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## Dear Enzo

Further to the below, our instructing officers from the UHT have now obtained a copy of Detective Sergeant Wayne Popplewell's Duty Books for the period 1993 – 1997. An inspection of those Duty Books has revealed the inclusion of entries on 17 April 1996 and 23 April 1996 which refer to the purchase of a baton and/or Dr Schwartz. The content of those entries suggest that a baton was purchased by Sergeant Popplewell for provision to Dr Schwartz. A copy of those extracts are being prepared and will be provided under separate cover.

In respect of the provision of an "opinion as to the likelihood that the extendable baton was, in fact, purchased by the NSWPF between April 1996-June 1997 for the purposes of obtaining an opinion from Dr Schwartz", we are instructed that the UHT agrees with the inferences expressed in your letter of 10 March in relation to the baton and is of the view that they are reasonable (being that it appears that a baton used as a murder weapon was not recovered from the crime scene, and that another baton was purchased by Detective Sergeant Popplewell for the purpose of analysis). The UHT is not able to offer any insight that is inconsistent with those inferences.

We are instructed that the UHT is not aware of any further avenues of enquiry (apart from that suggested below) to obtain any further information that might provide further insight.

Although Detective Sergeant Wayne Popplewell has been disengaged from the NSWPF for some time, we are informed that the UHT may be able to make contact with same to enquire whether he has any recollection of the matter. Please let me know whether you would like that attempt to be made, or whether the Inquiry would prefer to make that contact.

We will separately respond to your further letter in relation to Crispin Dye of 16 March regarding fingerprint examinations.

Kind regards



Patrick Hodgetts Senior Lawyer Office of the General Counsel

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Dear Enzo

Thank you for your letter 10 March in relation to the matter of Crispin Dye.

As regards the requests contained in your letter:

**1**. Is a member of the NSWPF with expertise in fingerprinting able to examine the white paper (see Figures 1 and 2 of Annexure B) either by inspecting a photograph or viewing the exhibit at FASS, and provide an opinion on whether the brown mark on the white paper is a fingerprint?

This request has been considered by Senior Sergeant Anne Coady of the NSWPF Forensic Evidence & Technical Services Command (**FETS**). We are instructed that:

1. Senior Sergeant Coady has reviewed the photograph of the white paper (Annexure B);

2. Senior Sergeant Coady, in conjunction with a fingerprint expert at FETS, is of the view that it cannot be concluded whether the brown mark is a fingerprint or something else, however the images provided appear to be consistent with a partial fingerprint;

3. FETS is able to receive the item itself for closer examination and consideration of whether any closer analysis is feasible, including the possibility of chemically treating the item for fingerprints (including in respect of the visible marks and any other fingerprints which may not currently be visible).

Please let me know whether the Inquiry would like FETS to obtain the item for closer examination so that arrangements can be made, and the nature of any analysis that should be conducted.

## **2.** Can the NSWPF provide its opinion as to the likelihood that the extendable baton (Exhibit no X0001547254) was, in fact, purchased by the NSWPF between April 1996-June 1997 for the purposes of obtaining an opinion from Dr Schwartz?

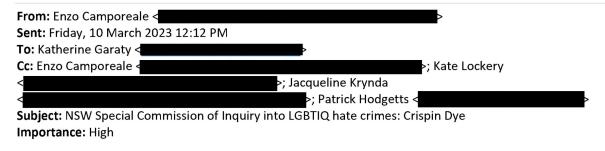
We are instructed that a request has been made to State Archives to retrieve Detective Sergeant Wayne Popplewell's Duty Books for the period 1993 – 1997. It is possible that these Duty Books may contain some information in respect of the extendable baton. I am informed that those Duty Books are anticipated to be received tomorrow. We will revert to you once those duty Books have been received and reviewed, which we anticipate will be completed by 17 March and we respectfully request an extension in that regard.

Kind regards



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Dear Ms Garaty

## NSW Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes: Crispin Dye

Please see attached letter dated 10 March 2023, together with the annexures referred to therein.

## Regards



Enzo Camporeale (he/him) Director, Legal Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes

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