# 2022 Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes 

Before: The Commissioner,
The Honourable Justice John Sackar

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On Thursday, 13 July 2023 at 2.00pm
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A1so Present:
Mr Mark Tedeschi KC with Mr Anders Mykkeltvedt and
Mr Mathew Short for the NSW Police and Ms N Marsic

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, Mr Gray.
MR GRAY: Commissioner, this afternoon's sitting has been arranged to hear some evidence from Ms Natalie Marsic, who has sworn an affidavit in compliance with the orders that you made on 22 June in connection with searches for documents and provision of documents both generally and in relation to Strike Force Parrabell. So if it is convenient, I will call Ms Marsic.

MR TEDESCHI: I represent Ms Marsic, Commissioner.
THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, thank you.
MR TEDESCHI: With Mr Mykkeltvedt.
THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, of course, thank you.
Ms Marsic, would you come forward, please, thank you.
<NATALIE MARSIC, sworn:
[2.02pm]
<EXAMINATION BY MR GRAY:
MR GRAY: Q. Ms Marsic, do you have your affidavit with you?
A. I do.
Q. Now, briefly, to summarise your time with the police, as I understand your affidavit, you graduated in 1994 and then took a Masters in 1996. Did you start with the police, as I understand it, around about 1998?
A. 1998 is correct.
Q. And then in 2008 you went and did other things?
A. Yes.
Q. Then back to the police in 2018?
A. That's correct.
Q. Since December 2018, you have been, firstly, Director, Crime Disruption and Special Inquiries Law, which of course has an acronym, CDSIL?
A. That's correct.
Q. And later, June 2020, commenced as Acting General Counsel and eventually permanently appointed to that role
in May 2021?
A. Yes.
Q. Now, among the facts which follow from that, and I'm not suggesting anything other than chronological, you were not with the police during the whole of Strike Force Parrabe11?
A. That's correct.
Q. Or, for that matter, Strike Forces Macnamir or Neiwand?
A. That's correct.
Q. In your roles since 2018, I take it it's no part of your role to be in charge of document management systems --
A. That's correct.
Q. -- for the police?
A. That's correct.
Q. And in swearing the affidavit that you've sworn,

I take it you are essentially acting on instructions; you're relying on what you're told?
A. That's correct.
Q. I imagine you would also agree, and you probably would tel 1 me more than what I'm about to say, that the document management systems within the Police Force in this State are quite complex?
A. That's correct.
Q. And that's no doubt for lots of reasons, including the size of the organisation?
A. Yes.
Q. That would be one reason, and the period of time over which records are held?
A. Yes.
Q. And changes over time in relation to requirements, best practice, technology, regulatory requirements and so on?
A. Yes.
Q. So, you can assume that we're conscious of al 1 of that, when I am asking you these questions. Now, you're aware, I take it, that last week, in this Commission, there
was evidence from a number of police witnesses about various aspects of investigative practices?
A. Yes.
Q. Including - I don't say this is all of the people who gave evidence - Assistant Commissioner Conroy?
A. Yes.
Q. Detective Inspector Warren, Detective Superintendent Doherty and Detective Chief Inspector Laidlaw?
A. Yes.
Q. Are you aware, either generally or more precisely than generally, of the evidence they gave?
A. Not of all of them. I'm aware of the evidence given by Detective Inspector Warren and Detective Chief Inspector Laidlaw.
Q. Do you mean by that not so much Assistant Commissioner Conroy or Detective Superintendent Doherty?
A. Correct.
Q. And in relation to those latter two, are you saying you're not aware at all of what they said or --
A. I haven't read the transcript for their evidence.
Q. But has somebody reported to you as to what the evidence was?
A. No.
Q. No?
A. No.
Q. But in the case of Mr Warren and Mr Laidlaw, was it, you have read the transcript?
A. Yes.
Q. Okay, thank you. Now, as you know, one matter that they were asked about, all four of those, was a memorandum by DCI Lehmann dating back to 5 August 2016. You're aware of that?
A. No.
Q. You're not aware of that? You read the transcript?
A. I've read the transcript. I don't recall reading the 2016 memorandum.
Q. I wonder if --
A. If you could lead me to that part of the transcript, that might refresh my memory.
Q. I will show you the document, first of all. It's the document that the Commission had before it last week, Commissioner. It became exhibit 51, tab 6F, and it's a memorandum of 5 August 2016 by Detective Chief Inspector Lehmann [NPL.0100.0018.0002]. I suppose my first question is, Ms Marsic, whether you have seen this before, before today?
A. No, I have not.

THE COMMISSIONER: Q. And do I take it no-one has drawn this to your attention, apart from Mr Gray?
A. That's correct.

THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you.
MR GRAY: Q. If you wil1 assume for the moment - and I will remind you of some of the transcript, but assume for the moment that the witnesses whose transcripts you have read were asked questions which included questions about this.
A. Yes.
Q. Is that something that just doesn't come to mind now?
A. That just doesn't come to mind.
Q. We11, let's just have a look at it now, if I may, with you.
A. Yes.
Q. You can see from the last page of it that it's dated 5 August 2016 - that is, Mr Lehmann's note is?
A. Yes.
Q. And if we go to the front page, you can see that the topic, under the heading "Issue", is "Proposal for a project plan concerning the locating, identification and reconciliation of exhibits relating to unsolved homicide cases"?
A. Yes.
Q. Then there's a paragraph beginning "Background", and then there are five headings after that: "Problem - 1", "Problem - 2", "Problem - 3", "Problem - 4", "Problem - 5"?
A. Yes.
Q. Problems 1, 2 and 3, if you glance at them now, if you would, deal with essentially difficulties in locating exhibits. Do you see that?
A. I've read problems 1 to 3 .
Q. Do you agree that, speaking generally, it's dealing with difficulties in locating exhibits?
A. Yes .
Q. And then problem 4 deals with difficulties relating to not only exhibits but briefs of evidence and case file documents. Do you see that?
A. Yes.
Q. One of the things that Mr Lehmann was pointing out in 2016 was that not only exhibits but briefs of evidence and case file documents were not archived and stored in the proper manner and that a consequence - and I'm now paraphrasing - is that often problems arose with locating such documentary records?
A. Yes.
Q. Now, problem 5, again, related mainly to exhibits. Then can I take you over to the page numbered 3 . There's a heading "Comment". Do you see that?
A. Yes.
Q. And what Mr Lehmann is saying there - I'm looking at the last sentence - is that:

It is the legacies of the poor exhibit and record management practices of the past, compounded by the passage of time that causes significant problems for the UHT today.
A. Yes.
Q. Now, until you saw this document five minutes ago, was that realisation something that you did not know had been arrived at as long ago as 2016 ?

