## 2022 Special Commission of Inquiry

## into LGBTIQ hate crimes

Before: The Commissioner, The Hon John Sackar QC

At Level 2, 121 Macquarie Street, Sydney New South Wales

On Monday, 6 June 2022 at 10am

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Also present:

Mr Anders Mykkeltveldt (Counsel for Comsr of Police, NSW Police Force)

THE COMMISSIONER: In April this year, I was appointed by 1 2 Letters Patent under the Special Commissions of Inquiry Act 3 to inquire into the manner and cause of death of certain 4 unspecified persons. I am, however, directed by those 5 Letters Patent, amongst other things, to operate in a way 6 that avoids prejudice to criminal investigations, any 7 future or current criminal investigations, and any other 8 contemporaneous inquiries. 9 10 Therefore, pursuant to section 14 of the Act. I have 11 directed that a summons be issued to Detective Chief Inspector Leggat, as I understand it, the current head of 12 the Unsolved Homicide Squad, for the purpose of providing 13 14 this inquiry with such information as he may be able to 15 provide, in connection with the current police inquiries and/or investigations concerning the deaths of relevance 16 17 that we are concerned with. 18 19 Given the nature of the inquiries and the information 20

likely to be provided, I have also determined and directed that this inaugural hearing of this Commission of Inquiry 21 22 take place, at least in the first instance, pursuant to 23 section 7(2) of the Act, in private, and any evidence received by me or documents tendered during the course of 24 the current proceedings today and tomorrow, if they stray 25 26 into tomorrow, shall be and shall remain confidential in 27 the short-term, at least, subject to any materials that may 28 arise in due course.

Now, Mr Gray, you appear as counsel assisting the inquiry?

MR P GRAY: May it please you, Commissioner, I appear to
 assist the Commission with Ms Melis.

36 THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you very much.

MR A MYKKELTVEDT: Your Honour, Mykkeltveldt,
 M-Y-K-K-E-L-T-V-E-L-D-T. I seek your Honour's leave to
 appear on behalf of the Commissioner of Police.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, certainly. That leave is granted.
Thank you very much.

45 Is the detective chief inspector here?

47 MR MYKKELTVEDT: Yes, your Honour.

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1 2 THE COMMISSIONER: Perhaps if he comes forward and he 3 takes an oath or affirmation, whatever he chooses, and 4 consequently, I think what I will do then is simply get his 5 name, address, rank and so on. Unless there is anything of 6 a preliminary nature which you would like to ask him, 7 I will ask Mr Gray to ask him some questions, and of course you will have an opportunity at the end of that to examine 8 him further if needs be. Is that a convenient course? 9 10 MR MYKKELTVEDT: 11 That's convenient, thank you. 12 <STEWART JOHN LEGGAT, called:</pre> [10.05am] 13 14 THE COMMISSIONER: 15 Just give us your full name for the record. 16 17 DCI LEGGAT: Stewart John Leggat, L-E-G-G-A-T. 18 19 20 THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you. And your rank? 21 22 DCI LEGGAT: Detective chief inspector, attached to the 23 Homicide Squad. 24 25 THE COMMISSIONER: I talked over the top of you, unsolved 26 homicides? 27 DCI LEGGAT: Unsolved. 28 29 [10.05am] 30 <STEWART JOHN LEGGAT, sworn:</pre> 31 At the outset, Commissioner, if it is 32 MR GRAY: 33 convenient, I have in mind to tender five documents. 34 Detective Chief Inspector Leggat has a folder with him. 35 THE COMMISSIONER: Mr Gray, the microphones aren't 36 37 terrific. Could I just get you, for my benefit, but also the detective chief inspector's, to speak up a little, or 38 can we get the microphone adjusted perhaps. 39 40 MR GRAY: I think the fault is mine. I think I need to 41 42 speak more loudly. 43 THE COMMISSIONER: 44 I'm not sure about that. I think we 45 can enhance the volume a little, but let's see how we go. 46 47 I should also, while that is being done, indicate that

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what I propose to do, subject again to anyone else's views, 1 2 is to maintain court hours, so I will have a break at 3 11.30. I won't sit, obviously, between 1 and 2 today, and 4 again tomorrow, if it goes into tomorrow, I would conclude 5 at 4 in the afternoon. 6 7 If at any time, detective chief inspector - and I won't keep calling you by the long title; if I may call 8 9 just call you --10 11 THE WITNESS: Detective is fine, your Honour. 12 13 THE COMMISSIONER: If at any time, detective, you want 14 a break, or anyone needs a break, just let me know, and 15 I will adjourn. I trust that arrangements have been made for you and others to have some space somewhere in the 16 17 building. 18 19 MR MYKKELTVEDT: Yes, that's so. I'm grateful for those 20 arrangements, your Honour. 21 22 THE COMMISSIONER: If there is anything else you need, 23 please let me or someone at the Bar table know and we will 24 accommodate you. 25 26 MR GRAY: There are five documents, if I may hand them up. 27 The first is the Letters Patent for this Commission; the 28 second is the report, the final report, of Strike Force 29 Parrabell; the third is the case summaries provided by Strike Force Parrabell, some 88 in all; and the fourth and 30 fifth are two items of correspondence, a letter, which is 31 32 undated but which was in fact sent on 4 May from the Crown 33 Solicitor's Office to the Office of the General Counsel, 34 NSW Police Force, and an email of 27 May in response to that letter. If I may hand those all up. 35 36 Now, some of those 37 THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you. documents I can't possibly imagine ought to be 38 confidential. Clearly the Letters Patent are a matter of 39 I think Parrabell is as well. I won't do 40 public record. it now, but perhaps if we just make a decision - I suspect 41 the correspondence, for the moment, and the case summaries 42 43 ought to be confidential exhibits. Otherwise, I think that 44 the Parrabell and the Terms of Reference and the Letters 45 Patent can be public. 46 47 Why don't I leave that for the moment. That can be

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attended to during the course of the morning. 1 But I think 2 anything that we receive from NSW Police by way of case 3 summary should be confidential for the moment, at least, 4 because I don't think that document ought be a public 5 document, because it does not currently sit, does it, in 6 Parrabell's materials? 7 8 MR GRAY: That's right, as it I understand it. 9 10 THE COMMISSIONER: I will return to it later in the day. I won't hold things up now, but we will mark those 11 alternatively, open exhibits, as it were, and/or 12 confidential and we will figure that out later in the 13 14 hearing. 15 MR GRAY: Thank you. 16 17 18 <EXAMINATION BY MR GRAY: 19 20 MR GRAY: Q. Detective - if I may address you that way as well - you are a detective chief inspector and the head 21 22 of the Unsolved Homicide Team or unit? I'm one of the three coordinators at the unsolved 23 Α. 24 homicide team. There are two other inspectors there as well. So I'm in charge of the investigative team. 25 One of 26 the other inspectors is in charge of the investigative team 27 and the other one is in charge of the review team. So I come under the command of the superintendents in charge 28 29 of the Homicide Squad. 30 31 Q. You have held that position since March 2017? 32 Α. That's correct. 33 The Unsolved Homicide Team. is it "team" or "unit"? 34 Q. Team. sir. 35 Α. 36 37 Q. The Unsolved Homicide Team is part of the Homicide 38 Squad? Α. That's correct. 39 40 And in terms of the structure or hierarchy, tell me if 41 Q. this is right, perhaps at a reasonably general level: 42 43 beneath the Commissioner of Police, there are four deputy commissioners? 44 45 Α. Correct. 46 47 Q. One of whom is Deputy Commissioner Investigations and

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Counter-Terrorism? 1 2 Yes. Α. 3 4 And then beneath that deputy commissioner sits or sit Q. 5 five commands, one of which is State Crime Command? That's correct. 6 Α. 7 8 Q. And then within or riding down the chart, as it were, 9 underneath State Crime Command, there are eight squads, one 10 of which is the Homicide Squad? Yes, sir, that's right. 11 Α. 12 Q. 13 Is that right? 14 Α. Well, pretty much. I'm not a hundred per cent sure of the structure of State Crime. I know that we're part of 15 State Crime. 16 17 And the Unsolved Homicide Team is part of the Homicide 18 Q. 19 Squad? 20 Α. That's correct, sir, yes. 21 22 Q. How many detectives, if you know the answer to this, 23 are there in the Homicide Squad overall? I can't give you a number for the Homicide Squad. I 24 Α. 25 can give you a number for the unsolved. 26 27 Q. Very well. What about for the unsolved? There are 35 detectives in the Unsolved Homicide Team, 28 Α. 29 four investigative teams, six detective sergeants, a review team - so that number makes up the configuration of the 30 31 Unsolved Homicide Team. 32 33 Q. So 35 detectives and six sergeants? 34 Α. Six sergeants and three inspectors. 35 And you mentioned one review team and two 36 Q. 37 investigative teams; was that right? What there is is there is - I'm in charge of two 38 Α. investigative teams, and then there is another inspector in 39 40 charge of another two investigative teams and another inspector is in charge of the Coronial Support Unit plus 41 42 the review team. 43 And the four investigative teams, two plus two, have 44 Q. 45 how many detectives in them? I think there are seven per team, plus a sergeant in 46 Α. 47 charge.

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1 2 And what does the review team do as distinct from what Q. 3 the investigative teams do? 4 What the review team now does is triage matters. So Α. 5 they just look at what is available for the investigators 6 or for the review process itself. So they also monitor the 7 tracking file, which I think we have provided a copy of the tracking file is just an Excel spreadsheet, listing all 8 9 the unsolved matters that we have. So they monitor that. 10 11 The review team also have two analysts that look at the intelligence reports that come in on a daily basis. 12 We get around 900 Crime Stoppers reports a year to review. 13 So 14 they assess the intelligence report and determine their 15 credibility and then that's passed on to the coordinators for action. 16 17 18 Thank you. And does that number, currently 35, stay Q. 19 constant or does it vary depending upon whatever projects 20 or tasks are underway? Well, for instance, we've got the Luna Park inquiry at 21 Α. 22 the moment, so six investigators have been taken off to do 23 that. 24 During Strike Force Reddan, which was the Leonard 25 26 Warwick matter, I had to put two teams on to respond to the 27 requisitions, our duty of disclosure and also the subpoenas and summonses received from the defence. 28 29 30 So when something like that happens, the numbers Q. 31 available for the team's ordinary work are reduced? 32 Α. Yes. 33 34 Q. And in the case of Warwick, that's the Family Court judges' matter? 35 36 Α. That's correct, yes, it is, yes. 37 38 That, I think, was the project or a task which Q. occupied a long time; is that correct? 39 40 Α. Quite a long time. 41 42 Q. Some years? 43 Α. I think the trial went for over a year. 44 45 More generally still, detective, if I can ask you Q. 46 this, how does a police officer become a member of the Homicide Squad in the first place? 47

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Well, there are two parts of it. Usually, they go 1 Α. 2 through the police station where they receive their 3 training as a detective, and they have to do a course, an 4 internal course, which is where you receive a designation. 5 And then you work for a number of years at a police 6 station. So you develop the skills, interviewing skills, statement-taking skills, knowledge in regard to forensics 7 and the like. And then you have to sit on - there is 8 9 a panel, a couple of inspectors. There is a series of 10 questions that are asked for applicants to homicide. So it is an application process and we vet the applicants that 11 are coming to the Homicide Squad. 12 13 14 Q. So an applicant would have already been working as 15 a detective for some years? Yes, that's correct. 16 Α. 17 18 Q. And then would choose --19 Α. Then would choose. 20 -- to apply to become a member of the Homicide Squad? 21 Q. 22 Yes, either the Homicide Squad or the unsolved or Α. 23 both. So they make the application and they will tick 24 a box, "I would like to go to the Homicide Squad", or alternatively "I'd like to go to the unsolved" or both. 25 26 27 Q. And what training is provided to Homicide Squad 28 officers as distinct from other police officers or other 29 detectives? There is another internal force course called the 30 Α. 31 homicide course which is run over about a 10-day period. 32 So they call in experts, pathologists and they have mock 33 crime scenes where you assess crime scenes, and then they 34 have case studies that relate to jobs that police have 35 done, and they are presented by experienced detectives and they just - just gives them exposure to homicide itself. 36 37 And that's all - that course is available to the wider 38 detective community, for lack of a better word. 39 40 Q. If they are interested? 41 Α. If they want to do it. 42 43 So apart from that course that you have just Q. mentioned, is it really a matter of learning on the job? 44 45 Yes, that's correct, sir, yes. Α. 46 47 Q. And was the situation any different from what you have

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just described - if so, in general terms, how was it 1 2 different - in earlier times, appreciating our remit is 3 from 1970 onwards? 4 I can probably only talk from 1985. Certainly Α. 5 education and training is much better now than it was when 6 I went through the process itself. 7 8 And the education and training, though, consists of Q. 9 the course that you mentioned? 10 Α. The course - there's also degree courses with Charles Sturt University, bachelor of policing in investigation, 11 and the like, which is a correspondence course that is run 12 over two years, or four years, sorry. 13 14 15 Q. Is that compulsory or voluntary? That's voluntary but a lot of the detectives have done 16 Α. 17 that. 18 19 Q. Is that - it's done by correspondence? 20 Α. By correspondence, yes, sir. 21 22 You have been in your position - I thought the head, Q. 23 but in fact one of three heads - since March 2017? 24 Α. That's correct, sir, yes. 25 26 You yourself, according to something that I have been Q. 27 given, which is very short, have had a career which has 28 included a long time as a detective; since 1990 you have 29 been a detective? 30 That's correct, sir, yes. Α. 31 32 And you have had experience in various local area Q. 33 commands and, according to what I have been given, in the 34 Homicide Squad since 2009? I - yes, and the Fraud Squad. From 2009 to 2013 I was 35 Α. a detective sergeant at the Homicide Squad, then I was 36 37 promoted to a duty officer in the city, which I did for 38 three years, five months and six days. 39 40 Q. That's a very precise recollection. All right, thank you. Who was your predecessor? Who has been in 41 charge of the Unsolved Homicide Team, if you know, since it 42 started in 2004 through to 2017 when you came into the 43 44 position? 45 I know a Detective Inspector Jeff Jarratt was there, Α. 46 in the mid-2000s, Detective Chief Inspector Dennis Bray; Detective Chief Inspector Pamela Young; Detective Chief 47

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Inspector John Lehman; Detective Chief Inspector Chris 1 2 Olen. And that's pretty much --3 4 And since 2004, has there been the set-up that you Q. 5 mentioned where there are the three branches? 6 Α. No. Initially, the Unsolved Homicide Team was set up 7 as a recommendation from Mr Abernethy following an inquest into the disappearance of Gordana Kotevski, up in the Lake 8 9 Macquarie area, and they wanted a review role initially, so 10 unsolved matters were reviewed between then and 2008, and 11 in 2008 they formed the investigative wing in the Unsolved Homicide Team, and they had various regions - north region, 12 west region and south region. That were devolved in 2013, 13 14 so it is a centralised investigation unit now, sir. 15 And I think when it was established in 2004, for the 16 Q. 17 first four years or so, its function was not to investigate but to conduct reviews only; is that right? 18 19 Α. That's correct, sir, yes. 20 And then in about 2008 the remit of the unit was 21 Q. 22 expanded to include a capability of reinvestigation? 23 Yes, that's right, sir, yes. Α. 24 25 Q. And I will ask you in a minute - perhaps I will ask 26 you now: how many files of unsolved homicides do you have 27 on the books now, today? Because we have divided them up into categories, we 28 Α. 29 had 477 undetected, which is the ones that we've focused on, and there is also another category, unresolved. 30 Thev 31 are matters where they have been acquitted at trial but not 32 due to mental health or defence, self-defence. Then we've 33 got undetermined. They are matters referred to us by the 34 coroner where the cause of death may not be known and it 35 could be death by misadventure or suicide or possible homicide. 36 37 38 Q. So just unpack that again for me, if you wouldn't The 477 is what? 39 mind. Is just undetected. So that's unsolved matters that 40 Α. are homicides, that are identified as homicides, that we 41 haven't - when I say "undetected", the person of interest 42 43 may be known but there hasn't been sufficient evidence to put the matter before the court. 44 45 46 Q. And then there are two other categories? 47 Α. Three other categories. Unresolved are, as I said,

