a).

Those enquiries are ongoing, however, in the interim, we have located a Transfer Application form completed by Sergeant Steer, seeking a transfer to an alternate command in June 2017. It does not appear that this material is responsive to a prior summons.

We invite the Inquiry to issue a summons for production of this document.

Yours sincerely

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