MR TEDESCHI: I object. Commissioner, Ms Marsic has been asked to come to the hearing today to answer questions about the topics that are contained in her affidavit,
namely, the location of some exhibits that were found very late in the piece that were properly a response to one of the early subpoenas that were issued by you, Commissioner. She can do no more with this document than to say what's written there in the document.

THE COMMISSIONER: So be it, Mr Tedeschi. So be it. I'm surprised she hasn't seen it before, and I'm equally surprised nobody drew it to her attention after the evidence last week.

MR TEDESCHI: Because, Commissioner, it was assumed that she was coming here today to be asked questions about the topics that are raised in her affidavit, not about the evidence that was given --

THE COMMISSIONER: I'm going to allow it, Mr Tedeschi. Documentation and retrieval of documentation has been a chronic problem for this Commission. Thank you very much. I'm going allow it.

MR GRAY: Q. The question that I'm asking at the moment, Ms Marsic, is simply this: until the last 10 minutes, when I've shown you this document, were you unaware that the problem identified in that last sentence under the heading "Comment" had been identified as long ago as 2016 ?
A. Yes.
Q. On the next page, do you see a heading "Reconciliation Plan"?
A. Yes.
Q. By all means, take the time to read it all if you need to, but you'11 see that in paragraph numbered 1 under that heading, Mr Lehmann proposes a project to do something about the problem that he has identified in this document. He says phase 1 will be to have exhibits identified and matched to cases. Do you see that in that paragraph?
A. I do.
Q. And then two paragraphs down, he says:

The second phase will be to generate files to all Regions, Local Area Commands and ... Crime Scene Offices requesting a search/audit of all historic or long term homicide exhibits ...

And so on?
A. I see that.
Q. On the last page, if you turn over to the last page, under the heading "Time Frame", he says, "Phase 1 of the project is currently under way", and he goes on to say what he expects or anticipates might then happen. Do you see that?
A. Yes.
Q. Now, are you, as of this afternoon, aware of any such reconciliation plan ever having been implemented or pursued?
A. I do not know.
Q. Has the topic ever been mentioned to you, that such a plan was proposed?
A. No.
Q. Does it come as a surprise to you that these problems had been identified as long ago as 2016, given the evidence that we're about to come to in your affidavit as to matters
that you say came to the notice of the Unsolved Homicide Team in the last 12 months?
A. I'm not surprised.
Q. You're not surprised? Why is that?
A. The organisation, NSW Police Force, is a very large organisation and I'm not completely aware of all projects that are done within the organisation on exhibits management or document management.
Q. No doubt. I wouldn't suggest to the contrary. But let me put it this way: in the last 12 months, in the context of this Inquiry, you have, at least at a supervisory level, been aware of the need for records to be searched relevant to a reasonably large number of unsolved homicide cases?
A. Yes.
Q. And you've been aware, at least at that leve1, supervisory level, of what you were being told was being done to try to meet the summonses?
A. Yes.
Q. And I take it - and I'11 come to your affidavit in
detail, but you were told, I gather, is this right, at the outset, that is, in May/June, let's say, last year, when the first summonses were issued, that for hard-copy records, one would simply go to the CRRIM resource?
A. I was not specifically told that. When the first summonses and when the first letter came to NSW Police Force on 4 May, I believe, from the Commission that information would be required, what I did was I organised appropriate resources with the appropriate expertise to conduct the correct searches to retrieve that documentation.
Q. Yes, but my question was, were you told or was it your understanding that so far as hard-copy records were concerned, all one needed to do was to go to the CRRIM resource?
A. Can you just repeat that question?
Q. Was it your understanding as at that beginning part of our Inquiry, about May, May/June last year, that so far as hard-copy records were concerned in respect of the various unsolved cases that you were being summoned for, all hard-copy records would be found by going to CRRIM? A. No. I was aware that there could be hard-copy files stored at police stations.
Q. You were aware of that from the outset, from May last year?
A. Yes.
Q. How were you aware of that?
A. Through my experience, through working in the NSW Police Force.
Q. And in May last year, when the first summons came in, summons 1, were searches made not only of CRRIM but of local area commands for those documents?
A. I have been advised that the searches that were originally done did not include going to police stations, that those searches were done through going to Corporate Records or the CRRIM.
Q. And were you aware of that state of affairs at the time?
A. No.
Q. When did you become aware of that state of affairs?
A. I don't know the precise date, but I understand that in October of last year, it was identified that there may be material at police stations that had not been captured through the searches that were done, and at some time thereafter I was made aware of that. I cannot tell you the exact date.
Q. Sure. But I thought you had said a moment ago - and correct me if I've misunderstood this - that you yourself already knew that, that it was necessary to go to police stations?
A. I knew that there could be material at police stations. I did not know that those searches had not been done.
Q. I see. Let's turn, then, for the moment to your affidavit, if I could, and go to paragraph 12, [SCOI.84212_0001]. You tell us that the CDSIL team - which is lawyers, I take it - is a team of 10 ?
A. Yes.
Q. And in paragraph 17(b), as I understand it, you say that of those 10, three have been appointed as dedicated resources in connection with the work of this Inquiry?
A. Yes.
Q. When did that happen - that is to say, for how long have there been three appointed, as you call it, dedicated resources in connection with the Inquiry?
A. I can't tell you the exact date that there were three.