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the matters where they have been acquitted at trial or -1 2 but not including, as I said, mental health or 3 self-defence. Undeterminable are matters, as I said, that 4 relate to perhaps suicide or death by misadventure or 5 possibly homicide, but they have been referred to us by the 6 coroner. The fourth category is solved, and that may be 7 warrants that have been issued for the arrest of someone 8 who has skipped the country and the like, sir. 9 10 Q. So the first category, unsolved or unresolved, is 477, 11 and putting aside the solved ones for the moment, how many 12 more are in the --Could I just refer to the notes so I can give you an 13 Α. accurate figure? 14 15 Q. Certainly, yes, of course. Thank you. 16 17 Α. So in the unsolved category, from 1970 to 2000 - we've broken them up into years or - there are 361 unsolved. 18 19 They're the undetected. Between 2001 and 2014, there's 116. So it's a total of 477 unsolved matters. Unresolved, 20 there's 94 for the period 1970 to 2000. 21 22 23 Q. Sorry, the first category --24 Α. That's called unsolved, but it should be undetected. Our model is based on the UK, the Met Police model, so --25 26 27 Q. I see: 28 They refer to unsolved as undetected. It's confusing, Α. 29 I know. 30 It is confusing, thank you. So that's undetected 477. 31 Q. 32 Then we get to unsolved --33 Α. Unresolved. 34 Unresolved, sorry, yes. 35 Q. For the period 1970 to 2000 there is 94, and the 36 Α. 37 period 2001 to 2014, there are 22. So that's a total of 116. For undetermined, for 1970 to 2000, there's 49. And 38 for 2001 to 2014, there's 16. A total of 65. And for 39 solved, there's 80 for 1970 to 2000, and 2001 to 2014, 40 there's 20, and that's a total of 100. 41 42 43 We also have another category, not homicide, which is a matter which was reviewed that has been taken off our 44 45 books because it was determined not to be homicide. That's 46 just one matter. So there's a total of 759 minus the 1, so 47 758.

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1 2 MR GRAY: Thank you. Commissioner, Mr Mykkeltveldt has 3 told me that he, or perhaps Detective Chief Inspector 4 Leggat, has prepared a document which contains much of the 5 information that I was just asking you about in written, 6 organised form, and it is a document that can be provided 7 either now or shortly. 8 9 THE COMMISSIONER: I think it would be desirable for us to 10 get it, and without delaying too much, it might be desirable that we have a break while Mr Gray has a look at 11 it, because it might or might not shorten the time that the 12 detective is here or narrow the compass of questions. So 13 14 if it's not inconvenient, it can be handed over. Do vou know if someone could send it to us electronically as well? 15 16 17 MR MYKKELTVEDT: Yes, I was going to propose that that 18 occur. 19 20 THE COMMISSIONER: Why don't you have someone, at their 21 convenience, send it to us electronically and then a copy 22 can be provided. 23 24 Mr Gray, I'm in your hands to some extent. Do you 25 want to have a break while you have a look at it to see 26 how, if at all --27 28 MR GRAY: I suspect it might be useful, even if the break 29 is only five or 10 minutes. 30 I can indicate that the component of the 31 MR MYKKELTVEDT: 32 document is only four or five pages dealing with these 33 types of matters. 34 35 THE COMMISSIONER: When you say "these types of matters", you mean unsolved homicides? 36 37 38 MR MYKKELTVEDT: The introductory questions of the type 39 that Mr Gray is asking. 40 41 THE COMMISSIONER: That would be tremendously helpful. I think rather than continuing for the moment, if you would 42 43 be kind enough to provide a copy, we can get it multiplied here, and then if I have a short break for a few moments, 44 45 and then, Mr Gray, you might let me know, having looked at 46 it, where we go from here. 47

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MR GRAY: Certainly. 1 2 THE COMMISSIONER: 3 Sorry, can I just, while we are Q. 4 all poised, ask this, detective: you are aware, I presume, 5 of, in broad terms, anyway, the two components of the Terms 6 of Reference - one which obviously directs itself to - I'm 7 being presumptuous, but I take it you have had a look at the Terms of Reference? 8 9 I read them the other night, sir, but --Α. 10 11 Q. No. no. Α. I have read them. 12 13 14 Q. The first group that I'm meant to look at is the manner and cause of death in all cases that remain unsolved 15 from the 88 deaths which are the schedule to Parrabell. 16 17 We've already got some documents from the police which indicate roughly 24 or 25 of those remain unsolved, the 18 19 rest are solved. Of the balance, when we have this break, 20 I wouldn't mind if you re-familiarised yourself with the Terms of Reference, because I need to get a handle on, as 21 22 does Mr Gray and others, whether or not section B of the 23 Terms of Reference actually includes the 23 or the 88, and Mr Gray will, and I hope I'm not stealing his thunder, but 24 I just need to be quite clear about whether the group that 25 26 might be seen as unsolved out of Parrabell, if I can use that description, are also included in the balance of the 27 28 unsolved that we are discussing. We need to sort that out 29 in due course. 30 31 I will go off the bench for a little while, if that 32 document can be supplied. And Mr Gray, you might, or 33 someone might, let me know when you are ready to resume. 34 I will adjourn. You can sit down and make yourself 35 comfortable in the meantime, detective, and I'll adjourn. 36 37 SHORT ADJOURNMENT 38 THE COMMISSIONER: Detective. come back into the witness 39 40 box, thank you very much. 41 42 MR GRAY: Commissioner, if it is convenient, I will simply 43 tender the document that has been helpfully provided and 44 then I will ask the detective a few questions about it. 45 46 THE COMMISSIONER: I will mark it because of its content 47 as a confidential exhibit. Why don't I just mark that

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exhibit 1, confidential exhibit 1. We can deal with the 1 2 others later in the day. Thank you. 3 4 CONFIDENTIAL EXHIBIT #1 DOCUMENT PROVIDED BY DETECTIVE CHIEF INSPECTOR LEGGAT 5 6 7 MR MYKKELTVEDT: If it is convenient, I can deal with the other exhibits now, having taken some instructions. 8 9 10 THE COMMISSIONER: All right. Let's do that, certainly. 11 MR MYKKELTVEDT: The Commissioner's position is that there 12 is no objection to documents - well, in the bundle that 13 14 I have, that is, the first document, the Terms of Reference for the Special Commission of Inquiry. Of course, that 15 document is perfectly open. There is no objection to that 16 remaining so. The same is true of the full Parrabell 17 18 report, which is the second document in the bundle I have. 19 20 THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you. 21 22 MR MYKKELTVEDT: The third document is the case summaries. and of course that document contains a range of sensitive 23 matters, including, for example, the identities of suspects 24 and the status of investigation, so the Commission would 25 26 seek that that remain confidential. 27 THE COMMISSIONER: That's document number 3. 28 29 MR MYKKELTVEDT: Yes. The fourth and fifth documents are 30 31 items of correspondence, and there is no objection to those 32 being open exhibits. The only note I would make is that 33 the document behind tab 5, being an email from Ms Claudia Pendlebury, includes, among other things, 34 35 a mobile telephone number, so I would seek that that be 36 suppressed. 37 38 THE COMMISSIONER: Rather than let in bits and pieces. what I will do is I will mark exhibits - you correct me if 39 I'm wrong - documents 1 and 2 can be open exhibits, as it 40 41 were, 1 and 2. Document 3 will be confidential exhibit 2: document 4 I will mark as confidential exhibit 3, and the 42 43 chronology you don't have a problem with except for the mobile numbers? 44 45 MR MYKKELTVEDT: 46 Sorry, it is the email. 47

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1 THE COMMISSIONER: I think I will keep the correspondence 2 confidential for the moment. So if we make that 3 confidential exhibit number 4. 4 EXHIBIT #1 TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE SPECIAL COMMISSION OF 5 6 INQUIRY 7 EXHIBIT #2 STRIKE FORCE PARRABELL REPORT 8 9 10 CONFIDENTIAL EXHIBIT #2 CASE SUMMARIES DOCUMENT 11 CONFIDENTIAL EXHIBIT #3 LETTER, UNDATED BUT SENT ON 4 MAY 12 FROM THE CROWN SOLICITOR'S OFFICE TO THE OFFICE OF THE 13 14 GENERAL COUNSEL, NSW POLICE FORCE 15 CONFIDENTIAL EXHIBIT #4 EMAIL DATED 27 MAY 2022 FROM 16 MS CLAUDIA PENDLEBURY 17 18 19 THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, Mr Gray. 20 MR GRAY: Detective, do you have the document in 21 Q. 22 front of vou? 23 Α. Yes. 24 25 Q. Can I ask you a few questions about it. Some of it is 26 essentially setting out material that we have covered this 27 morning. At the top of the second page we have the four categories that you told us about just before the break? 28 29 Α. Yes, sir; that's correct. 30 31 Q. Then there is a heading "UHT responsibilities", and there are three bullet points describing cases which will 32 33 be monitored, reviewed and reinvestigated in certain 34 circumstances? That's correct. 35 Α. 36 37 Q. The first one, where there has been an inquest and the 38 coroner has referred, that's one category. 39 The second one is selected historical murder and 40 suspicious missing persons cases prior to the formation of 41 the UHT - that is to say, prior to 2004; correct? 42 43 That's correct, sir, yes. Α. 44 45 Q. When the word "selected" is used, what does that mean? 46 Α. What it means is after a review of the matter itself, so going through all the brief items, forensic potential 47

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and the like, a determination is made as to whether the 1 2 matter will be reinvestigated by one of our investigative 3 teams. 4 5 I see on the next page there is a heading "Review", as Q. 3. and there is quite a detailed list of steps involved in 6 7 the review process; is that right? 8 That's correct, sir, yes. Α. 9 10 Q. You may only be able to do this in a broad-brush way, 11 but of the numbers that you gave us this morning, which are indeed set out at the bottom of page 2, 477 unsolved and 12 various numbers in the other categories, how many have been 13 14 reviewed and - that have resulted in a decision to 15 reinvestigate? Well, recently we've had 11 matters that have been 16 Α. 17 reinvestigated, resulting in - or 13, sorry - 11 resulting in charges, and matters before the Supreme Court. 18 19 That's since 2019. But a ballpark figure for the rest of 20 the time frame, I couldn't provide you, sir. 21 22 Q. There would be some of the 477 - well, I will go back a step. Would all 477 have been subject of a review? 23 24 No, I have figures - we have 43 outstanding for -Α. sorry, unsolved, which is the undetected, that's the first 25 category. 26 27 Q. 28 43? 29 Α. Outstanding. 30 31 Q. Which have not been reviewed? 32 Α. That haven't been reviewed. 33 34 Q. Is that because they are relatively recent or not because of that? 35 36 It is just the time that they take to review. Α. 37 A review can take three to six months by the time we go 38 through everything, looking for forensic opportunities and the like, but, yes, there are 43 outstanding undetected 39 matters that we haven't reviewed. 40 41 42 But again generally, are those 43 unreviewed because Q. they are relatively recent in the last few years or not 43 44 necessarily? 45 Not necessarily, no. Α. 46 47 Q. So 434 have been the subject of a review?

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Α. That's correct, sir, yes. 1 2 3 Q. How many of those have resulted in reinvestigations? 4 I can't give you a ballpark figure. I can - as Α. 5 I said, we have had 11 strike forces since 2019 that 6 resulted in 13 individuals being charged. 7 8 Q. Eleven strike forces meaning 11 deaths, 11 murders? 9 Α. That's correct, sir, yes. 10 11 Q. I will have to come back to that sort of subject 12 matter a bit in another way. 13 Α. That's all right. 14 15 Q. Just looking at this document again - I will come back to the tracking file, if I may, when I - no, perhaps I will 16 17 do it now, I will try to use the document efficiently. Just go back a step, before I get to the tracking file. 18 19 Prior to 2004 when the Unsolved Homicide Team was formed, 20 what happened with deaths that had not been solved? They may have remained with the case officer, the 21 Α. 22 original investigator; they may have gone to the coroner, 23 so there is a good chance that they would have gone to the 24 Coroner's Court for an inquest. But to my knowledge, there was - we didn't have the Unsolved Homicide Team in place, 25 26 so there was no secondary review of those investigations. 27 28 Q. So apart from those that went to a coronial inquiry, 29 which I guess would be most of them --30 Yes, sir, the bulk of them go to inquest. Α. 31 32 Q. Then the coronial inquiry might result in one of 33 a number of ways, but it might lead to a prosecution or it 34 might not? 35 Α. That's correct, yes, sir. 36 37 Q. And if it didn't, what happens to the file? 38 Α. Now or prior to 2004? 39 40 Q. Prior to 2004, I'm sorry? That's a good question. I don't know. 41 Α. 42 43 Q. Who would know? 44 Α. The people that were in charge then, of the particular 45 They remain open, the cases, so as intelligence cases. 46 comes in, they would have reviewed that intelligence and 47 investigated any lines of inquiry that were opened up from

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that, and that would have been the original investigator. 1 2 3 Q. In a police station somewhere in --4 Might be in a police station or it might have been the Α. 5 Homicide Squad or the Robbery Squad. 6 7 Q. And if the case had, as it were, gone cold - and I use that term loosely for the moment because I realise cold 8 9 case is a term of art otherwise, but if a case had reached 10 that point where no progress was being made and it seemed 11 to have led to a dead end, physically, what would happen to the file? 12 It would go into archives or it would remain at the 13 Α. 14 police station. That was the process that was adopted back 15 then, sir. 16 17 Q. I will come in a minute to when computerised record-keeping came into prominence, but certainly in the 18 19 1970s, at least, and perhaps into the 80s, record-keeping 20 would have been almost entirely paper? That's correct. They would have used running sheets 21 Α. 22 and the like, and it would have been just archived. 23 And "archived" means what, it goes to a warehouse 24 Q. 25 somewhere? 26 It goes to a warehouse - it's a secure warehouse. All Α. 27 the investigative papers go to that warehouse and they are 28 all documented, sir. 29 Now, before I got this document, I was going to ask 30 Q. 31 you, as at today, what is the system or procedure within 32 your team for dealing with the 477, the unsolved or 33 undetected cases? I see that, in your document, some parts 34 of the answer to that question are provided. In 35 particular, I gather from what appears on page 2 under the heading "UHT Responsibilities", and then what appears on 36 37 page 3, that in some cases, perhaps most - perhaps you can 38 tell us - a review happens and it takes the form of what is described at the top of page 3? The triage process; is 39 40 that right? That's the first part of the process, sir. That's 41 Α. 42 determining whether the matter should be reviewed, and 43 perhaps I should explain that process. 44 45 Please, yes, do. Q. The triage process, our review team attempt to 46 Α. retrieve all the documentation related to the 47