So, initially, when we were informed that work from the Commission would be coming in, the matter was allocated to - we call the team CDSIL, was allocated to CDSIL, and then the solicitors were allocated - the request goes to the director, at the time it was Ms Claudia Pendlebury, and then the director is responsible for allocating resources within the team. So at that time I understand that Patrick Hodgetts was allocated the matter, so at that stage Patrick was working on the matter and had assistance from other solicitors as required, and the director was also then involved in supervising that work.
Q. But when you say in 17 (b) that you have appointed three specifically from CDSIL, are the three Ms Garaty, Mr Hodgetts and someone else?
A. Yes, that's correct.
Q. And when did that become the case, that al 1 three were dedicated resources in this regard?
A. That would - I can't tell you the exact date.
Q. No, but --
A. It would have been not in the initial stages of the Inquiry; that would have been last year sometime.
Q. Second half of last year sometime?
A. Yes.
Q. In paragraph 14 you say that it was recognised immediately - that is, immediately on publication of this Inquiry's Terms of Reference - that it would require a substantial involvement from the police, including the provision of records, et cetera. At that point, I understand from what you've just told us, effectively Mr Hodgetts was given the task of being the person from CDSIL to work on the matter?
A. Yes.
Q. No doubt under the supervision of Ms Garaty, but at that point she wasn't a dedicated resource to it?
A. At that point in time, it was Ms Pendlebury who was the director of CDSIL until some time in July, and thereafter it was under the supervision of Ms Garaty.
Q. Quite. But at that point, at that original point, neither of those, first Ms Pendlebury, later Ms Garaty, was herself dedicated only to this task?
A. No.
Q. But later on, is this right, Ms Garaty has been dedicated only to this task?
A. That's correct. Wel1, she does do other duties, but the vast majority of her time is spent on the Inquiry.
Q. Thank you. Now, in paragraph $17(\mathrm{~d})$ you talk about the engagement of an external law firm. That's Corrs, I take it?
A. Corrs, and at one point in time we had another firm involved, which was Makinson d'Apice.
Q. As wel1?
A. That's correct. They were instructed in October.
Q. Who were?
A. Makinson d'Apice, as well as Corrs.
Q. Are you saying that they're both currently working on it or --
A. No. Makinson d'Apice were engaged to assist with the preparation of some statements. Thereafter, as it became apparent that the resources we needed were going to be more than that firm could handle, we decided to get a larger firm involved to assist with the production of material, hence why Corrs was engaged.
Q. So they came on board - that is, Corrs - when, about November or so, did they?
A. The first instructions were on 31 October, but there was reading in and then obviously a build-up to becoming more involved.
Q. In paragraph $21(\mathrm{~d})$ you tell us that you meet with the Commissioner of Police every fortnight and that she, the Commissioner, was briefed on the Inquiry in its early stages and that the Inquiry has been on the agenda at every meeting you have had with her since then?
A. Yes .
Q. I can have you shown this letter, if need be, but I imagine you'd remember it. On 2 December last year, you wrote a letter to the Commissioner about, among other things, a relevance objection that was going to be taken as to whether, among other things, Strike Force Parrabell was within the Terms of Reference. Do you remember that?
A. I generally remember the letter, but I would like to be shown the letter if I need to recall its contents in detail.
Q. Okay. I wonder if that letter could be shown to Ms Marsic, please [SCOI.82099_0001].
A. Thank you.
Q. I don't need to take long on this, Ms Marsic, but that's the letter we're talking about. Do you remember it in general terms?
A. Yes.
Q. In paragraph 12 of that letter, where you are talking about resourcing matters, if I could speak generally, you tell the Commissioner in this letter that:
... approximately 12 UHT investigations and reviews have had to be placed on hold while the relevant officers assist in the context of this Inquiry.

Do you see that?
A. Yes.
Q. Was that letter, the entirety of it, something on which the Commissioner was briefed at the time?

MR TEDESCHI: I object.
THE COMMISSIONER: Why? You say I should assume it's written on instructions?

MR TEDESCHI: No, Commissioner. It's one thing for a question that clearly raises privileged issues to be asked about the matters that concern the Terms of the Inquiry, that is, under the Terms of Reference.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes.
MR TEDESCHI: It's quite another thing for a legal officer to be asked about instructions given or received in relation to a procedural matter as to how that party is approaching the Inquiry.

THE COMMISSIONER: Why?
MR TEDESCHI: It's completely different to being asked a question about, for instance, one of the matters that the Inquiry is investigating, where --

THE COMMISSIONER: I think it's a rather important matter, though. It's a matter which, I presume, either I would infer was written on instructions or should have been, and it's an assertion that this Inquiry was having a particular effect on police activities. I can't believe that it would have been written other than on instructions, surely?

MR TEDESCHI: We would submit that it's not permissible for Counsel Assisting to seek to go behind --

THE COMMISSIONER: No, wel1, if you're putting to me that I should proceed upon the basis that this was written on instructions, so be it.

MR TEDESCHI: No. What I'm submitting, Commissioner, is that Counsel Assisting ought not to ask a question that's clearly privileged.

THE COMMISSIONER: Well, I will hear from Mr Gray on that, but at the moment I'm disposed to either proceed upon the basis that it would have or should have been written on instructions, or was. Mr Gray, what do you want to say?

MR GRAY: The question was actually, Commissioner, whether the Commissioner was briefed by Ms Marsic on what was going to be in this letter. That, in my respectful submission, doesn't involve raising any matter of privilege: was the Commissioner told that this letter was going to be sent? That's all.

THE COMMISSIONER: Are you asking her whether she obtained instructions on the terms of the letter, in effect?

MR GRAY: No. I may want to ask her that, but at the moment it is simply: was the Commissioner of Police aware that this letter was going to be sent?

THE COMMISSIONER: I'm not so sure. I think it does travel a little into conversations between her and her client. I would certainly either proceed upon the basis that it should have been written on instructions, and, if it weren't, I would be concerned, but I don't know that I would permit you to ask about conversations between Ms Marsic and her client.

MR GRAY: I accept the ruling. I will move on.
Q. Ms Marsic, looking at the terms of that paragraph 12, though, of that letter of 2 December, is that still the position - that is, 12 UHT investigations and reviews are still on hold because of the need to assist this Inquiry?
A. I do not know.
Q. Have you asked?
A. No.

THE COMMISSIONER: Q. But it was the fact, was it, at the date of 2 December?
A. Yes. I was advised that.
Q. By whom?
A. I believe it would have been by either Ms Garaty or Mr Hodgetts.
Q. So it wasn't direct from any police officer?
A. No.

MR GRAY: Q. Last week, Ms Marsic - and you can tel 1 us if you are or are not aware of this - DCI Laidlaw gave evidence that the UHT has stopped all triages so that it can assist the Inquiry. Is this something of which you're aware?

MR TEDESCHI: Aware of the evidence or aware of the fact?
It's unclear.

THE COMMISSIONER: Mr Gray will make it clear.
MR GRAY: I wil1 make it more clear.
Q. First of a11, are you aware that - I'11 go back a step. Was DCI Laidlaw one of the ones whose transcript you read?
A. Yes.
Q. So are you aware that he gave evidence last week that the UHT has stopped all triages so that it could assist the Inquiry?
A. I am aware he gave that evidence.
Q. And is that something of which you were aware prior to him giving that evidence?
A. No.
Q. What is your reaction to it?