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investigation, so they want to establish that there is 1 2 a brief of evidence, original statements from witnesses, 3 perhaps records of interview from offenders. They also 4 want to see if the exhibits are available for forensic 5 opportunities, and that's unfortunately not always the 6 case. Exhibits may not be available. Then you also have 7 to consider things such as is the suspect still alive, the availability of witnesses - are they still alive, and what 8 9 information? So if there is limited information, it 10 doesn't proceed to review. 11 Q. It doesn't even proceed to review? The triage --12 The triage is like a summary, like a precis of the 13 Α. 14 facts, and then they look into various issues, like, as I said, the availability of witnesses. It's just - it's 15 the prelude to the review process itself. 16 17 18 So when you said earlier that there were 43 that Q. 19 hadn't been reviewed, did that - I understood from when you 20 were explaining that earlier that indeed all cases would be 21 reviewed. But in fact that's not --22 Some cases may not be reviewed because there's no Α. 23 material available. For instance, some of the material 24 from Parrabell, Strike Force Parrabell, has been placed on to our tracking file, which is the Excel spreadsheet we use 25 26 to monitor the unsolved matters, and there are no 27 investigative papers for some of that material. So very 28 hard to review it if you don't have the papers or any 29 statements or --30 31 Q. And that would be because they have been lost or what? 32 I can't provide an explanation. I assume that - yes, Α. 33 could have been a myriad of reasons. They could be lost, 34 they could have been destroyed. I can't - sorry. I can't offer the exact explanation. 35 36 37 Q. Who conducts the triage process? 38 Α. The review team. 39 40 Q. The same people who would then conduct the review? So the review is allocated - we wanted to get 41 Α. No. through all the reviews recently to - and a review is akin 42 43 to a coronial statement, we want a detailed statement of 44 all the facts, all the evidence, forensic opportunities and 45 So they are allocated to either unsolved the like. 46 homicide detectives, more recently we've been allocating them to experienced detectives in the field, detective 47

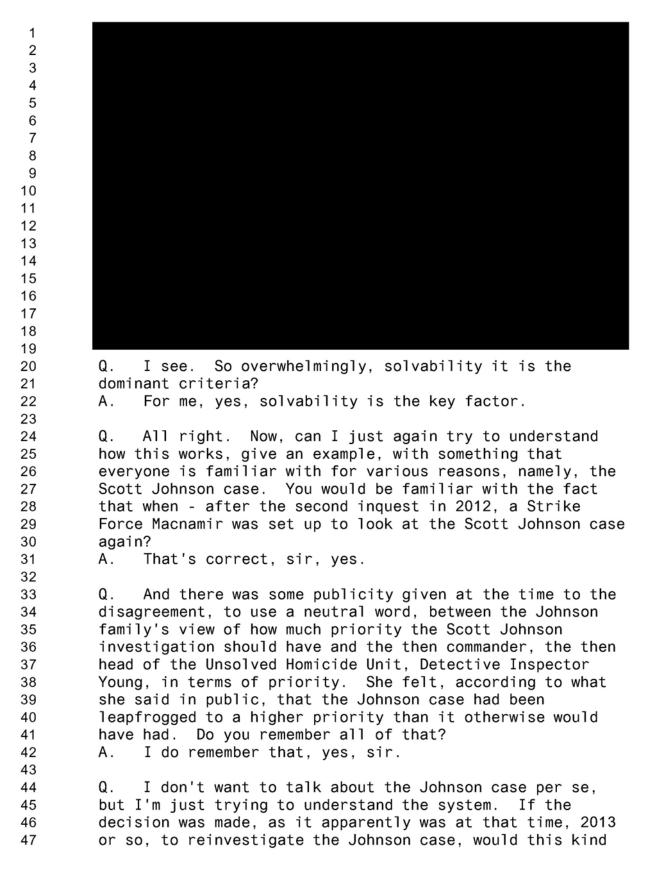
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sergeants, to conduct the review, so we can go through as many of them as we can and look for investigative potential. Q. Take an example: supposing a case is reviewed early in the timeline of the Unsolved Homicide Team post 2008, once reinvestigations were part of the capacity. Yes. Α. Q. So a case is reviewed in 2008 and a decision is made, "Yes, this should be reinvestigated." Such a reinvestigation then unfolds? Now it's prioritised. So we look at - there is a list Α. of cases and there is a selection process for those cases based on solvability, public interest and the like. So if a case scores higher than another case, then that will be given priority for reinvestigation. 

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of scaling or weighting or prioritising system have 1 2 ordinarily applied? 3 This is recently implemented. We implemented this Α. 4 when I started there. We wanted to rejig the whole review 5 process. So this has only been in place since 2017/2018. But there would have been a priority process that they 6 7 adopted back then. 8 9 Q. There would have, no doubt. 10 Α. Solvability would have been the key factor, sir. 11 No doubt - not "no doubt" - if there were a number of 12 Q. cases that had been reviewed and that had been determined 13 14 that the solvability factor was quite promising and that, 15 therefore, an investigation was warranted, there still has to be a prioritising in terms of which one gets done first, 16 17 I presume? That's correct, sir. 18 Α. 19 20 Q. How is that done? The higher the score, the greater chance that the 21 Α. 22 matter would be taken on. But also bearing in mind that 23 the teams would be working on matters as well, so as soon 24 as a team becomes available after that investigation is 25 finished, they will move on to another one. 26 27 Q. All right. Thank you. Once a case comes to the 28 Unsolved Homicide Unit, is there any remaining role for the 29 detectives in the police force generally who had previously 30 been working on the case? 31 Yes, sir. They will be consulted. On occasion, they Α. 32 will be involved in the reinvestigation. But basically, we 33 take control of the whole matter and reinvestigate it, look 34 at all the investigative papers that are there on the holdings - so the statements and records of interview and 35 what forensic testing was conducted - and we'll basically 36 37 look at the review document that has been prepared and then 38 we'll proceed from there. 39 Now, I understand that in about 2018, something called 40 Q. the Unsolved Homicide framework was introduced. Is that 41 42 a concept you know about? 43 When you talk about the unsolved framework, that's in Α. 44 regard to the review process, is it, sir? 45 46 I don't know. I wanted to ask you. I've been told Q. 47 that something called a framework was introduced in 2018 to

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accommodate the way in which the homicides, the 500 or so 1 2 homicides, would be --3 That's correct, sir. That's the review - the improved Α. 4 review process that I was describing to you. 5 6 Q. Is it in writing? Is this framework a document that 7 we can see? 8 Yes, there are the standard operating procedures which Α. 9 introduced the triage document and all the documents - an 10 instruction sheet for the reviewer plus a sample review document, forensic examination, exhibit lists and the like. 11 12 13 Q. So what did you call it, the document? 14 Α. Standard operating procedures. 15 Standard operating procedures - is that a document 16 Q. 17 that we could be provided with? Yes, sir, of course. 18 Α. 19 20 MR GRAY: Thank you. I will make arrangements for that to 21 be done. 22 23 THE COMMISSIONER: All right. 24 25 MR GRAY: Q. A note that I have been given, which may or 26 may not be accurate but you can tell me, is that unsolved 27 cases are reviewed every six months. Is that correct? 28 No, sir, it's not. Initially, that was the concept Α. 29 that the then commander came up with, but it is an impractical proposition, given that the reviews can take 30 three, four, five months. For instance, Strike Force 31 32 Reddan, the Leonard Warwick matter, had 199 archive boxes 33 to go through. It is just impractical to review matters 34 every six months. 35 I'm not surprised to hear that. So realistically, 36 Q. 37 even though the answer may not be able to be given in one sentence, how often are the 500 cases reviewed - 477 cases 38 reviewed? 39 40 Α. A lot of the cases that we have reviewed recently had been previously reviewed in that period 2004 to 2008. We 41 42 just wanted to have a look at them again and complete, as 43 I said, the document akin to a coronial statement, and we 44 wanted to see what improvements in forensics were available 45 for exhibits that are there and whether they could be sent off and be retested. 46 47

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1 So this is an exercise that has been done under your Q. 2 watch in the last five years? 3 Yes, sir. Α. 4 5 Q. And what about between 2008 and 2017? 6 Α. They would have been doing the same thing. They would 7 have been looking at the review documents and seeing if there were forensic opportunities, a change in 8 9 circumstances between perhaps the person of interest and 10 other witnesses, and present us with opportunities to adopt 11 covert measures. 12 13 So does that mean that in the last five years, all Q. 14 cases have had either a first or, indeed, a second review? I couldn't say whether they have had a first and/or 15 Α. 16 second but the numbers I have given you have been reviewed. 17 Some of the quality of the first reviews was substandard, 18 and/or was of an excellent standard, so they didn't need 19 to - it was just a matter of going back over them and 20 saying, "Yes, that's up to standard and that's good". 21 22 Q. If the review had, as it were, led to a dead end but 23 was of a good standard, the dead end would remain? 24 Α. Pretty much, sir, yes. 25 26 And with such an example, would there then be another Q. 27 review to be expected some time in the next five years 28 or --29 Α. There could be. It all depends on what lines of inquiry, what forensics are available, and the availability 30 31 again of witnesses and the like, because we have a forensic disadvantage with a lot of these matters, taking them to 32 33 court, the lapse of time between the events and so on, and 34 the presentation to the Supreme Court. 35 But in terms of an old matter, let's say one from the 36 Q. 37 1970s or the 1980s, being brought out into the light and 38 a review team looking at it again, does that happen, really, only when some new event happens like some call 39 40 from Crime Stoppers or somehow something triggers it, or is 41 it done in some systematic way? 42 It could be from something from Crime Stoppers. Α. For 43 instance, we reviewed the Bronwynne Richardson matter from 44 1973, which was the sexual assault and murder of a young 45 girl down in Albury, and we took it to charge and then the DPP no-billed it, and then we took it to the coroner and 46 the coroner referred it, or suggested, on the balance of 47

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probabilities, that the people that we'd nominated as the 1 2 murderers were responsible for the murder. 3 4 Q. What prompted that? How did that one from 1973 --5 That was undertaken by south region, when we had Α. 6 a south region unsolved team. It was one of the matters 7 that was long term and obviously the older they are, the less likely that you're going to have witnesses available, 8 so we wanted to make sure that we had covered all the 9 10 grounds for it. 11 But why did that come to be one that was looked at at 12 Q. 13 a11? 14 Α. Because it was on our books, sir. It was just a matter of selecting that job. And then, "Yes, there are 15 some opportunities with this and we can give them 16 17 a reinvestigation." 18 19 Q. So all cases that are on the books sooner or later do 20 get looked at in that way? 21 Α. Yes, sir. 22 23 Q. Now, are there investigative tools available to the Unsolved Homicide Unit that are not ordinarily available to 24 25 investigators outside your unit? 26 Some of the methods we adopt, the average detective Α. 27 probably wouldn't use those methods because they're time they're labour intensive, they take quite some time to get 28 29 a result with - for instance, an undercover operation may before you get a result. But 30 take 31 forensically, we - look, we are constantly presenting anything with an exhibit, we constantly present to Dr Bruce 32 33 at DAL or FASS for him --34 35 Q. At what, sorry? FASS, it's a term --36 Α. 37 38 Q. F-A-S-S? 39 Α. Yes, sir. 40 41 Q. Remind me what that stands for. 42 I don't know what the acronym stands for, sir. Α. 43 Q. Forensic & Analytical Science Services, perhaps? 44 45 Α. Thank you. 46 47 Q. Anyway, what happens with FASS?

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Sir, we have what we call a major crime review, so we 1 Α. 2 might have a look at all the exhibits again, developments 3 in technology. There may be an unidentified profile that's 4 on one of the exhibits, and we've had some success with 5 familial DNA recently and at identifying an offender 6 through familial DNA. Covert measures, telephone 7 intercepts and surveillance devices. 8 9 Q. But generally speaking, apart from perhaps more time 10 available, the resources available to the Unsolved Homicide 11 Unit are the same as available to the police --Pretty much. It's just the costs associated with 12 Α. a lot of these investigations, maybe the local police 13 14 station, it would be beyond. 15 Now, how long does a case stay within the Unsolved 16 Q. 17 Homicide Unit? Does there come a point of time even within your unit where it is archived or otherwise removed? 18 19 Α. No. The cases always remain open. When I say "open", 20 if intelligence comes in on the case, that's assessed. I think in that document I have referred to Strike 21 22 Force Palace, which is on our e@gle.i system, which is a system for monitoring all major investigations. We 23 24 record all intelligence reports that come in, even for the Wanda Beach murders that occurred back in 1966. 25 26 I did see Strike Force Palace there somewhere, I just 27 Q. 28 can't find it for the moment. 29 Α. It's on page 3, at the top of the page. 30 31 Q. And tell us what that is? Strike force --Strike Force Palace covers all matters that are on our 32 Α. 33 tracking file, all intelligence coming in between 1970 and 34 2000, and then we've got Strike Force Palace 2 that covers all intelligence from 2001 to the present. 35 36 37 Q. So it's a strike force which is --38 Α. Purely for intelligence. 39 40 Q. Technical or organisational? Yes, sir. 41 Α. 42 43 Q. In its content? So we can have a ready reckoner in regard to each -44 Α. 45 each homicide or missing person has a category, so all the 46 intelligence relating to that individual victim goes in 47 under that category.

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1 2 Q. Now, do the officers in the Unsolved Homicide Unit 3 themselves undergo any particular specialist training? 4 The homicide course. It's based on experience, too, Α. 5 sir. Like, have they investigated a homicide before? And we've got some very experienced detectives there, detective 6 senior constables, with 25 to 30 years' experience, and 7 they're obsessed - well, not "obsessed", but that's their 8 9 passion. 10 11 Q. They apply for the job or they're selected? They apply. Some of them have been there 15 years or 12 Α. since the inception of the Unsolved Homicide Unit, or have 13 14 come from the floor. When I say "the floor", from the 15 on-floor teams. So where they're - they have a regular turnover in investigating homicides. 16 17 18 Just some practical questions about the material held. Q. 19 As we mentioned earlier, back in the 1970s and perhaps well 20 into the 80s or even later - you can tell us - most of the 21 files concerning unsolved homicides would have been in 22 paper form? 23 That's correct, sir, yes. Α. 24 25 Q. That is hard copy. Paper records, files, occurrence 26 pads, all of those things? 27 Α. Running sheets. 28 29 Q. And the types of documents would include, I suppose, notebooks, running sheets, written statements, the P79A 30 31 form that goes to the coroner? 32 For homicides, yes, sir. Α. 33 34 For homicides I'm talking about, yes. And what other Q. typical documents would there be? 35 36 Statements, running sheets, records of interview. We Α. 37 might have something from the laboratories, whatever they 38 were called at that time. There's also a - I'm just trying to think of the term. It's like a precis of the 39 investigation itself that is included in the file. So some 40 are more complete than others and sometimes - yes. 41 42 Computerised record-keeping began to develop from the 43 Q. 44 police's point of view in the mid 80s? 45 Probably more in the 90s. In the 80s, they were still Å. 46 using paper copies. Up into the 90s they were still doing 47 the duplicate crime reporting. They developed the system

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called TIMS - and I don't know what the acronym stands for. 1 2 3 Q. T-I-M-S? 4 Yes, T-I-M-S, which was the first attempt at Α. 5 computerised recording of information. 6 7 Q. And that you think might have been in the 90s? It was definitely in the 1990s and it continued 8 Α. through until about 2001, when e@gle.i, which is - we're 9 10 still using today, it's a very - everything's uploaded on to e@gle.i, the statements, so they're scanned as a PDF and 11 placed on to the system. Everything. All of our 12 investigation notes, the text documents, call charge 13 14 records. 15 Since 2001? Q. 16 Since 2001. 17 Α. 18 19 Q. And TIMS was the predecessor or precursor to e@gle.i. 20 probably from the 1990s some time? 21 Α. Probably from the mid 1990s, sir. 22 So as you would know, many of the cases that are in 23 Q. 24 the 88 that Parrabell looked at, and including the 23 that are treated as unsolved, are from the 80s and early 90s. 25 26 So probably anything prior to TIMS is just going to be the 27 subject of hard copy records? 28 That's correct, sir. Yes. Α. 29 In cases like that, say something from 1985 or 1989, 30 Q. 31 say, that's in hard copy, has that subsequently been put on 32 to either TIMS or e@gle.i, more recently, or do they still 33 exist in hard copy form? 34 Still exist in hard copy form. When a matter from the Α. 35 80s is commenced or reinvestigated, the investigative papers are uploaded on to e@gle.i by the case officer. 36 37 38 Q. Inside your unit? Inside our unit. So they will go through a statement, 39 Α. they will process the information from the statement and 40 41 then upload it onto our e@gle.i system. 42 43 Q. In toto? Yes, everything is uploaded. 44 Α. 45 There's another computerised system known as COPS? 46 Q. Yes, sir. 47 Α.

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1 2 Q. I appreciate that that has a different function but in 3 brief could you tell us what COPS does? 4 Well, COPS is the mainframe system used by the police. Α. 5 So if you report a stealing or a break and enter, I think 6 it's - I think dot matrix is the system, it's still a very 7 old system and it's being modified at the moment but it will record all details of the victim, potential persons of 8 9 interest, a narrative in regard to what has happened with 10 the incident, and then there's associated factors with it 11 as well. So there will be - there's a number of fields that are on the system that you have to complete for the 12 matter to be verified. So it has to be verified by 13 14 a senior officer once it's put on. 15 And what's the interrelationship between COPS and 16 Q. 17 e@gle.i or previously between COPS and TIMS? 18 I don't think there is an interaction between the two. Α. 19 We have to interrogate COPS to - so, for instance, if 20 someone comes up as a potential suspect or a witness, you have to retrieve the information off COPS and put it up on 21 22 to e@gle.i. 23 24 Q. So they're two parallel --25 Α. Yes. One was developed in the early 90s, so it's not 26 compatible with our e@gle.i, which is the major crime 27 investigative tool. 28 29 Q. But with a murder or a death, a homicide, would there be both a COPS trail and an e@gle.i trail? 30 31 Yes, there is. Because even through - right through Α. 32 to the charging process, when we charge someone with 33 a criminal offence, that's recorded under COPS with what 34 they call a H number, and there's a reference. So we put that information up onto our e@gle.i system as well. 35 36 37 Q. From COPS? From COPS. 38 Α. 39 40 Q. So they can talk to each other? No, they can't talk. We do it manually. 41 Α. 42 43 Q. And when you say "we" there, that's not just unsolved 44 homicides? 45 That's across the board. They are improving the Α. 46 system, they're developing a new system at the moment, 47 I don't know when that will be up.

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1 2 So turning to the 477, of those 477, do we understand Q. 3 that any of them prior to about the mid 1990s would have 4 been only paper, whereas anything post about the mid 1990s 5 would have been on TIMS and then e@gle.i? 6 Α. That's correct. Provided it was a homicide. 7 Q. 8 I'm talking about homicides? 9 Α. Major crime investigation, yes. 10 11 Q. But subsequently, in respect of any of the 477, even if they are from the early 1970s period, if they have been 12 the subject of a review and a reinvestigation, then 13 14 everything that was in paper has been put on to e@gle.i? 15 Α. Not for a review. For a reinvestigation. So once the reinvestigation starts, they start uploading the material 16 17 on to e@gle.i. 18 19 Q. Now, that brings me, I think, to the tracking file. 20 It's a kind of electronic or digital index or catalogue, is 21 it. of --22 It's an Excel spreadsheet. Α. 23 24 Q. -- everything you have? That's correct. 25 Α. 26 27 Q. We don't yet have it here at the Commission, but 28 I take it from what you said earlier that you're happy to 29 provide it? That's correct. Yes, of course. 30 Α. 31 32 Q. What should we ask for, just the tracking file? 33 Α. The tracking file, yes. 34 35 How often is it updated? Q. Whenever a matter is referred to us via the coroner, 36 Α. 37 they will put the details up on to the tracking file. If 38 a strike force is initiated for any of the matters, the details of the strike force plus the OIC - the officer in 39 40 charge - will be placed on the tracking file. 41 42 Q. Are you familiar with the National Homicide Monitoring Program? 43 44 Α. Yes and no. 45 What's the "yes" part? 46 Q. Well, I've heard of it. Sorry, I'm more focused on 47 Α.

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what we're doing rather than statistical. 1 2 3 No, fair enough. It's something, though, that's Q. 4 maintained, I'm sure you know, at the Australian Institute 5 of Criminology. Do you know that? 6 Α. Yes, I did know that. 7 8 It presumably, as far as I can tell from what I have Q. read, receives information, statistics, from the various 9 10 police forces around the country, including NSW Police Force. And what part of NSW Police Force feeds that 11 information about homicides to the Australian Institute of 12 13 Criminology? 14 Each squad within State Crime have an intelligence Α. 15 unit usually run by an inspector. That information is 16 compiled by them and disseminated to the section you just mentioned. 17 18 It seems in some of the literature that we've looked 19 Q. 20 at that from the mid 1990s perhaps, according to one source that we have looked at, the data that has been provided 21 22 from New South Wales to the National Homicide Monitoring 23 Program, has included a notation as to possible homosexual hate-related - are you familiar with whether that is so or 24 25 not? 26 Α. I'm not familiar with that. I don't - no, sir, I'm 27 not. 28 29 Q. I gather - tell me if this is right: is it right that in your systems, including the tracking file, is there any 30 31 aspect of it which records the possibility of whether 32 a death or murder may have been a hate-related crime? 33 Α. No. sir. 34 35 So in order to form an assessment as to whether such Q. a death may have had such a factor applicable to it, one 36 37 would need to go to the contents of the file? 38 That's correct, sir, yes. Α. 39 40 Q. I will come back to that in a couple of particular 41 respects. 42 43 Your Honour, I see the time. I'm quessing the MR GRAY: adjournment we had earlier was sufficient. 44 45 46 THE COMMISSIONER: I think it is. Do you want a break? 47

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1 THE WITNESS: No, I'm fine, sir. 2 3 THE COMMISSIONER: We'll keep going. 4 5 MR GRAY: Q. The second general topic I want to ask you 6 about, detective, is just methodology that police use 7 generally, both now and at earlier times, when there's a death, when there's a homicide. In other words, I will 8 9 need to break it down, I think, into what the protocols and 10 procedures are today on the one hand and what they were at various times dating back to the beginning of the period 11 that we're looking at. So, starting with the situation 12 today, police are informed of a death. It might be 13 14 a homicide so the police need to respond. Could you talk 15 us through what happens? 16 Well, any death, detectives are now called to. Α. Okay. 17 That's a direction from the state coroner, that all deaths 18 reportable to the coroner have to be attended to by 19 a detective so they can assess the matter accurately and 20 make sure everything is done. But for a homicide, speaking 21 from experience, the main thing is to preserve the crime 22 scene, to identify witnesses, to have a log of who is 23 entering and leaving the crime scene, identifying potential 24 suspects, identifying secondary crime scenes. There may be a secondary crime scene, so we have the primary and the 25 26 secondary. There would also be CCTV canvass and a canvass 27 of the area for witnesses. Someone may have 28 seen something - a neighbour; shopkeepers may have CCTV 29 identifying the last movements of the victims, which is crucial, and that's done with all the jobs we look at. 30 31 looking at the last movements of the victim; associates of 32 the victim; who could potentially be a person of interest? 33 So initially when you walk into a situation like that, you 34 don't know what's happened, so everyone is - you're getting 35 versions from everyone, too, to commit them to a version. 36 37 Q. So supposing John Citizen finds a dead body and rings 38 the police? Yes. 39 Α. 40 The first police to come are likely to be whoever is 41 Q. nearby, I assume, the closest station? 42 43 The uniformed police are the first police to attend. Α. 44 45 Q. And then what happens next? So they will call for assistance. Usually 46 Α. a supervisor or what they call a duty officer, which is an 47

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inspector, will attend the scene, and they will make sure 1 2 the crime scene protocols are in place, and when I say 3 that, that the scene is secured and that we don't have 4 anyone entering or leaving the scene. 5 6 Q. This is not necessarily Homicide Squad? 7 Α. This is the initial phase. With a homicide, a homicide can occur anywhere within the state, so there is 8 9 a call-out process, the Homicide Squad are called, they may 10 be the second group of detectives to arrive at the scene. 11 Q. Yes. 12 13 But it's up to the other police to ensure that our Α. 14 crime scene is pristine. 15 16 I wanted to ask you about that. It is obviously Q. 17 important that very careful steps are taken to secure the area and then to identify whatever physical evidence may be 18 19 relevant on site. I take it? 20 That's correct, sir, yes. Α. 21 22 There are other things that are important but that's Q. 23 certainly one of the most important, I take it? That's crucial. 24 Α. 25 26 Any such physical evidence, presumably, has to be both Q. 27 kept safely, by some system, and recorded accurately by 28 some system? 29 Α. Photographed where it is or in situ and any swabs or the like taken. So the specialist crime scene police will 30 31 attend the scene. They'll go through the scene, photographing the body where it was found. They'll also 32 33 look for any evidence - cigarette butts, perhaps a murder 34 weapon, or a fingerprint in blood, there might be smears of 35 blood, they will look at things like blood spatter, so they'll have blood pattern analysis. So the crime scene 36 37 can be processed over a number of days, it may involve 38 a number of specialist police attending. On occasion, the 39 pathologist will also attend. So it's - as I said, the 40 processing of the crime scene is - it's drilled into 41 everyone's head that that is the most important thing, to 42 make sure that we have the best evidence available. 43 You began policing in 1985, so you may not have direct 44 Q. 45 knowledge of what things were like before 1985 - or was it '87? 46 '85. 47 Α.

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1 2 Q. But at least in your time, 1985 onwards, was the 3 process that you have just described essentially the same 4 then or was it different? 5 It was pretty much the same. It was always not to Α. 6 contaminate the crime scene, to ensure only those that were 7 required to enter the crime scene entered the crime scene, and that included senior police. If there was no need for 8 them to attend or enter the scene, it was up to the 9 10 log-keeper or the guards to prevent them from entering the 11 scene. 12 13 And for any given case, who was responsible or should Q. 14 be responsible for this facet of the investigation, that's 15 ensuring that evidence and exhibits are stored and recorded 16 correctly? 17 Α. From the word go, the initial police officer that attends is responsible until the next level of policing 18 19 arrives, and the next level of policing arrives. But for 20 exhibits, the management of the exhibits, crime scene and 21 also the officer in charge of the investigation will ensure 22 that we have continuity on the exhibits. That's who 23 ultimately are responsible for that process. 24 25 Q. So depending on what the exhibit or piece of evidence 26 is, and its size, different approaches might be necessary; 27 is that - in some cases, we hear of pieces of evidence 28 being bagged, if it's small enough, I suppose. And then 29 what happens to the bag? It's sealed and signed by the crime scene officers at 30 Α. the scene and taken back to either the Crime Scene Section. 31 32 where it will - if it's bloodied, it might be dried and 33 examined. Yes. There is --34 35 Q. And then stored somewhere? It's stored - yes. Usually it is - if it is a crime 36 Α. 37 scene exhibit, they retain the exhibit until the 38 examination is complete, so they will take it to FASS, where a forensic biologist may examine the material to see 39 40 what exhibits - what DNA can be obtained from the items, if 41 there's an opportunity for blood spatter on the item, say 42 an item of clothing, to be examined by a specialist in that 43 particular field. 44 45 Is there a record kept of where the exhibit is going Q. 46 when it is taken to A or B or C for that to be done? 47 Α. Yes, sir. It is - currently we have a system called

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EFIMS, which is the exhibit management system. 1 2 3 Q. E-F-I-M-S? 4 That's it, yes. So the moment the exhibit arrives it Α. 5 is entered into the system by whoever has custody of it. So we can establish the continuity from crime scene to the 6 police station to the laboratory to the crime scene office. 7 8 9 Q. Let's take when you began in 1985, although you may 10 not have been a detective instantly, pre-EFIMS and 11 pre-computers, what was the system? They had an exhibit book system which was a - I'm 12 Α. pretty sure it was duplicate, where you would make an entry 13 14 into the duty book. Sorry, not duty book, exhibit book, an exhibit book, not a duty book. An entry would be made, 15 item number, description of the exhibit itself and 16 17 movements of the exhibit. So if it was taken to the laboratories or to a Crime Scene Section or returned. all 18 19 those movements were recorded in the exhibit book. 20 Was the exhibit book specific to that case or was it 21 Q. 22 a general --23 Α. No, it's a general exhibit book. There may have been 24 forensic exhibit books as well, so separate to general exhibit books, but there might have been a number of 25 26 investigations included. So it went in a chronological date order, time booked in and the like. 27 28 29 Q. Where would that exhibit book be? 30 Α. At the police station. 31 32 Q. At the station? 33 Α. Yes, it would be retained at the police station. 34 Q. And what happens to such exhibit books over time? 35 Well, they should be retained, and the bulk of them 36 Α. 37 I hope are retained, particularly for our matters because 38 it is essential for the continuity of --39 40 Q. Are they retained at the station or somewhere else? They might be retained at the State Archives or the 41 Α. repository out at Emu Plains. 42 43 44 Q. So jumping forward to today, or the last five years 45 when you - if you need to look at whatever there is 46 available for a particular case, it may well be that the exhibits book would be something you would want to look at? 47

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Α. 1 Definitely, yes. 2 3 Q. And you would summon it up from wherever? 4 From our records section. So as we have the archive Α. 5 boxes for the Commission, we just put a request through to 6 the records section and they will retrieve the documents or 7 duty books, if they are available. 8 9 Q. Could I just ask you this, the term "strike force" was 10 one that we see a lot. Is a strike force set up for every single death or murder or --11 For every murder, yes. 12 Α. 13 14 Q. For every homicide? 15 Α. Every homicide, yes. 16 17 Q. A strike force? A strike force will be set up. 18 Α. 19 20 Q. In general, what is a strike force? Well, it's - for a homicide, you will have - two 21 Α. 22 different things. The local area command or the police 23 station, the local police station, may manage the homicide itself and the Homicide Squad will provide a 72-hour -24 response in the first 72 hours. 25 That might be for not 26 a simple homicide but, say, a smoking gun homicide would be 27 the best way of describing it. More complicated matters, child deaths and the like, are taken on by the Homicide 28 29 Squad - and they might - they'll have assistance from the police station where the offence has occurred and also an 30 31 initial response from the region so they can secure as much evidence as they can - CCTV, the canvassing and witness 32 33 statements. 34 35 Who sets the strike force up, though, who coordinates Q. it? 36 37 Α. What happens is that the - you go on to the e@gle.i 38 system and you just generate - a strike force is generated. That's how - when I was at the Homicide Squad last time. 39 40 that's how they used to do it. I think now they have to go 41 through an administrative section within State Crime to get 42 permission to commence a strike force, but for a homicide, 43 it's instantaneous. 44 45 In that example, take the easy case, if you like, the Q. smoking gun, the investigating officer first on the scene 46 just says "Press a button, let there be a strike force"? 47

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Pretty much. They're given a list of alternate names 1 Α. 2 that they can call the strike force, and randomly they'll 3 select a name and then the strike force will kick off. 4 5 Q. What is the population of the strike force? Who is in 6 it? 7 Α. Well, anyone that is assigned to the investigation as 8 a resource. 9 10 Q. So the strike force is set up by this almost --11 Α. It's a computerised system that sets it up. 12 Q. 13 -- computer system? 14 Α. Yes. 15 Q. Who then is in charge of the strike force? 16 17 Α. It would be the officer in charge - the officer in charge is in charge. So he will have a supervisor above 18 19 him and they'll assign resources to the strike force, which 20 will - their details will be placed on to e@gle.i and they'll be assigned roles. 21 22 Is the expression "task force" a precursor expression 23 Q. to "strike force" or is that something different? 24 It might be a precursor but also for multiple murders, 25 Α. 26 say the gangland murders that are occurring at the moment, 27 there will be a task force, which is a much bigger concern. 28 29 Q. Thank you. I may have asked you this before and I apologise if I did, but if we have a case that goes to 30 31 the coroner for an inquest, and no prosecution results -32 either there is an open finding or whatever, but no 33 criminal prosecution ensues - what happens to the file? 34 For us, if it's referred to us by the coroner, then Α. 35 we'll wait five years to the change of circumstances involving some forensics, and the like. But if it's not 36 37 referred to us, it will remain with the local police 38 station. 39 40 Q. When you say "we wait for the five years", what was that a reference to? 41 42 What it basically - the investigation is finished, Α. 43 say, something that finishes last year, for us to have the investigative opportunity we need perhaps changes in 44 45 dynamics between parties involved, and to let it go cold a little bit, so we've got some opportunities, investigative 46 47 opportunities.