MR TEDESCHI: I object. Relevance.

THE COMMISSIONER: I wil1 allow it.

MR TEDESCHI: Would you hear me, Commissioner? What possible assistance --

THE COMMISSIONER: Mr Tedeschi, I want to get to the bottom of the documentary issue in this case. If the police are sadly lacking in resources, then something needs to be done about it. If police work is being held up as
a result of an act of Executive Government, the public of New South Wales ought to hear about it. I'm going to allow it. Thank you.

MR GRAY: Q. What is your reaction to that evidence from Mr Laidlaw that that's the position?
A. My reaction is that I do not know if it is correct or if it is not correct.
Q. What would make you think that it might not be correct?
A. Because I had not been advised that - the advice that I had received previously was that there was an impact on UHT reviews. I had never been advised that they had stopped altogether.
Q. Well, if his sworn evidence last week is correct, then that would be of some concern to you, presumably?
A. I'm not responsible for the work of UHT. They report to an Assistant Commissioner, so the management of UHT work is not an area that's in my responsibility.
Q. Is it something that, in your fortnightly briefings of the Commissioner, you would need to tell her?
A. If I was aware that all UHT reviews or investigations had ceased, that is something I would have brought to either the Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner David Hudson's attention.
Q. And no doubt will now do so?
A. Mr Hudson - I have had a conversation with Mr Hudson, and he is aware of this - of DCI Laidlaw's evidence.
Q. He is the Deputy Commissioner, did you say?
A. Yep, Deputy Commissioner of Counter Terrorism and Investigations, and the State Crime Command, of which UHT is a part, reports to him.
Q. And was he aware of the matters of which DCI Laidlaw gave evidence about the triages having stopped?
A. No.
Q. Has the NSW Police sought additional resources to respond to this Inquiry or to try to meet the kind of logistical problems that this evidence from Mr Laidlaw indicates are occurring?
A. Do you mean for UHT or for my Office of the General

Counse1?
Q. Either.
A. For the Office of the General Counsel, the extra resources that I have secured are in terms of Corrs. So, I recognised that our internal resources were not going to be sufficient to meet the needs of the Inquiry, so we instructed Corrs. The reason Corrs were instructed was so that we had flexibility and could meet the needs of the Inquiry as they surged and went down, so that we could scale up and scale down. That's why Corrs was chosen, because they're a larger firm that had the capacity to be flexible.

In terms of UHT, back in August 2022 I was made aware I believe by Assistant Commissioner Michael Fitzgerald I'm not a hundred per cent sure it was him, but I had a conversation with someone from State Crime Command, who advised me that responding to the Inquiry was having an impact on the UHT's ability to conduct reviews.

After that conversation, I spoke to Deputy Commissioner David Hudson about those concerns. As a result of that conversation, Deputy Commissioner Hudson asked that a report be done to be tabled at the meeting of the Commissioner's executive team. The Commissioner's executive team meets fortnightly and is comprised of the Commissioner and the Deputy Commissioners of the organisation.

That report was tabled on 12 September in 2022. After that, I understand three additional officers were allocated to UHT to address the concerns.
Q. Thank you for that. In your affidavit, you tell us at paragraph 17(a) that three officers from the UHT act as dedicated resources to support the Inquiry. 17(a).
A. Yes .
Q. And I think you just said that by September, if I've understood you correctly, or some time after that, an extra three were added to the UHT team; is that right?
A. So, in October/November the extra three were added.

The three that I refer to in my affidavit are dedicated resources. I understand - I don't have first knowledge of this, but I have been advised that the UHT uses other members of the UHT, again on a surge capacity as the needs
are required, but the three officers that I refer to in my affidavit are dedicated to the Inquiry. That means that they're not the only officers that work on the Inquiry's work.
Q. How many police officers are there in the UHT?
A. I understand there are 34.
Q. And if three are dedicated to the Inquiry in the way you've explained, and if others from time to time are also needed to help, why would it be necessary to stop all triages?
A. I do not know.
Q. Now, just moving to a more general topic at the moment, CRRIM is sometimes referred to as Corporate Records?
A. That's correct.
Q. Essentially, as I understand your affidavit, it deals with hard-copy records?
A. That's correct.
Q. Now, in your affidavit, if you look at paragraphs 23 and 24 , and perhaps also just refresh your memory of what you say in paragraph 29 as well?
A. Mmm-hmm. Yes.
Q. You're explaining there - and I am paraphrasing in a slightly generalised way - the fact that the information management systems in question that you're talking about there require what you call highly specialised knowledge and expertise and years of experience, or at least that's what is brought to it?
A. Yes.
Q. Now, if the information management system is such that it requires highly specialised knowledge and years of practical experience to navigate it, does that indicate to you that it might be in need of some modernisation or simplification?
A. That's outside my area of expertise. I don't have any expertise in what's required in record management.
Q. Whose desk would that topic land on?
A. That would be the Director of Corporate Records.
Q. That's the CRRIM entity?
A. Yes, yes.
Q. In paragraphs 25 to 28 you talk about some of the detail or the logistics of what CRRIM does and can do, and at 28 you say:

I believe it is generally known within the [Police Force] that when a need to identify historical records arises, that a request must be made to the CRRIM team.
A. Yes.
Q. You're aware from at least the two whose transcripts you did read from last week, I take it, that they gave evidence about, in reality, what CRRIM did and did not actually hold in its records?
A. I might need - to be able to answer that correctly, I'd need to know what other records you mean.
Q. I'11 just remind you of some of the things that were said.
A. Yes.
Q. Now, Ms Conroy, Assistant Commissioner Conroy -