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1 2 Q. How long has the strike force approach been in play? 3 Since e@gle.i started, and I'm pretty sure when TIMS Α. 4 was there as well, it was a strike force. 5 6 Q. For any homicide - or any --7 Any major investigation, maybe a major fraud, a series Α. 8 of robberies. 9 10 Q. Including a homicide, though? 11 Α. But homicide, yes. 12 13 Q. And in the days including your early days before 14 e@gle.i, but there nevertheless were strike forces, they 15 would be set up, would they, by paper means? That's correct, sir, yes. 16 Α. 17 Q. By the officer in charge? 18 19 Α. I assume the officer in charge or - I couldn't give 20 you an accurate answer, but I assume that it would be the officer in charge that would have set all that up, and they 21 22 just have a system of cards for witnesses, running sheets 23 and the like. 24 Just for completeness, can I just wrap this up by just 25 Q. 26 taking you to the Parrabell report which is in that folder 27 you have under the - it is there somewhere, anyway, it's in 28 that black folder. 29 Α. Is that under tab 3, sir? 30 31 Q. I think so. Tab 2. in fact. That should be the full 32 Parrabell report. The bit that I wanted to ask you about 33 is at page 43. You will see there's a heading, "Comparison 34 of police investigations from the 1970s, 80s and 90s to 2018"? 35 36 Α. Yes, sir. 37 38 Then I won't read it out, obviously, you can see there Q. are descriptions given of how things were done in each of 39 40 those decades over the next couple of pages. First of all, have you ever looked at this document before? 41 42 I have only read the material that relates to the 88 Α. 43 matters, so that's what I've gone through. 44 45 Could I ask you - I don't want to take too long on Q. 46 this because you have been very helpfully answering more or less the same subject matter for the last 20 minutes, but 47

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can you just read what's on page 43 where they describe -1 2 there is a description of how things were done in the 1970s 3 to 80s, and tell us if that accords with your recollection 4 or there is anything you would add or subtract. 5 That's correct. That is correct. That probably -Α. that's more detailed in here than I have provided you, but 6 7 that's my recollection of what would have been done. 8 9 Q. And there is a reference to a job book halfway through that second-bottom paragraph. 10 11 Α. Yes, sir. 12 13 Q. Is that an expression that you know about? 14 Α. At - we use - on our e@gle.i system we have tasks that 15 are allocated to individual officers, so a task may be 16 created by the officer in charge or someone authorised. 17 That's what the job book would be. Okay, we need to go and 18 speak to Joe Bloggs, I assign that to Detective James. 19 20 So we would have a job book and we would have the Q. 21 exhibits book that you mentioned, both being books, 22 literallv? 23 Α. That's correct, yes. 24 25 Q. Any other books apart - I realise there are notepads 26 and witness statements, but any other books? 27 Well, there would be notebooks and - I should imagine Α. 28 there would have been duty books for the individual 29 detectives, which would just outline their duties for a particular day, who they had spoken to, what statements 30 31 had been obtained. 32 33 Q. And would we expect that all of such books would still 34 be available to be resurrected if they were sought now? 35 I think you'd have to look on an individual basis. Α. So if you were going through the archive material that we 36 37 provided to the Commission, if you identify particular police officers and say, "I would like that duty book", or 38 "I would like that notebook", then a request can be put 39 40 through to our records section to see if it's available. Unfortunately, some of those items have been destroyed 41 42 and - but. 43 44 Q. On the next page, 44, if you would glance over that, 45 that's directing itself to the 1980s to 1990s. That's the process. Victimology did become very 46 Α. 47 important at that time.

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1 2 Q. So I'm just asking in this very general way, in your 3 recollection, is that summary essentially accurate --4 Α. Yes, sir. 5 6 Q. -- for that period? 7 Α. Yes, sir. 8 9 Q. Then on the next page, 45, in the last 10 paragraph before we move on to the 2000s, do you see there 11 is reference to the formation of task forces becoming "standard operational procedure"? 12 Sorry, sir, where is that? 13 Α. 14 15 Q. The third paragraph on page 45. It is - they are strike forces. That's what we've 16 Α. 17 always referred to them as, strike forces. This is correct - terms of reference are the parameters of the 18 19 investigation, what we are going to be looking at. 20 That's what I wanted to ask you about, actually, the 21 Q. 22 terms of reference. Who creates them? 23 In consultation with the officer in charge, the Α. 24 supervisor and our operations people on level 9, sign off you might also include the local police station, an 25 26 investigator from there, sign off on the terms of 27 reference, which is to investigate the murder of - whoever. 28 29 Q. So as you know, several of the cases that we will come to, the actual cases that we are looking at from Parrabell, 30 31 for example, Ross Warren, John Russell, and others in the 32 mid to late 1980s, there would have been a strike force and 33 there would have been terms of reference? 34 Α. Back then? 35 Q. Yes. 36 37 Α. No. 38 Q. Because we're looking at 1980s to 1990s here - but 39 that's not so? 40 41 With, say, Gilles Mattaini, which is one of the three, Α. 42 Gilles went missing in 1985 and the matter wasn't recorded 43 until 2001, so there was no investigation undertaken until Operation Taradale took the matter on. Ross Warren was 44 45 inadequately investigated by Detective Sergeant Bowditch at the time, so there was no strike force for that. 46 47

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1 Q. I won't dwell on that too long today but that's one of 2 the ones I wanted to take as an example. There was no 3 strike force? 4 Α. No strike force, sir, no. 5 6 Q. Should there have been? 7 Α. Today? Yes. 8 9 Q. No, then? Then in 1989? 10 Α. Look, I really can't comment in regard to what they were doing in 1989, but today, certainly there would be 11 a strike force started for the disappearance of - in these 12 circumstances. 13 14 15 Q. The point of these questions is not to focus particularly on Ross Warren's case or any other case for 16 17 the moment, although we may need to another time, but I'm just looking at this page headed "1980s to 1990s", and it 18 19 is saying that in that period, formation of task forces or, 20 let's say, strike forces, became standard operational 21 procedure, requiring defined terms of reference. Now. 22 hence my question, whether that should have happened in the 23 cases that we're talking about in 1989, let's say, Warren 24 and Russell? 25 Α. Applying the standards of today, yes. But back then 26 I can't comment on why they made a decision to investigate 27 it in the way they did. And - I can go into the specifics for it, but I - today it would be a strike force, an 28 29 investigation into the disappearance of --30 31 Q. I won't pursue that for today, although we may need to ask you again another time, I think. Then there is 32 33 a section dealing with the 2000s to the present, and again, 34 if you could just glance over that and tell us if you think that, for what it is worth - obviously it is a summary -35 you would agree or disagree with that? 36 Yes, sir. 37 Α. 38 Q. You would agree? 39 40 Α. I agree with that, yes. 41 42 Q. Now, separate question but still just to Thank you. 43 do with methodology generally: how does the reward system work in the sense of sometimes rewards are offered to the 44 45 public for information and so on? What is the system there? 46 47

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 A lot of the time, it's also because we need 11 information from the public. For instance, Gordana 12 Kotevski has recently had a million dollar reward 13 14 announcement, and that's to try and get information from the public. The Bowraville murders, also has recently had 15 a million dollars for each, again to get information from 16 17 the public. 18 Whose decision is it whether a reward will be offered 19 Q. 20 and if so how much? Well, ultimately it rests with the minister. 21 Α. So it 22 goes all the way up to the minister and it's gazetted and 23 then the reward is announced and there might be a media 24 strategy. 25 26 27 28 29 Q. But likely to have been instigated at the investigative level? 30 31 Α. Yes, or at the request of the family. 32 33 Q. I see. 34 Α. Sometimes at the request of the family. The 35 Bowraville murders, at the request of the family. 36 37 Q. And if you can answer this, what proportion of cases are subject of a reward offer - I'm talking homicides now? 38 I couldn't provide you an answer, but I know that -39 Α. 40 we've probably done three for the current jobs that we have 41 had. Strike Force Navala, Strike Force Biltine, Strike Force Mitcham 2, they are the only ones I can think of 42 43 recently. 44 45 Q. Are there any current cases that currently have 46 rewards attached to them? Oh, yes, there's a lot of cases on our tracking file 47 Α.

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that have maybe a \$250,000 reward, a \$500,000 reward or 1 2 a million dollar reward. 3 4 Q. And the public learns of that by what means? 5 Through the media, also through our online site for Α. the police, they will be published there, so people can go 6 7 through and say, "Oh, this murder has a \$50,000 or a \$100,000 reward." 8 9 10 Q. Now, separate question, two particular types of 11 investigative material that can be useful obviously are DNA 12 and fingerprints? Yes, sir. 13 Α. 14 I think DNA was first used as a tool for criminal 15 Q. investigation in about the mid 1980s or so; is that right? 16 17 Α. I think there was a mass screening in the United Kingdom for - I don't know what the offence was, but 18 19 I think that's the first use of it. It probably didn't -20 it's become more prevalent in the last 20 years, I guess, because of the improvements in technology. 21 22 23 In your career, can you remember when it first became Q. 24 a tool that was commonly used? 25 Α. Probably 2000, maybe a little bit prior to the year 26 2000. 27 28 Q. Now, when DNA or fingerprints, for that matter, are 29 collected at the crime scene, what's the system for retaining that material and storing it and recording its 30 31 whereabouts? 32 It has to be refrigerated. Swabs are taken from the Α. 33 scene, they're conveyed to FASS where profiles may be 34 developed from the swabs. As recently as - we had a job 35 from 1987 where we were able to develop DNA from the victim, from the scene, from the ligature, and that led to 36 37 the conviction of an offender for murder. 38 Q. So the --39 40 Α. It depends on whether the items are retained, though, sir. 41 42 43 Q. Whether they are retained? 44 Α. Whether they are retained or not. 45 46 Q. Why wouldn't they be? 47 Α. Unfortunately, there was exhibit management - they

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wanted to ensure that exhibits weren't retained for any 1 2 longer than they had to be, and in '87, the DNA - we were 3 just lucky that the samples had been retained and the 4 exhibits had been retained. It's not always the case, and 5 unfortunately it leads to the loss of evidence or the 6 potential loss of evidence. 7 8 Is that a phenomenon specific to DNA or does that Q. 9 apply to other types of evidence? 10 Α. It applies to DNA, not so much fingerprints but it may 11 also apply to investigative papers, statements and the like. 12 13 14 Q. Somebody would have made a decision somewhere along 15 the line that --Or they've been lost or they've been put into a cell 16 Α. at a police station and it has flooded. With the exhibits, 17 what we have done is sent out files to every police station 18 for unsolved matters to retrieve all exhibits that relate 19 20 to unsolved homicides and store them in a central area so they're properly maintained. So - and we've had a fair bit 21 22 of success with that. 23 24 Q. Not total, I suppose? 25 Α. No, not total. 26 27 Q. But that's a task which you have set yourselves? Yes. It was an exhibit project and that was - yes, it 28 Α. 29 started before I got there and it was just a matter of making sure that if we do have exhibits, they're maintained 30 31 and preserved correctly. 32 33 Q. The relevant database I presume - but tell me if I'm 34 wrong - for probably DNA and fingerprints, would be the 35 EFIMS database? Yes, sir. So if we found exhibits, they would be 36 Α. 37 uploaded on to the EFIMS system, and transferred from the 38 recording in the exhibit book that used to be maintained. 39 40 Q. And before EFIMS was introduced in about 2011, what 41 was the system? 42 Duty - exhibit books, that was the system that was in Α. 43 place. 44 45 Q. And for DNA and fingerprints? Same thing - oh, fingerprints would be maintained by 46 Α. the fingerprint section, DNA, by the crime scene officers. 47

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I should imagine it was in exhibit books as well. 1 2 3 If a DNA profile or fingerprint, say, from Q. 4 a previously unidentified person are later entered into the 5 EFIMS system - for example, from a recent arrest, say - how would that information find its way to the officers. 6 7 whether in your unit or in the police force generally, 8 working on the earlier case? 9 It depends on whether the profile from the exhibits Α. 10 from the earlier murder are uploaded on to our system, and in some cases, they haven't been uploaded, so it's reliant 11 on those profiles being uploaded and then the profile from 12 the offender or the recently arrested person being uploaded 13 14 as well to match. 15 Q. And if they have both been uploaded, the earlier one 16 has been uploaded --17 We'll be notified. 18 Α. 19 20 Will that, as it were, snap - will the matching be Q. prominent so that someone will notice it? 21 22 Yes. sir. Α. 23 24 Q. Who does that work? 25 Α. I'm not sure. It's magic. No, I don't know, sir. 26 I'm not 100 per cent sure on the answer, sir, but we are 27 notified if there is a match-up on a profile. 28 29 Q. Now, turning to Parrabell itself, the Parrabell strike force, you are obviously aware that it existed and 30 31 delivered this report that we have just been looking at 32 briefly, in June 2018, and as you know, it's looked at 33 a list of 88 deaths? 34 Α. That's right. 35 Which had been put together, the list had, by various 36 Q. 37 people over some years, and the task of Parrabell was to 38 look at those 88 deaths - agreed? 39 Α. Yes, sir. 40 Now, did the Unsolved Homicide Team have any 41 Q. 42 involvement in the work of either Strike Force Parrabell or 43 Operation Parrabell? No, sir. It was prepared by the central met region, 44 Α. 45 which is Sydney, The Rocks, Surry Hills, Eastern Beaches, Eastern Suburbs, Sutherland - it was prepared by that 46 region. So we had deliberately no involvement in it so it 47

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could be an impartial review of all those matters. 1 2 3 And who - I don't mean the names, but what sort of Q. 4 people - were selected to do it? 5 I'm not sure. I know that there was a then Α. 6 Superintendent Crandell, who had oversight on the Parrabell 7 review, and there was also an academic part to it as well. So all matters are reviewed by the investigators assigned 8 to the Parrabell and then also by the academics as well. 9 10 11 Q. I appreciate that. What was the reason why your unit was not utilised? 12 I can't provide an answer for that. I wasn't there at 13 Α. 14 the time. so --15 THE COMMISSIONER: Q. I thought you said a moment ago 16 that the decision for homicide not to be involved was a 17 18 deliberate one? 19 Α. It was - well, that was my understanding, that it 20 was --21 22 What was your understanding as to why it was Q. 23 deliberately excluded? 24 Sir, they want to be impartial, there was no - so it Α. was an independent review of each of the matters, 25 26 your Honour. 27 28 Q. And did any of the police officers who were involved 29 in Parrabell, to your understanding, have experience or background in homicide? 30 31 Α. I'm not sure, sir. 32 33 THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you. 34 35 MR GRAY: Now, I can show you the document which I'm Q. using to ask these questions, of course, if you need to see 36 37 it, but I think we can probably do it without having to 38 focus on the document. That's fine, sir. 39 Α. 40 41 There is reference in the report to the fact that Q. Strike Force Parrabell was initiated by means of a document 42 43 called "Coordinating Instructions", so it set out, in effect, what the task was for Parrabell to undertake. 44 45 I just wanted to see if you agree with this, that what Parrabell was to do, and what it did do, was to review what 46 the police had in relation to these 88 deaths and to form 47

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a view as to whether there might have been a gay bias 1 2 factor. That was essentially the task; is that right? 3 Well, I'm not sure what the task was for Parrabell, Α. 4 I wasn't involved in it, but, yes, I should imagine that's 5 what they were looking at, sir. 6 7 Q. What I'm getting at is - and again, you may or may not know this - there are a couple of things that plainly 8 9 Parrabell did not do - it wasn't asked to do and it didn't 10 do - and one of them was Parrabell did not go through all 11 files held by police, whether in the Unsolved Homicide Unit or elsewhere, to see if the 88 names that they had been 12 given were the only homicides between 1976 and 1999 which 13 14 might have been gay hate related. That was not their task. 15 Their task was simply to look at the 88. Well, yes, sir. I mean, I can't provide an accurate 16 Α. 17 answer in regard to what the parameters of their review 18 were. 19 20 Q. Fair enough, if you don't know, that's fine. I had no involvement in that, sir. 21 Α. 22 23 Q. No. Secondly - again, the answer may be similar -24 another thing they did not do was to investigate or reinvestigate any of these cases? 25 26 Α. That's correct. I know that much. 27 28 They simply reviewed them - that is, reviewed the Q. 29 police material - to see what could be said about them from 30 an anti-gay or gay hate perspective? 31 Α. Yes, sir. 32 33 Q. Now, that brings me to our Terms of Reference - when 34 I say "our", I mean the Terms of Reference of this 35 Commission. Can you just turn them up? They are in your 36 folder, I think the first document, the Letters Patent. 37 Have you got the page that has the heading "New South Wales" and "Elizabeth II", et cetera, et cetera? 38 39 Α. Yes, sir. 40 You can see that the subject matter that the 41 Q. Commissioner is authorised to inquire into has two 42 43 components - A and B? Do you see that? A beginning --Yes, sir, I see that. 44 Α. 45 So A is the manner and cause of death in all the cases 46 Q. that remain unsolved from the 88 looked at by Parrabell. 47

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Correct? 1 2 Yes. sir. Α. 3 4 And then B is the manner and cause of death in all Q. 5 unsolved suspected hate crime deaths in New South Wales 6 between 1970 and 2010 where the two features set out in (i) 7 and (ii) were present. Do you see that? Yes, sir. 8 Α. 9 10 Q. Now, as to A, Term of Reference A, the "88" referred to are of course the 88 listed at the front of the Parrabell 11 report - you are aware of that? 12 Yes, sir. 13 Α. 14 And the NSW Police Force have provided the Commission 15 Q. with case summaries of those 88, and I'm going to go 16 17 through some of those with you shortly. You have seen that document. the case summaries document? 18 19 Α. Yes, sir, I have. 20 And of those 88, the police have identified 23 as 21 Q. 22 being in the unsolved category. You are aware of that, 23 too? 24 There are 23 cases that are - that have been listed, Α. whether they are unsolved or not or whether they are 25 26 homicides or not is another question. 27 28 Q. But the 23 that we are talking about have been 29 referred to your unit? Yes. sir. 30 Α. 31 32 And I will go through them with you shortly. Also Q. 33 I think there is another seven that we have written to you 34 about to say that we want to ask you a little bit about 35 those seven as well. But first of all the 23, are they or are they not among the 477 that we spoke about this 36 37 morning? 38 Α. Not all of them are on our tracking file. The bulk would be, though, I think. Because anything that was 39 40 referred from Parrabell may have been on there, but --41 42 You gave us some numbers, and they are in your Q. 43 document as well, which you provided today, 477 unsolved, 116 unresolved, 65 undetermined and 100 solved - you have 44 45 told us those numbers? That's correct. 46 Α. 47

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Where would the 23 be? 1 Q. 2 I probably think it's easier if I go through the 23 Α. 3 with you and explain individually whether they are on the 4 tracking file or not. 5 6 Q. So if they are on the tracking file that means what? 7 That means that - well, they may have been referred to Α. us by Parrabell and we've just made a note of them on our 8 9 tracking file. They may be listed under one of the four 10 categories that I have provided to you earlier. 11 But does the tracking file cover all four of your 12 Q. categories, not just unsolved but also unresolved, 13 14 undetermined and solved? 15 Α. Yes, sir, it does. 16 17 Q. So the 23 must be there somewhere, presumably? As I said, I'd have to go through each one with you to 18 Α. 19 provide you with an answer as to whether it is on our 20 tracking file or not. 21 22 All right. We will come to that, thank you. I want Q. 23 to for the moment, though, just have a look at Term of 24 Reference B. You can see from the language that, at least potentially, Term of Reference B could involve a larger 25 26 number of gay hate related deaths than the 23 that have 27 come from Parrabell? 28 Yes, I agree with you, sir. Α. 29 Now, with that in mind, as you know, the Commission 30 Q. 31 wrote to the police on 4 May this year seeking various 32 information, and that's the letter that you will see in 33 tab 4 of your folder. 34 Α. Yes. sir. 35 I don't know whether that's a letter you yourself have 36 Q. 37 seen before? 38 Α. I have seen, yes. 39 40 Q. You have seen. You will see on page 1 of the letter, 41 the first page, the Terms of Reference are identified, and then on page 2 of the letter, halfway down under the 42 43 heading, "Request for information and assistance", the Commission asked for various items of information, A, B, C 44 45 and D. You saw that? 46 Α. Yes, sir. 47

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1 Now, you can see, I'm sure, that requests A, B and C Q. 2 on that page relate to Term of Reference A - that they 3 relate to the 88 the subject of Parrabell? You can see 4 that? 5 Α. Yes, sir. 6 7 Q. And then request D you can see, I'm sure, is one which relates to Term of Reference B, the potentially larger 8 number of matters between 1970 and 2010 which may come 9 10 within Term of Reference B; you can see that? 11 Α. Yes, sir, I can. 12 13 On 27 May the Commission received an initial response Q. 14 by email to that request D, and that's the email at tab 5 15 of your folder. Now, you have that? Yes, sir, I have. 16 Α. 17 18 Were you involved in the preparation of or the work Q. 19 that was done to give this answer? 20 I was aware of it, yes, sir. Α. 21 22 So you can see, passing over the first paragraph, that Q. the second paragraph begins with, "With regard to 23 paragraph D of the letter", so it is responding to that 24 section D that we just looked at? 25 26 Α. Yes, sir. 27 28 Q. And the letter says there were about 4,000 homicides 29 during the relevant period, which is 1970 to 2010, and about 500 unsolved homicides. Now, further down the page, 30 31 in the next paragraph, there is a reference to those 500 or 32 so cases. Now, you have given more detailed evidence about 33 that today and we have the numbers, thank you very much, 34 that you have given us, but are the 23 from Parrabell among 35 these 500 or so? Again, I would have to go through each one to provide 36 Α. 37 you with an accurate answer in regard to that, sir. 38 39 THE COMMISSIONER: Q. May I just interrupt? Why is that? Is it because some of the cases are so cold, if 40 41 I may use that description, that they are not really part of any current thinking from the Unsolved Homicide Squad? 42 43 What is it that will exclude any one or more of the 23 from 44 the 500 or so? 45 Well, for instance, number 2, which is David Williams. Α. 46 47 Q. Number 2 - I'm sorry, what are you looking at?

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Sorry, of the 23. Α. 1 2 3 Q. Yes. 4 There is no information, there are no records retained Α. 5 relating to this death. 6 Forgive me, Detective, when you say "Williams"(, he's 7 Q. number 3 on my list? 8 Oh, number 3 on the list. It's number 2 on --9 Α. 10 It doesn't matter. So you say he's nowhere to be 11 Q. found in the 500 or so? 12 That's correct, sir. 13 Α. 14 15 Q. There is simply no information? There is no information. So, for instance, that one 16 Α. 17 won't be on our tracking file. But the next one, Bedser, which is number 4 on your list, sir, will be on our 18 19 tracking file. 20 And does that mean that in the case of number 3 - and 21 Q. 22 Mr Gray will ask you about this perhaps now or later - it 23 goes off or is not included in tracking, if it is incapable 24 of being tracked in the sense that if the information is both old and non-existent, then there is nothing you think 25 26 currently can be done to monitor it, absent something 27 falling out of the sky and some revelation occurring just 28 by luck or coincidence? 29 Α. That's correct, your Honour, yes. 30 31 Does that then mean that in the case of Williams. that Q. 32 will be a hard copy file stored somewhere, whether it's in 33 Emu Plains or somewhere else, or do we know, for example, 34 where --There is no - just going off the records here. 35 Α. Detective Chief Inspector Lehman, in his review, stated 36 37 that there were no records that were able to be located for 38 this particular matter, sir. 39 40 Q. So that might be a case - might not be but it might be - where records previously existed but over the years 41 42 have just been lost or misplaced? 43 That's correct, yes, your Honour. Α. 44 45 THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, sorry, Mr Gray. 46 47 MR GRAY: Q. Are you able to answer this - and

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I appreciate I have asked you questions in this general 1 2 territory earlier: of the 500 or so referred to in this 3 email, or perhaps what we are talking about from today as 4 the 477, how many are right now, today, the subject of some 5 form of active investigation? 6 Α. I could get back to you with the information. Just from my team there's probably about 10 matters that are 7 active investigations at the moment, before the court. So 8 in various states - investigation, court preparation or at 9 10 trial. 11 Is that out 10 out of the three teams or 10 12 Q. altogether? 13 14 Α. That's 10 out of the two teams that I run. 15 16 Q. So a total of 10, then. 17 Α. That's from my side of the floor. On the other side 18 of the floor there's some additional investigations that 19 are being undertaken and run. 20 Do you know or could you estimate how many there might 21 Q. 22 be under active investigation in that team, or those two 23 teams? 24 Probably similar - a similar number. Unfortunately, Α. not all investigations result in an arrest or identifying 25 26 sufficient evidence to prosecute someone, so then they 27 cease. 28 29 Q. Sure. So about 20, probably - I'm not holding you to the number, but of that order - are under active 30 31 investigation now, out of the 477? 32 Α. In various states, yes, sir. 33 34 Q. The other thing that the email response refers to is 35 a question of privacy. Do you see in that second paragraph, beginning, "With regard to paragraph D", it savs 36 37 in the third line --38 Α. Yes, sir I see that. 39 40 Q. ... I am instructed that there are no 41 holdings on NSWPF systems which records or 42 indicates an individual as LGBTIQ. Due to 43 privacy policies, the NSWPF have never 44 45 recorded a person's sexual preference or an indicator for LGBTIQ. 46 47

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1 You see that? 2 Α. Yes, sir, I see that. 3 4 I don't mean to be nitpicking about this, I'm not Q. 5 fussing about the language, but is that accurate? Yes, sir, it is. Unless it is a factor in the 6 Α. 7 offence - for instance, Raymond Keam - there wouldn't be any indication that the person was a member of that 8 9 community. More recently, they have put a new filter on to 10 COPS, which is the management system that is used by police, that talks about bias related crimes, but those 11 bias related crimes not only include these ones --12 13 14 Q. Sorry, I didn't hear what you said. Those bias 15 related crimes --They may be right-wing extremists, religious 16 Α. 17 fundamentalists, or bias related crimes. 18 Q. 19 When you say more recently that's gone on to COPS? 20 Α. I couldn't give you a time frame, but more recently it has gone on to COPS. 21 22 23 Q. In the last 10 years or --24 Α. No, no, within the last two or three years. 25 26 I see, and prior to that, nothing - no box, as it Q. 27 were, on COPS, for that sort of information? 28 No, the only detail is "male", "female" - that was Α. 29 all. 30 31 Q. When someone reads that who is not an habitue of the 32 world that you move in, that would seem surprising; there 33 may be some cases where a person's sexual orientation might 34 conceivably relevant to why they were killed? I agree. 35 Α. I agree. 36 37 Q. And are we to understand that there is a policy not to 38 record that? That's my understanding, yes, sir. 39 Α. 40 Even though it might assist in finding out who 41 Q. 42 committed the crime? 43 But with a particular crime, that would be included in Α. the narrative. If it was a bias related crime, an attack 44 45 on someone, an assault, a verbal abuse or a murder, those details would be included in the narrative which would be 46 disseminated to the detectives or to the homicide 47

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investigator. 1 2 And the narrative would be itself where? Where would 3 Q. 4 the narrative be? 5 The narrative - they have what they call an event, Α. 6 which is the primary recording of all crimes and 7 occurrences that occur in the state, and the narrative, in the narrative - if it is a bias related crime, there would 8 9 be a narrative in there outlining what has occurred. 10 Including, if it was relevant, something to the effect 11 Q. that gay hate may be a factor here; is that what you mean? 12 13 Α. Yes, sir. 14 So that we would find that, if we looked, in some 15 Q. 16 cases in the narrative? 17 Α. For some of the older matters the language might be crude, on the running sheets and the like, but it would be 18 19 there if there was a - if the sexuality was a factor in 20 their death, it certainly would be there. 21 22 Q. And the narrative would be, in the olden days, 23 pre-computer, would have been found in the running sheet or where would it be found? 24 25 Α. For an event, they had a - it was a P number, but it 26 was a triplicate form where all the details that are now 27 recorded onto COPS were manually put onto the form with 28 a typewriter, and then there was a - if you had to put more 29 information, there was a second form that you put the information onto. 30 31 32 But then, since COPS has come into being, that same Q. 33 information would be on COPS, would it? 34 Α. Yes. sir. 35 36 Q. And also on e@gle.i or not? 37 If it related to a homicide, the event would be Α. 38 uploaded on to e@gle.i as a text document. So there are various categories under e@gle.i, so - or an external 39 40 So every event that relates or every intelligence record. 41 report that relates to the job is uploaded by the case 42 officer or one of the investigators onto the system, onto 43 e@gle.i. 44 45 So again, as I say - I do stress, I'm not being Q. 46 nitpicky about this? No, not at all. 47 Α.