I think you said you haven't read her evidence?
A. No.
Q. One of the things, if you can just assume this from
me, about which she gave evidence was the plan that
DCI Lehmann had recommended be implemented in that document that I took you to?
A. Yes.
Q. Assistant Commissioner Conroy gave evidence that she did not know whether that plan had ever been implemented or not, herself?
A. Yes.
Q. She said it was possible that it had been implemented but that nobody had told her, if so. Just assume that that was a paraphrase of her evidence on that topic. Then Mr Warren, Detective Inspector Warren, gave evidence. He's the one - I think you have read his transcript? A. Yes, I have read his evidence.
Q. One of the things that he gave evidence about was what it was that Corporate Records held, CRRIM held, and he was asked by the Commissioner whether the records held by Corporate Records were complete, and he accepted that if hard-copy records had not been archived, either at all or inadequately, they would not in fact be within Corporate Records; he accepted that?
A. Yes.
Q. I think you're aware of that. And he accepted that hard-copy documents may in fact exist elsewhere, which have not been archived, and they are therefore not part of the Corporate Records system; he agreed with that?
A. Yes.
Q. Then, still with Mr Warren, he said that for his part, speaking for himself at least, he was not aware of that state of affairs until working on this Inquiry over the last 12 months or so?
A. Yes.
Q. You're aware of that?
A. Yes.
Q. However - now, Mr Doherty was someone whose evidence you read or didn't read?
A. No.
Q. He's the Commander, Homicide --
A. That's correct.
Q. -- at the present time. If you would accept this from me, he gave evidence that when he became Commander, which was in December 2019, he was made aware of issues concerning the location, identification and reconciliation of exhibits to do with Unsolved Homicide; he agreed that he was. And he also agreed that it was well known, at least to him, that there were similar problems in relation to documentary records, such as investigative files and notebooks and the like, and he agreed that that was well known as a problem at least by December 2019?
A. (Witness nods).
Q. You're nodding your head. Thank you. Now, was that well known to you earlier than - well, when did that become known to you?
A. I can't put, with any precision, a date or a year that

I became aware of that. I was - I am aware that police area commands have not archived all investigative files. I am aware that there's material at police stations. As to when I became aware of that, whether that was in my first stint at police or now in my second stint, I would be misleading the Inquiry if I tried to pinpoint a date, but certainly I am aware of that.
Q. And I'm not trying to pin you down to a date, either, but you've obviously been aware for quite a while, at least in general terms?
A. Yes. I was aware before the Inquiry.
Q. Just briefly, Mr Laidlaw, Detective Chief Inspector Laidlaw, who is from the Unsolved Homicide Team - that's right? What's his position at the Unsolved Homicide Team?
A. I do not know.
Q. But it's a senior position, I take it? He's one of the leaders of the team?
A. I do not know. But as a Detective Chief Inspector, that is a reasonably senior rank.
Q. So he gave evidence that the reconciliation $p l a n$ that DCI Lehmann had recommended back in 2016 was under way when he joined the UHT, which was in 2017. He did not know whether it had been completed. And later in his evidence, he agreed that although it was under way, as he understood it, in relation to exhibits, as far as he knew, there was no similar project that had been undertaken in relation to documentary records?
A. Yes.
Q. And that's evidence that you've seen?
A. Yes.
Q. Now, it seems, then, that it's been well known, at least within the UHT, or at least at some levels of the UHT, for some years that not all available hard-copy records will actually be archived and held by CRRIM? A. I can't comment on that.
Q. Well, that's the evidence that has been given, isn't it?
A. The evidence is - the evidence was that - from what you have just told me was that Detective Superintendent Doherty was aware of that.
Q. And Detective Chief Inspector Laidlaw --
A. That's correct.
Q. -- whose evidence you've read?
A. That's correct, but $I$ can't say whether or not it was known more broadly beyond those two officers.
Q. His evidence was that all of those problems were well-known problems at the time he joined in 2017. You have read that?
A. I can accept that he gave that evidence, but $I$ have no personal knowledge of whether or not that evidence is correct. I have no personal knowledge of the UHT's understanding of those issues more broadly.
Q. A11 right, but would you agree with this, that if we are to accept his evidence - and there's no reason that I'm aware of why we wouldn't accept his evidence - it was well known within the UHT, at least from 2017, that these problems existed?

MR TEDESCHI: I object. The question is the same as the answer, that my friend is saying, "If you accept the evidence, then that evidence is correct", isn't it, effectively?

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes. That's all right. He gives his evidence.
Q. Have you got any reason to doubt his evidence, though, Ms Marsic?
A. I have no reason to doubt it, but $I$ also have no personal knowledge of whether or not he's correct.
Q. I'm not suggesting you do, and I don't think Mr Gray is, but seemingly Mr Laidlaw is in a position to know, isn't he, whereas you may not be?
A. I can't answer that.
Q. Well, he's in a better position, isn't he, to speak about what was or was not well known within UHT, apparently, than you are, surely?
A. Correct.

MR GRAY: Q. When you were, at least at your supervisory level, organising, if I may use that word, the response of
the police to the summonses that were coming from the Inquiry --
A. Yes.
Q. -- did you seek out the assistance of the leaders or heads of the Unsolved Homicide Team or only speak to Mr Warren?
A. I spoke to, at the time, Claudia Pendlebury, and those discussions were had between Ms Pendlebury and the UHT.
Q. But who at the UHT?
A. I do not know.
Q. Ms Pendlebury, as you have explained, was the Director of CDSIL?
A. That's correct, until some time in July.
Q. Yes, so not a police officer?
A. That's correct.
Q. No. So you're saying that it was she, Ms Pendlebury, and later Ms Garaty, who dealt with and conversed with whoever it was from the UHT, not yourself?
A. That's correct.
Q. And you don't know who it was from the UHT that they spoke to?
A. That's correct.
Q. Have you inquired, in preparation for today, as to who they spoke to?
A. No.
Q. In paragraph 31 of your affidavit - and you make similar points in later paragraphs as well - you say in the
 since hard-copy records were provided in answer to the initial summonses in June and August last year:
... it has been ascertained by the OGC and UHT teams ... that some hard copy records ... may be held in locations other than those overseen by the CRRIM.
A. Yes.
Q. The first question, $I$ suppose, is: ascertained when
and ascertained by whom?
A. October 2022, by Mr Patrick Hodgetts.
Q. And how did he ascertain it?
A. I understand that there was a letter from the Inquiry questioning the fact that there had not been a large amount of material returned in relation to one of the cases and that queries were made about whether or not there was material available elsewhere that had not been found.
Q. Yes, and what happened?
A. I understand that Mr Hodgetts had a conversation with DI Warren, and thereafter it was decided to make inquiries with police area commands.
Q. Now, as we have seen from the Lehmann 2016 document and from the evidence that other officers gave last week, some within UHT, but evidently not Mr Warren, were aware of this possibility years before October last year, weren't they?
A. From the evidence that you have read to me, yes.
Q. But seeming1y - again, not questioning anybody's evidence - seemingly nobody told Mr Warren that?
A. I do not know.
Q. Well, seemingly not, because he says he didn't know?
A. I don't know whether or not he was told or not.

THE COMMISSIONER: Q. But, again, you've got no reason to doubt him when he says he wasn't told, have you?
A. No.