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1 2 Q. But literally, there would be holdings, namely, the 3 ones you have just mentioned, on the NSW Police systems, 4 which would contain such references if they exist? 5 That's - right, but not - not specifically saying, Α. 6 "A member of the LGBTIQ", that --7 8 Q. No, but saying something which would --9 Α. There would be something in the narrative. 10 11 Q. -- record whatever was relevant in that regard? Yes, particularly if it was relevant to the offence. 12 Α. 13 14 Q. The next aspect of this thing that I just wanted to 15 ask you about is the next paragraph, beginning, "This means that officers". In fact, just before I leave that, with 16 17 the P79A form that's referred to there, that goes to the 18 coroner? 19 Α. Yes, the report of death to coroner, yes. 20 21 Q. As the author of this email points out, that form does 22 not have a specific indicator for LGBTIQ, and that's quite correct, it doesn't, we see that, but why doesn't it, in 23 24 the sense that obviously in many cases it would be 25 irrelevant and have no bearing on anything, but there might 26 be cases where it did. Why is there no such --27 Α. I can't offer an explanation on the design of the 28 Perhaps it is relevant that that information be form. 29 included on the form, particularly where a bias-motivated crime is linked to the demise of someone. 30 31 32 Q. Moving on to the next paragraph, the author says: 33 34 This means that officers would need to manually review each of those 500 or so 35 cases (hard copy files) for any indication 36 37 of [that LGBTIQ factor]. 38 Now, I think we've established, haven't we, from what you 39 have helped us with this morning, that files post the mid 40 1990s would not have been hard copy, and even in respect of 41 42 those that started life as hard copy, they would now be electronically available; they are digitised? 43 44 Α. Yes, material from 2000 should be digitalised, yes, 45 sir. 46 47 Q. So any of the files that we are talking about for the

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moment, the 88, plus any, indeed, that are on your books of 1 2 the 477 unsolved homicides - all of the records, including 3 any narratives, would be --4 They could be hard copy or they could be digitalised, Α. 5 they could be on e@gle.i. 6 7 I thought - perhaps I'm wrong. Q. I thought you had said that eventually, once something has been reviewed and 8 9 chosen for an investigation --10 Α. Once something is undergoing an investigation, then the material is uploaded on to e@gle.i, but in the review 11 process it is just left in the archive box until the 12 13 investigator takes it on. 14 15 Q. So if it is reviewed but not chosen for investigation, it remains as hard copy? 16 17 Α. Yes, sir. There is a process at the moment where they are trying to digitalise all of the material that they have 18 19 got, but that's still in its infancy. 20 THE COMMISSIONER: 21 Q. And you would be able to tell us 22 which of the 500 have been digitised and which have not? 23 If there is a strike force that has formed for any of Α. 24 those matters, the material will be in a digital format and it will --25 26 27 Q. Whilst you don't currently have it in your head, and 28 I accept that, it would be information which you could get? 29 Α. On that tracking file, your Honour, is --30 31 Q. It will show on that? It will show which ones have strike forces on them. 32 Α. 33 So anything with a strike force, it will have a digital --34 MR GRAY: Q. As to those, the ones that have been 35 36 digitised, are there searches that can be done to attempt 37 to identify digitally any references there might be to the 38 kind of thing that we're looking at here, references to "gay" --39 40 Yes, sir, there is. For each strike force there is Α. a searching capability, and there is also a statement 41 capability. So, for instance, just one strike force, if 42 43 you put in a title, say "homosexual", it will come up with any material in that strike force that relates to what you 44 45 request. So, yes, anything that's digitalised and on 46 e@gle.i you could get a response for. 47

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So in terms of as to those, however many it is that 1 Q. 2 are digitised, finding any such references would not be 3 particularly time-consuming? 4 No, it would mean going to individual strike forces, Α. 5 but if you provided a list, then I could ask an analyst to 6 have a look at those particular strike forces, and if you 7 had a number of terms that you wanted searched for, then they could do that and then they could provide you with the 8 information. 9 10 11 Q. We will know from the tracking file when we see it how many are just simply under a genuinely hard copy and there 12 13 is no way --Α. 14 You should be able to, and, yes, and then you can also 15 take out anything that's a child death or --16 17 Q. Sure. 18 -- a domestic-related murder that's not same-sex. Α. 19 20 Indeed, thank you. Can I turn, then, to these 23 in Q. Parrabell. 21 22 Α. Yes. sir. 23 24 If you can look at the case summaries document, and Q. 25 I know you have provided in the document you provided 26 today --27 28 THE COMMISSIONER: Mr Gray, I'm just wondering, if it is 29 going to be accessible, would it be more helpful for everyone concerned, including the detective, if at the very 30 31 time you go through these individual cases you have the 32 tracking file in your hand as well? Because it may 33 accommodate the dual purpose of whether the records are 34 likely or not likely to be digitised and, in some cases, if 35 it is a child death, then you can strike that out, perhaps. 36 37 MR GRAY: To answer your Honour's question, there is no doubt that would be more efficient. 38 39 Mr Mykkeltveldt, the tracking document 40 THE COMMISSIONER: 41 that has been described, how readily available is it and 42 how much time would it take for you to get a copy? 43 44 MR MYKKELTVEDT: The document can be sent to those 45 assisting either now or over the lunchtime adjournment. 46 47 THE COMMISSIONER: Why don't we do this, if we take the

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break now, we will come back at 2, but if that document 1 2 could be circulated to those concerned on the Commission's 3 side and then we resume at 2, I think that would be more 4 Then it saves having to get the detective to helpful. 5 double back on some of the issues, we could strike them off 6 at the same time, potentially. 7 8 MR MYKKELTVEDT: Yes. I should say that the document will 9 be somewhat unwieldy. I have not seen it, save for it is 10 currently on my instructing solicitor's screen, but there 11 are a very large number of columns. Hopefully, we can achieve something workable, but it might be difficult. 12 13 14 THE COMMISSIONER: Well, if you need more time, the best thing to do, because we don't have a telephone line here 15 yet - Mr Herrington is the telephone number to call. If 16 17 you don't have his mobile, he will readily give it to you, or whoever is assisting, and if there is going to be some 18 19 delay, just let us know. If it is convenient to do it in 20 tranches, we will do it that way, but we will work around 21 you because we are grateful for the information. Obviously 22 we would like it, but it's only what you can do. So why 23 don't you update us over lunch. 24 Your Honour, I can tell you that the 25 MR MYKKELTVEDT: 26 provision of the document is very straightforward, it is 27 just whether it can be accessed in a form that Mr Gray is 28 going to be able to usefully take the witness through. 29 Well, it's called printing out, isn't 30 THE COMMISSIONER: 31 it, and can there not be a copy printed out at your end, if 32 that's possible? 33 34 MR MYKKELTVEDT: We'll make some inquiries. It might be difficult. 35 36 37 THE COMMISSIONER: Okay. Hopefully, technology has 38 progressed such that a copy can be made. If it is only available electronically, I would like to know why it can't 39 40 be printed out, but perhaps it is for security reasons - I simply don't know. 41 42 43 MR MYKKELTVEDT: I think it is simply practically that the document has some 800 columns or rows, it might be somewhat 44 45 unwieldy. 46 47 THE COMMISSIONER: We can cope with that, it's just if you

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give us time and work out - why don't you just update us 1 2 when you have some instructions about how that can be done. 3 4 MR MYKKELTVEDT: Yes, your Honour. 5 6 THE COMMISSIONER: Once you tell us what you think can be 7 done and what can't be done, then we will do what we can to 8 accommodate. 9 10 MR MYKKELTVEDT: Thank you, your Honour. 11 THE COMMISSIONER: Is that convenient? 12 13 14 MR MYKKELTVEDT: Yes. 15 THE COMMISSIONER: If we have something, we will resume at 16 If there are complications, though, which present 17 2. themselves, we will just keep in touch via Mr Herrington 18 19 and yourself or whoever is instructing you and we will just 20 resume at an appropriate time when we have the document or 21 access to it. 22 23 MR MYKKELTVEDT: Thank you, your Honour. 24 25 THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you. I will now adjourn. 26 27 LUNCHEON ADJOURNMENT 28 29 THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, Detective Leggat, do you want to 30 re-enter the witness box? Thank you. 31 Detective, before I turn to the 23 32 MR GRAY: Q. 33 Parrabell files, I just have a couple of supplementary 34 questions from this morning that I meant to ask you and didn't. First of all, there was a Bias Crime Unit created 35 in about 2007. Does it still exist? 36 I don't know, sir. I've never actually heard of it. 37 Α. 38 In that case, my next question, which was going to be 39 Q. how does the Unsolved Homicide Unit work with the Bias 40 Crime Unit, is not one that you could help us with? 41 42 No, sir, sorry. Α. 43 Thank you. When your Unsolved Homicide Unit was 44 Q. 45 created in 2004, presumably there was an audit of some sort 46 done as to how many unsolved homicides there were. That must have been necessary for staffing reasons, if not 47

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otherwise? Was there some audit done of how many cases 1 2 there were that were going to go to the new Unsolved 3 Homicide Unit? 4 I know they were looking at reviews of unsolved cases Α. 5 between 1970 and 2000. The exact number, I can't give you, 6 sir, I'm sorry. 7 8 No, but was there some exercise undertaken to try and Q. 9 work out what was going to be the scale of the exercise for 10 the new Unsolved Homicide Unit? I don't know, sir. I apologise, I don't know. 11 Α. 12 13 Q. Where would we go to inquire as to somebody who would 14 know? Somebody must have thought about what this new unit 15 was going to be doing? There'd be a file in regard to the creation of the 16 Α. 17 Unsolved Homicide Team as a result of a recommendation from State Coroner Abernethy, but as to when it was generated 18 19 and who generated it, I don't know. 20 21 Q. You did mention that recommendation from Coroner 22 Abernethy this morning. Was that arising out of 23 a particular inquest? 24 It related, from my understanding, to the inquest into Α. the disappearance and suspected murder of Gordana Kotevski, 25 26 up in the Lake Macquarie area, Belmont, Charlestown. 27 28 Q. And one of the recommendations made by the coroner was 29 that a unit like this be set up? 30 To review unsolved matters or matters - yes, that's Α. 31 correct. 32 33 Q. I see. Thirdly, I think you said that all but 43 of 34 the 477 that we have talked about have had at least one 35 review? 36 Α. That's correct, sir, yes. 37 38 Q. Did such reviews, when they were done, of the 430-odd cases that have had reviews done, result in a written 39 record or records of what it was that the review found? 40 Yes, there'd be a review document, either on the 41 Α. 42 previous system or the current system, yes, sir. 43 When you say "previous system" and "current system"? 44 Q. 45 Well, the new system that we adopted from 2017 has Α. 46 a more comprehensive review document than the previous 47 ones, which --

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1 2 Q. But either way, either under the new more 3 comprehensive approach or the previous approach, there 4 would be a document emerging from the review process, as it 5 were, summarising what had been found in the files that had 6 been examined? 7 Α. That's correct, sir, yes. 8 9 So if we were to ask for all such review documents, Q. they could be produced? 10 Yes. 11 Α. 12 Is there something that we should ask for in 13 Q. 14 particular that we could get the right name? 15 Α. Under the current process, the triage document and also the review document and the annexure to the review 16 17 document, which would record an exhibits schedule and - and also there's a quality assurance document that goes with it 18 19 as well. 20 Q. Thank you. And in terms of the earlier system? 21 22 It was just a review document that was signed off by Α. 23 a coordinator from the Unsolved Homicide Team. 24 25 THE COMMISSIONER: Q. Are they documents that, I presume 26 from what you have said, you know or believe exist? 27 Α. Yes. sir. 28 29 Q. And how quickly could they be procured? It would just be a matter of generating them off the 30 Α. 31 e@gle.i system or copying them, if there's a hard copy. 32 33 Q. For example, if I asked for them for tomorrow, would 34 that be unreasonable? Perhaps I shouldn't ask you, but I might ask Mr Mykkeltveldt. 35 Yes, we would certainly have to make some inquiries as 36 Α. 37 to exactly where and how those documents are stored. Some of them, for example, might be quite old and stored in hard 38 copy, but we just don't know the answer to that. 39 40 41 Can we do this - there are people behind you in court. Q. Could some inquiries be made in the course of the 42 43 afternoon, because if they can be produced without difficulty by tomorrow, it would help us enormously, 44 45 because it's plain and obvious from my inquiries and from 46 what we're doing that we're trying not, to put it bluntly, to tread on the toes of any current investigations or 47

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imperil anything that is sensitive, and the more we have -1 2 the more information we have, the better able we are to 3 collaborate so that we don't go into areas that we 4 shouldn't be looking into, at least publicly, anyway. 5 6 MR MYKKELTVEDT: Yes, of course. Can I ask, when we're 7 talking about the review documents, are we talking about --8 9 THE COMMISSIONER: The documents just described by this 10 witness - that might not be the end of it. 11 Perhaps if I can ask you again, detective, you said 12 Q. 13 some documents existed a few minutes ago in answer to Mr 14 Gray. Could you just describe what you had in mind, leave aside how difficult or easy it is to get them, but the 15 16 documents at least you have in mind, so that those 17 assisting can write down or make a note of what it is you 18 think exists, anyway? 19 Your Honour, they're called a review document. So Α. 20 it's just a - the more recent ones are akin to a coronial statement, they're fairly detailed. The earlier ones are 21 22 more like a triage --23 24 Q. But "review documents" is a pretty general 25 description? 26 Α. That's the title of them, your Honour. 27 28 Q. But do they purport to review all unsolved crimes, as 29 vou best understand it? Not all of them, sir. 30 Α. 31 32 Q. What's the caveat? What is carved out, as best you 33 understand it, from whatever is in the review document? 34 Α. Sir, I'm sorry, I don't understand your question. 35 Well, what is excluded, if you say it's not all? You 36 Q. 37 seem to be suggesting there is a review document, and there 38 may be more than one review document which, over time, has purported to review unsolved crimes. 39 Yes. 40 Α. 41 42 And there's a current version of that, and when I say Q. 43 "current", it might be a few years old, I don't know, but there's an up-to-date version of some sort of that 44 45 document? 46 Α. Yes, sir. 47

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You say, however, or at least I understood you to say 1 Q. 2 a minute ago, that it didn't purport or propose to be 3 a review of all unsolved? 4 Yes. Α. 5 6 Q. And why are they not all in that review? Why are some 7 excluded from the review? Because they have been solved 8 or? 9 Α. Solved or that they haven't been reviewed or because 10 of their character. 11 Or too old and there's now nothing to see? 12 Q. 13 Yes. Α. 14 THE COMMISSIONER: 15 That may not give your side sufficient 16 description. 17 18 MR MYKKELTVEDT: I think it gives my side a start as to --19 20 THE COMMISSIONER: Why don't I let Mr Gray speak to you in a moment so that he can make it clearer what he is asking 21 22 for, so that you can then try, as best you can, to give me an update before the end of this afternoon on these 23 documents, so that I don't - I'm not meaning to 24 inconvenience anyone, but I would just like to get a handle 25 26 as soon as I can on what I can be looking at without 27 concern and what I shouldn't be looking at except with 28 great concern. So that's really what I'm trying to get to 29 the bottom of. 30 31 MR GRAY: Commissioner, may I just ask a question or two 32 to clarify something in my own mind? 33 34 THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, absolutely. 35 MR GRAY: Detective, I understood from what you said 36 Q. 37 a few minutes ago - and I may have misunderstood - that 38 there is a review document for each separate individual case where it has been reviewed? 39 That's correct, yes. 40 Α. 41 42 Q. Rather than one overarching review of everything? 43 Α. That's right. 44 45 And that there is such a review document, either in Q. the new, recent methodology or the earlier methodology, for 46 about 430 out of 477? 47

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Α. That's correct, yes, sir. 1 2 3 Q. So there would be 430-odd such review documents? 4 Yes, that's correct. Α. 5 6 Q. Either under the new system or the old? Or the earlier system; that's correct, ves. 7 Α. 8 9 MR GRAY: I'll just pause there for a second, your Honour. 10 I will just have a word to my friend. 11 THE COMMISSIONER: 12 Certainly. 13 14 MR GRAY: One supplementary question. 15 I'm reminded, and you said this, detective, that in 16 Q. 17 the newer system, the review document includes, in effect, a package of documents? 18 19 Α. That's correct, yes. 20 You enumerated them and they're in the transcript and 21 Q. 22 we have a note of that? 23 Α. That's correct. 24 25 Q. Whereas in the old system it may just be one document? 26 It may just be one document, yes. Can I say, the 23 Α. 27 that you've requested, I've pulled the reviews for the ones 28 that I can, and there's one or two that I have to get. 29 THE COMMISSIONER: That's very helpful. That's what 30 31 I want. I want to make sure that we're all on the same 32 page so that I know and am informed of what we are 33 currently turning over, because if you have - so I'll tell 34 you right now what is on my mind. If you have current 35 investigations - and I mean current as opposed to five or six years or whatever it might be - I just need you to tell 36 37 me where I don't tread, as it were, so that I can make some decisions about what I do. 38 39 40 So in terms of current investigations, obviously including somebody that might be a suspect, that you don't 41 want or may not want me to sniff around; alternatively, 42 43 telephone intercepts that might be current. We'll get to that in more detail, but I'm anxious to make sure that 44 45 I don't travel anywhere inside that box, letter E in the 46 Terms of Reference. You are here, to large extent, for me to get a feel for what I can and cannot do, because the 47