MR GRAY: Q. When did Mr Warren become part of the UHT?
A. I believe that is in my affidavit somewhere, but

I cannot recall exactly when he became - and I do recall that he mentioned that in his evidence, but I don't have the date at the tip of - I don't recall the date.
Q. No doubt, the date is available somewhere. It's not a quiz in this sense, Ms Marsic.
A. Yes, I don't recall the date.
Q. But he's the person, as I understand it - again, no criticism of him - who has been allocated as the kind of point man within UHT to be dealing with these summonses? A. That's correct.
Q. And although others in the UHT knew about this problem about documents being located outside the realm of CRRIM, he didn't, it seems?
A. That's the evidence that he gave.
Q. When you tell us what you do tell us in paragraph 31, did you or anyone else from OGC or the police inform the Inquiry that this realisation had been arrived at in about October last year?
A. I do recall reading somewhere, but I cannot specify exactly where, that at some point in time when what we refer to as the "PAC sweep" was undertaken, that the Inquiry was informed that that was taking place. I don't recall where I read that, but I do recall reading that the Inquiry was informed. So it would have been after October.
Q. Well, do you accept that it - I'm not sure myself whether that's right or not, but putting aside whether it's right or not, you would accept that the Inquiry should have been informed?
A. Yes.
Q. In paragraph 44, if you just read that to yourself, are you there essentially saying the same thing as we just looked at in paragraph 31 - namely, is 44 also telling us that, although it doesn't use a date, until about October '22, you thought CRRIM would have all the hard-copy records, and only after October ' 22 did you realise, or did somebody realise, that that wasn't right?
A. Are you asking about my personal knowledge at that time or the knowledge of the team that --
Q. I'm asking you whether 44 is saying anything different from 31, and, if it is, could you tell us what it is?
A. Prior to October 2022, I believe paragraph 31 and paragraph 44 are saying that the OGC team and UHT teams believed that the inquiries with CRRIM would capture the records.
Q. Yes. So that, in effect, they're saying the same thing --
A. Yes.
Q. -- in different words?
A. Yes.
Q. That's what I'm asking.
A. Yes, yes.
Q. Does the same also apply to 47? Is that essentially telling us the same thing?
A. Yes.
Q. Now, if it's the case that although Mr Warren only realised that at about that time, others within UHT, including persons senior to him, such as Mr Laidlaw, had been aware of it for years, does that indicate a failure of communication within UHT?
A. I can't comment on communication at UHT.
Q. Can't you?
A. No.
Q. Does it indicate a failure of communication that Mr Warren wasn't told?
A. I don't know why Mr Warren was not aware of that fact.
Q. Well, if others knew and he didn't, someone would need to tell him, wouldn't they?
A. I don't know how - what communication is done in UHT in relation to those types of issues.
Q. I see. Now, more generally, given what you've explained in your affidavit, including - I don't restrict it to this - paragraph 43 and paragraph 62, and by all means take a moment to look at those two if you would, 43 and 62 .
A. Was it 62 , the second paragraph?
Q. Yes.
A. Yes.
Q. Now, my question is simply this: clearly, there is a very large quantity of documentary records in hard-copy form in the possession of the police; that's very plain from your evidence?
A. I can't comment on the proportion of hard-copy files to electronic --
Q. No, that's not my question. Just putting electronic to one side.
A. $\quad \mathrm{Mmm}-\mathrm{hmm}$.
Q. There are obvious 7 y a lot of hard-copy records, hundreds of thousands of documents, I think, on your -A. Yes.
Q. Yes. And you say, very fairly - no criticism is being made - in paragraph 62 that notwithstanding that very extensive searches, and so on, have been made, you can't exclude the possibility, although you think the risk is minimal, that there could still be some that haven't been 1ocated?
A. That's correct.
Q. Right. Now, my question is this: has consideration been given to, first of all, digitising all the hard-copy records?
A. Are you referring to all the hard-copy records that have been provided to the Commission, or generally?
Q. No, generally. I'm talking about Unsolved Homicide, though. I'm talking about the records at CRRIM and wherever else they may be that are in hard copy?
A. I understand that there is a project on foot, I believe that it's led by Corporate Records, to get all the hard-copy documents that are in police area commands into CRRIM so that they're no longer stored at police stations. I'm not aware of whether or not that project involves digitising that material.
Q. Are you able to express a view as to whether you think it should - that is to say, whether digitising such material would be desirable?
A. It would be desirable from the perspective of being able to more readily access that material, but $I$ think there would be a very significant number of factors that would need to be considered about whether or not that could be done, and given $I$ don't have expertise in records management, I'm not really in a position to comment.
Q. I was going to ask you, but you may have partially answered this in an answer a moment ago, has consideration been given to conducting a comprehensive audit of all possible repositories of documentary records in relation to unsolved homicides?
A. As I said, I'm aware that there's - I'm aware at a very high level. I don't have any visibility in detail, but $I$ am aware at a high level that there is a project currently under way to get all the hard-copy records from
police stations into Corporate Records.
Q. And the idea would be, if you were able to tell us, that they would then at least be consolidated all in the one place, as far as it was possible to achieve that; is that --
A. In the one place in terms of some of it, I would understand, would be stored - there's different facilities that CRRIM run, so - but it would be all under the control of CRRIM.
Q. Now, in paragraph 46 you say that your understanding from discussions with the UHT team in preparing this affidavit is that for summons 4 , which was August 2022 -A. Mmm-hmm.
Q. -- and for the summonses issued thereafter, UHT has undertaken searches for the responsive records in the following ways, and then there are eight subparagraphs of different kinds of searches that have been undertaken? A. Yes.
Q. Now, are you saying that since August 2022, all of these eight different methods have been checked for all summonses from the Special Commission?
A. From summons 4.
Q. Which was August. So are you saying that, from then, all of these eight methods have been done for every summons?
A. Yes.
Q. And did you go back, then, in or after August and redo what had been done hitherto in respect of summonses prior to summons 4 ?
A. So with summonses 1 and 3 , the PAC - there was a PAC sweep, which we've referred to in my affidavit.
Q. A PAC sweep, I gather, means check with all the police stations?
A. That's correct. So all the police stations were checked because that had become identified. The other thing that was done was that it was identified that when material had been given to Corporate Records, that the naming conventions were not consistent and were varied, and so further searches were done on different search terms to try and capture - to see if any further records would be
picked up by doing broader search terms.
In terms of summonses 1 and 3 , I'd have to seek instructions, for example, in relation to computer systems, as those - I understand those records were historic, and I'm not sure - I don't know whether or not those summonses called for exhibits.
Q. All right, put exhibits to one side for the moment. But the other - putting exhibits to one side, were these other methods, then, adopted in or after August, back for those that had been previously responded to by means that did not include all of these different checking methods? A. I'm not 100 per cent sure whether or not all of these methods were done. What I have been advised is that all of the searches that were deemed to be appropriate for summonses 1 and 3 - I understand summons 2 was for an appearance, so I exclude summons 2, so talking about summonses 1 and 3 , that all the places where it was thought material responsive to the summonses would be located, all of those searches have been done.
Q. Right. And from an answer you gave earlier, your understanding or recollection is that you think that the Commission was informed in October or some time after October that these further checks and searches were being undertaken?
A. I understand the Commission was informed that the PAC sweep was being done, which was going back to the police area commands to do.
Q. Only that? You think it was just the PAC sweep that the Commission was told about?
A. Yes.
Q. But not all the things that are listed in paragraph 46?
A. I do not know whether all of - if the Commission was informed of all of those things.
Q. All right. In paragraph 49, where you've just been talking in the paragraph before about the PAC sweep, or PAC sweeps - in paragraph 49 you say that Mr Hodgetts and DCI Warren determined that further steps should be taken to ensure that the police had provided a complete set of hard-copy records in response to summonses issued, and then you say that:

The [police] determined to undertake these steps at its own initiative ...

What do you mean by saying that?
A. That Mr Hodgetts and UHT discovered that there may be material responsive to the summonses 1 and 3 at PACs and therefore they decided to go back through all the schedules, 1 ike all the names that are attached to summonses 1 and 3 , and go to all the police area commands to ask whether or not there was material - ask them to search whether or not there was material responsive to the summonses there.
Q. Yes, so they were steps they were taking that they realised, by then, were necessary to ensure compliance with the summonses?
A. Correct.
Q. So it's not really right to say that they were doing it at their own initiative, is it? Weren't they doing it in order to comply properly with the summonses?
A. Yes, because - but they identified that that was a step that needed to be taken, and so they did it, because they understood the - they understood their ongoing obligations under the summonses and wanted to provide the Inquiry with all the relevant material.
Q. Okay. And when you say the same thing in paragraph 57, that something was done at the initiative of the police --
A. Yes.
Q. -- you mean that in the same way?
A. Yes. They identified that perhaps there was material responsive to the summonses that could be found by a different method of inquiry, and they realised that that had not been done, so they took those steps because they realised they had an ongoing obligation.
Q. Thank you for that. In paragraph 56 you tel 1 us that Mr Hodgetts became aware of another possible need for further work in April 2023, when Senior Sergeant Coady of FE\&TS spoke to him about one particular case, and it was realised that the early summonses, by which I imagine you mean 1 and 3 perhaps --
A. That's correct.
Q. -- would need to be revisited for that additional or different reason?
A. That's correct.
Q. Now, was the Inquiry told that that realisation had been formed and that this additional work was being done, starting from April?
A. I do not know.
Q. Do you think it should have been told?
A. I believe that would have depended on their views on the likelihood of those searches retrieving further information. At a point where it became apparent that those extra searches would retrieve further information, I agree, at that point in time or shortly thereafter, the Inquiry should have been made aware.
Q. Thank you. Because as I understand it - correct me if I'm wrong - the realisation, and I'm speaking a little broadly, not just about Mr Seymour, was that you get different results depending on what you plug in to the search?
A. That's right.
Q. And that realisation only dawned on people - and I'm not being critical - according to your evidence, in April 2023; correct?
A. Yes.
Q. Right, and so that meant, again speaking generally, that the possibility was then live in if not your mind but in the minds of Mr Hodgetts and others that maybe the searches that had been done in any number of cases up to that point may not have been sufficiently comprehensive, because there may be other search terms that really would need to be tried --
A. Yes.
Q. -- to see what else you might turn up; correct?
A. Yes.
Q. And, therefore, the realisation that was being formed was that earlier productions of documents may well not have been complete, because it hadn't, until then, been appreciated that these other possibilities need to be tried?
A. Yes.
Q. So you would agree, wouldn't you, that as at April 2023, when at that point the deadline for the Inquiry was 30 June, it would have been essential to tell the Inquiry that that possibility existed, wouldn't it?
A. I would have thought that that would become essential once they understood that those extra searches were going to retrieve further documents, not necessarily at the point in time that they decided to do the extra searches, because they had - they didn't know whether or not that would return further material.
Q. They knew that it had had that effect in one case?
A. Yes.
Q. And they, therefore, very reasonably, thought to themselves, well, it might have that effect in other cases. Shouldn't the Inquiry have been told that as at April?
A. I believe that they should have told the Inquiry once they formed the view that those extra searches would uncover further information.
Q. So when it was only a possibility, there was no need to tell the Inquiry?
A. I think that's reasonable if they're double-checking things but they have no knowledge that that will in fact produce further material.
Q. I see. Let me take you to 58 in your affidavit. You refer there to one particular incident where, on 1 June this year, a bit over a month ago, someone at UHT identified some boxes containing hard-copy files in a storage room at the UHT premises --
A. Mmm-hmm.
Q. -- and it turned out that there was material in that, or in those boxes, which needed to be produced?
A. Yes.
Q. Now, you say that DI Warren informed you that he is satisfied that there are no other hard-copy files held by the UHT that have not previously been produced?
A. Yes.
Q. On what basis is he satisfied of that, so far as you know?
A. I do not know on which basis he has formed that view.
Q. Did you ask him?
A. No.
Q. Are we to understand that this particular incident in June, where, at the UHT premises themselves, in a storage room, were boxes containing hard-copy files, that the discovery in that regard just happened by chance?
A. I do not know whether that happened by chance or whether they actively looked in that room. I don't know.
Q. And in relation to the PAC sweeps, which refer to the police stations, was the sweep done by sending a letter or email or some communication to police stations saying, "Please check for the following", or did UHT physically go to the police stations and check themselves?
A. A communication - I believe it was an email - was sent to the relevant police area commands, to the Commander and I believe it was the staff officer, asking them to search for these documents.
Q. And they were to do, what, just search in any possible cupboard or back room or the like, or what was the nature of the search they were asked to carry out?
A. I don't have a copy of the email that was sent to the police area commands, so I can't advise you in particular detail exactly whether it was a general request, "Can you please search your records", or, "Can you please look in X, Y and Z locations."
Q. Thank you. Just a couple of questions about the Parrabell part of your affidavit.
A. Yes.
Q. In paragraph 72 you tell us that you were informed by Messrs Grace and Bignell that the Parrabell investigators obtained as much material as possible from sources, and I'm leaving out a few words, but I don't mean you to ignore them - by all means, read the whole thing, but you say "from sources including" those listed in (a) to (e). Do you see that?
A. Yes.
Q. Now, are there other sources that, as you understand it, Parrabell sought documents from, or just those five?
A. My knowledge is limited to those five.
Q. Because that's what - -
A. That's what I've been advised.
Q. That's what Messrs Grace and Bignel 1 have told you?
A. (Witness nods).
Q. So if they searched - sorry, if Parrabel 1 went further afield than that, you haven't been told that?
A. That's right.
Q. So, earlier in your affidavit, when you talk about the things that are being done now for this Inquiry, at paragraph 46 , and you list quite a number of ways of looking for documents, eight in all, some of which have some sub-components --
A. Yes.
Q. -- you don't know - again, this is not said critically - you don't know if Parrabell employed any or al1 of those?
A. No.
Q. You don't know, for example, whether Parrabel1 approached police stations or local area commands?
A. I do not know.
Q. Or the DPP?
A. I do not know.
Q. Then I think finally, Ms Marsic, in paragraph 77 there's a couple of paragraphs I want to take you to, but in paragraph 77 you say that the e@gle.i file for Parrabel1, which, as you say, has been provided to the Inquiry - you say it's likely to be a fulsome record of the bulk of the documents, exhibits or other material reviewed by Parrabell that was considered relevant to the Parrabel 1 exercise by investigators?
A. Yes.
Q. Now, when you say it's "likely to be a record of the bulk of the documents", could you help us with what's meant by that?
A. What is meant by that is $I$ wasn't part of the Parrabell strike force, and I'm providing advice that I have been given that the officers put the relevant material on e@gle.i.
Q. You pick up on the word "relevant", which is what I was about to ask you. Do you know what criteria or criterion they used for "relevant"?
A. No.
Q. So it appears - the word "relevant" appears in 77, which $I$ just took you to, in the third-last line, and it also appears, in slightly different form, in paragraph 78, where you say that there is no record of material that was considered but deemed irrelevant?
A. That's right.
Q. And that's, again, what you have been told?
A. That's right.
Q. And then in 84 you say it's impossible to ascertain every single document or other material considered by Parrabe11, because no record was kept of material that was not considered relevant?
A. That's correct.
Q. So on the e@gle.i, 22,000-document storage platform, we have, as you understand it, everything that they considered and regarded as relevant?
A. Correct.
Q. But as to what they cast aside as not being relevant, we don't know what that was, and you don't know what that was?
A. I do not know what that was.
Q. And it seems they don't know; is that what we understand from how they've explained it to you?
A. I do not know what - I do not know what their knowledge is, but $I$ understand that what is on e@gle.i is what was relevant and that $I$ certainly do not know what was discarded.
Q. No, but you say in paragraph 84 that no record was kept - -
A. That's correct.
Q. -- ie, by them, of what they discarded?
A. That's correct.

MR GRAY: Those are my questions, Commissioner.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, Mr Tedeschi.
MR TEDESCHI: Commissioner --
MR GRAY: Sorry, I beg your pardon. I'm sorry. I need to tender Ms Marsic's affidavit, which would be exhibit 58.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, certainly. Thank you.
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THE COMMISSIONER: Yes.
MR TEDESCHI: Commissioner, could I have a couple of minutes to consult with Ms Marsic?

THE COMMISSIONER: Certainly. I will go off the bench for a short time.

## SHORT ADJOURNMENT

MR TEDESCHI: Commissioner, I don't have any questions by way of re-examination of Ms Marsic.

THE COMMISSIONER: All right.
MR TEDESCHI: Might I raise another issue, if she could be excused?

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, certainly.

## <THE WITNESS WITHDREW

MR TEDESCHI: Commissioner, in the letter from the Inquiry to the police of 29 June 2023, Mr Camporeale raised, at the bottom of the first page, the consideration of an issue noted in relation to the Terms of Reference concerning submissions in relation to questions of procedural fairness of witnesses who haven't been called.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes.
MR TEDESCHI: We're mindful of the fact that we can't do our oral submissions until not only have those submissions been made by both sides but we know what your decision is.

THE COMMISSIONER: About what?
MR TEDESCHI: About the question of --
THE COMMISSIONER: The witnesses?
MR TEDESCHI: The issue of procedural fairness and whether it is appropriate for the Inquiry to accept suggestions that have been made adverse to people who haven't been called.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes.
MR TEDESCHI: That's an issue on which we wish to be heard --

THE COMMISSIONER: I understand.
MR TEDESCHI: -- and we wish to make written submissions, and we need to know your decision before we can do our oral submissions on hearing number 2.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes.
MR TEDESCHI: So I wanted to ask, Commissioner, whether you would like to set a timetable and --

THE COMMISSIONER: Not at the moment, thank you. I will not proceed with any matter until you are given proper opportunity to be heard on the matter. I have made that clear the other day, but $I$ can reiterate it now. It's under active consideration, for obvious reasons, but all I will tell you is, at the moment, we will let you know promptly and you will be given every opportunity to say whatever it is you want to say about any matter concerning any witness and any finding that might be open to me as a result of submissions that have been already prepared.

MR TEDESCHI: All right.
THE COMMISSIONER: And you will be given that opportunity I hope very soon, but there are other matters beyond your client's concern about that that I need to take into account. Be assured, though, it is being given active consideration.

MR TEDESCHI: Al1 right.
THE COMMISSIONER: And I'm not going to do anything unless and until you are all given - your side is given a reasonable opportunity to address the question.

MR TEDESCHI: All right. I would like to be able to make those submissions myself, and I have let my learned friend know that there is a week when I am unavailable, from 26 July up to and including 1 August, so I just wanted to --

THE COMMISSIONER: Well, what I will do is I will take that into account, clearly, and as before and as has been the case to date, I will do everything possible to accommodate your unavailability in that time.

MR TEDESCHI: Thank you.
THE COMMISSIONER: There won't be any inconvenience or disadvantage as a result of you being away in that time, but I'm not going to guarantee it, but as has been the case to date, I will take that clearly into account, given the importance of that issue, and I fully appreciate the significance of it.

MR TEDESCHI: Thank you, Commissioner.
THE COMMISSIONER: A11 right. That having been said, I will now adjourn. Thank you.

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