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last thing we are able to do is to interfere with anything 1 2 that's ongoing. 3 4 THE WITNESS: Thank you, sir. 5 6 MR GRAY: Q. As to one aspect of what the Commissioner just mentioned, namely, those that are under active. 7 current investigation, you have mentioned this morning 8 9 I think that in your two teams there are about 10, I'm not holding you to the exact number. 10 11 Α. Give or take, yes, sir. 12 13 Q. And in the other two teams you don't know 14 specifically, but you would hazard a guess that it might be 15 a similar number? A similar number, yes, sir. 16 Α. 17 How soon would it be possible for you to tell us, or 18 Q. 19 for someone to provide us with the information as to which 20 are the 20 or so in that category by name so that we make sure we don't interfere? 21 22 You're referring to the 23 here? Α. 23 THE COMMISSIONER: 24 No. 25 26 MR GRAY: Q. No, the 20 or so that are under active 27 investigation. 28 A. Oh, under active investigation. 29 THE COMMISSIONER: 30 Q. Let me ask you the question 31 directly: are any of the 23 that we're going to talk about 32 in a minute, those which you would consider under active 33 investigation? 34 There is one that is currently before the Supreme Α. Court. 35 36 37 Q. Is that in the matter of Keam? 38 Α. Yes, your Honour. 39 40 Q. All right. I will come to Keam individually, because we know - when I say "we know", I think it's - I won't say 41 42 it is public knowledge but there is some material about an extradition which took place in 2021, I've seen somewhere 43 44 in the press. 45 Α. That's correct. 46 47 Q. We will deal with Keam independently. But apart from

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Keam, of the 23 at the moment, none of them, to the best of 1 2 your recollection at the moment, are under active 3 consideration? 4 That's correct. Some have been investigated, Α. 5 your Honour, and have reached a point where we can't 6 continue with them. 7 THE COMMISSIONER: That doesn't include the others outside 8 9 the 23 because there might be others out there, and we will 10 get to those in due course. 11 Yes, Mr Gray? 12 13 14 MR GRAY: Thank you, Commissioner. 15 Picking up on something else that was mentioned this 16 Q. 17 morning, namely, the capacity to search for certain terms, like "homosexual" or "gay" or some such across the tracking 18 19 file information. I understand from my learned friend that 20 in some cases that might not be quite as simple as --My understanding is, yes, like the upload of the PDF 21 Α. 22 or the scanned document might - the oldest material may not 23 be able to be searched, and it's on e@gle.i, on the 24 e@gle.i --25 26 However, recognising that in some cases it may be Q. 27 easier than others, depending on when they were uploaded 28 and how it was done and so on, nevertheless, if we were to 29 provide my learned friend and those assisting him and yourself, say by tomorrow or even tonight, a list of such 30 31 terms that we would like to have the attempt made to 32 search, that could be done? 33 Α. It could be done, yes. 34 And given that's an electronic exercise, would I be 35 Q. right in assuming that that would not take an unduly long 36 37 time? 38 It shouldn't take too long. Just looking on the Α. Palace strike force, which is the intelligence one, but if 39 there is individual strike forces, it's a matter of 40 identifying the individual strike forces and going to each 41 42 one of those. 43 Still, we'd be talking days or a week or so 44 Q. Yes. 45 rather than a longer period I assume? 46 Α. A week would be a good estimate, sir. 47

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1 A week or so, okay, thank you. Just one other thing Q. 2 emerging from this morning. As to Parrabell, you mentioned that the Unsolved Homicide Unit was not involved in the 3 4 Parrabell exercise? 5 To my knowledge, no. Α. 6 7 Q. Am I understanding you correctly: did you say that in fact as far as you knew there was no involvement of the 8 9 Homicide Squad at all? 10 Α. That's my understanding of it, sir. 11 And you mentioned the reason had to do with possible 12 Q. conflict. What would be the possible conflict in terms of 13 14 the Unsolved Homicide Unit? 15 Α. It's more transparency in that it has an independent group of people looking at the deaths and making 16 a determination. 17 18 19 Q. They were, though, not homicide detectives then, 20 I take it? No, they weren't. 21 Α. 22 23 Q. The Parrabell --They weren't homicide detectives but they were 24 Α. qualified detectives. 25 26 27 Q. Did they, as far as you know, the Parrabell team, ask 28 any questions of the Unsolved Homicide Unit about any of 29 these cases? I'm not sure, sir. I'm not sure. 30 Α. 31 32 Q. Did they ask for any files or documents from the 33 Unsolved Homicide Unit? 34 Α. Again I'm not sure, sir. 35 Just lastly from this morning, going to your document 36 Q. 37 that you produced this morning, I just want to go over one 38 aspect of it to make sure I understand what it is telling us and what you have told us. At the top of page 3 there's 39 the heading "SF [strike force] Palace"; is that right? 40 41 Yes, sir, that's right, yes. Α. 42 43 I won't read it all out but it says the Unsolved Q. 44 Homicide Team receives information daily from various 45 sources, so that's correct? That's just daily life, every 46 day, something comes in? 47 Α. Yes, every day, one or two intelligence reports or we

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might get - depending on a media release, you might get 1 2 more. 3 4 Q. Then it says: 5 6 Information is assessed and actioned as 7 necessary. 8 9 That is by whom? 10 Α. Either the intelligence analysts or someone from the 11 review team, or if it relates to a job that we've got running at the moment, it will be disseminated to the 12 officer in charge. 13 14 15 Q. Then it says: 16 If the information is considered 17 significant, the Investigations 18 Coordinator --19 20 which is yourself or your colleague --21 22 23 is advised, and it is disseminated ... 24 25 et cetera? 26 That's correct, yes, sir. Α. 27 I understand that. Then the next section is headed 28 Q. 29 "Triage". What I want to ask you, though, first of all, is does the triage happen as part of what has just been 30 31 described in relation to Palace, or does triage happen at 32 some other point? 33 Α. The triage is a prelude to the review process. So the 34 review team will just look at the holdings of the investigation to find out if there's any brief items 35 available, whether the forensics, the exhibits are 36 37 available, the current status of witnesses, whether they're 38 alive or deceased, and prepare a document for the reviewer to ultimately prepare the review. 39 40 And that's when we get to the expression in point 2 41 Q. under "Triage", "The review package"? 42 43 That's correct, sir, yes. Α. 44 45 Is that a reference to what we were talking about five Q. 46 minutes ago in terms of the new arrangements? 47 Α. Yes, that's correct, sir.

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1 2 Q. So all of that happens when, for one reason or 3 another, a review is instigated? 4 The triage process is the lead-up to the review, yes, Α. 5 and once the triage is finished, the review is started. 6 7 Q. Thank you. I need to go back a step. What triggers 8 the triage process? 9 It's just a matter of going through the tracking file Α. 10 or - it's just a matter of going through every case and 11 ensuring the triage is done and then a review is ultimately done from there. 12 13 14 Q. But is a triage done of every case once a year or --15 Α. No. It's - no, it's not. It's --16 17 Q. What prompts it to happen, a triage of any given case? What prompts it? It's a - just going through the 18 Α. 19 tracking file and saying, "Look, we've got to do a triage 20 on this one. Has it been reviewed? Well, the review has been done, but it hasn't been done" - "there's new 21 22 information that may have come in." It is more just to 23 ensure that a new review is completed on the matter. 24 25 Q. Is it somebody's job to continually look at the 26 tracking file to see when some case is in the spotlight 27 where it needs to have a triage? 28 No, what we were doing was just going through the Α. 29 whole tracking file, triaging as many matters as we could so we could start reviewing them, and complete reviews for 30 31 as many matters as we could, so then we could look at jobs 32 with potential - potential for our reinvestigation. 33 34 Q. But is this like painting the Harbour Bridge, though, is what I'm getting at? 35 No, no, it's not. It's not --36 Α. 37 38 Q. That you just keep doing it relentlessly? No. It's been going since I've been there, and that's 39 Α. five years, and it - it takes a little bit of time to do 40 that because you've got to track down --41 42 43 Q. So at the time you arrived, a predecessor of yours had 44 instigated this approach? 45 Α. I instigated it. No. 46 47 Q. You instigated it?

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Α. Yes. 1 2 3 Q. And prior to your arrival, how long had it been since 4 cases had been being reviewed? 5 Some of them hadn't been reviewed since the mid 2000s, Α. 6 2005, 2006, 2007. So the idea was to have everything 7 re-reviewed. 8 9 Q. This is under your watch since 2017? 10 Α. Well, and the other coordinators from the unsolved. but it started in 2017. 11 12 And how far, if I can ask this question - I hope it's 13 Q. 14 a coherent question - along that path are you? Well, a fair way along, particularly for the 15 Α. undetected or unsolved matters. I think --16 17 18 Q. So out of 477, how many have had a triage? 19 Α. Forty-three are outstanding, so I'd say of the -20 there's 43 that perhaps haven't had a triage done and a review done. 21 22 23 Q. In those five years? 24 Α. In those five years. 25 26 THE COMMISSIONER: Q. And do those 43 fall into the 27 earlier periods or was there some methodology in choosing 28 when to triage? I mean, did you take a practical view, 29 going back, it was unlikely to produce something and look at something more recent, or was it a random selection? 30 31 We looked at the undetected or the unsolved, as we Α. 32 call them, but the undetected matters, and I wanted all -33 we wanted all those reviewed because they're - to see if 34 there were any jobs there with forensic potential or the availability of witnesses. The older the matters, it was 35 important that they got reviewed as well. I think they 36 37 were looking at the - doing the more recent matters, but 38 then we talked them into doing the older matters. 39 So when we get the - well, we have received 40 MR GRAY: Q. the tracking file, but the tracking file will tell us which 41 42 of the 43 have not had a triage, will it? 43 It should do, yes, sir. Α. 44 45 One other question I wanted to ask you about the -Q. 46 probably about the tracking file, but it may extend beyond the tracking file. You mentioned this morning that there 47

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are some among the 477 which, on any realistic view, are 1 2 almost certain not to involve any gay bias factor, eg, 3 a child death, and there would be other examples. Would it 4 be possible for you or those who assist you to provide to 5 the Commission a list or provide the information in some other way as to those of the 477 which, in your assessment, 6 7 stating the reason, would appear not to have anything to do with what we're investigating? 8 9 Yes, sir. It might take some time, but yes, that Α. would be possible. 10 11 We're going to have to look at these things ourselves, 12 Q. to discharge our obligations, but it would certainly assist 13 14 if you could do it first because you are the ones who know the files. 15 16 THE COMMISSIONER: 17 Q. How many of the files, very approximately, do you think are child deaths or children's 18 19 deaths? 20 It's hard to say. There probably isn't too many but Α. 21 then they come up, there might be - as an example just 22 recently one of the strike forces that we've just 23 completed, the offender had seriously assaulted a two-year-old child, and we were asked to look at a death 24 that related to the same offender 10 years ago. So we 25 26 picked that up. That wasn't on our tracking file, it was 27 iust --28 29 MR GRAY: Q. But if we frame a request to you to carry out that exercise --30 31 Α. Yes, sir. 32 33 Q. -- that's something that can be done? 34 Α. Yes, we can. 35 Thank you. Turning now to the 23, you have provided 36 Q. 37 in your document this morning essentially I gather the same 38 information that's in the case summaries but with the additional material in the box at the bottom? 39 That's correct. 40 Α. 41 42 Thank you. If I can go through them and ask you - in Q. 43 fact. I can do this in bulk because I think you have essentially told the Commission this already. Of these 23, 44 45 with the exception of Keam, none of them is under current 46 investigation? That's right, sir. 47 Α.

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1 2 Q. And none of them, for example, are under any regime of 3 telephone intercepts or surveillance? 4 I take it back. Kenneth Brennan, which is one of the Α. 5 matters, we just need to do a little bit more forensic work on that case. And also David Rose, which is the final one, 6 7 I think, from the 23, a review is being done on that, and it goes before our quality assurance panel to determine 8 whether we reinvestigate that one. 9 10 Forgive me, Rose, and what was the THE COMMISSIONER: 11 Q. other one you mentioned. Brennan? 12 Yes, Kenneth Brennan. 13 Α. 14 15 Q. Rose is dead last. Where is Brennan? I've got it. Number 69, Kenneth Brennan. 16 Α. 17 18 Q. No. Number 7? Number 20 on the - Kenneth Brennan. 19 Α. 20 Oh, Kenneth, sorry. 21 Q. 22 23 MR GRAY: There are two Brennans, so it's Kenneth 24 25 THE WITNESS: And I think there is "Wendy", or Wayne. 26 It's number 69, your Honour. 27 28 MR GRAY: Q. May I start with - I'll just go through 29 them chronologically, and as I go through, I'll also go to the other seven that we wrote to you about? 30 31 Α. Yes. sir. 32 33 Q. So the first one is Mark Stewart or Spanswick. Is it 34 pronounced Spanswick or "Spannic"? 35 Mark Stewart or Spanswick. Α. 36 37 Q. This person's body was found at the bottom of a cliff 38 near Fairy Bower in 1976. There are one or two others, including the very next one, Mr Rath, who was also found at 39 Fairy Bower, and two or three others, I think as you know, 40 41 that were found nearby or at least at Manly or not too far 42 away. When the localities are adjacent, such as in these 43 few cases, does part of your work involve looking at the locality as a factor and whether the locality was, for 44 45 example, a gay beat? 46 Α. With this particular case and with the following case, if there was a brief of evidence or there was some 47

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documentation, it would be reviewed, and would undergo the 1 2 current process, but - so we triage it. My understanding 3 with this one is that it was investigated back in the day 4 by the special crime squad, and whether the brief of 5 evidence is still available is unknown. So yes, look, if there were a series of deaths and - those two are at North 6 7 Head, or Fairy Bower, in the 1970s. 8 9 Q. Well, hindsight is a wonderful thing, of course, and 10 we're looking back at it now and we see Fairy Bower, Fairy 11 Bower, Fairy Bower, and obviously there are connections that one might make when one is conceptualising what was 12 going on, but when your unit looks at these cases, does 13 14 that form part of the thinking that's engaged in? 15 Α. Our unit looks at cases on the basis of available evidence. If there's no available evidence, it's very 16 17 difficult to make an assessment on facts. 18 Q. 19 Sure. 20 And those two cases are examples of cases where we Α. don't have the evidence to make an accurate assessment of 21 22 what has occurred. 23 24 Q. So what is the material, as far as you know, that is 25 available? 26 For number 2, there's no material available according Α. 27 to --28 29 THE COMMISSIONER: Q. No, go back to number 1? 30 Α. Number 1 is --31 32 Q. Just let me finish. You may not be able to tell us 33 from what is said there or from your own inquiries - and 34 there may be nothing now left anywhere - but, for example, would you be able to tell whether a police officer went to 35 the Hilton Hotel and made inquiries of the Hilton as to 36 37 what name he booked in under, how he proposed to pay his 38 bill, anything of that sort? I suppose there is nothing there? 39 40 Α. There's nothing there, your Honour. 41 42 And the Hilton Hotel wouldn't have any records from Q. 1976, presumably, but from what you have in front of you, 43 is it fair to say you have no idea what inquiries were made 44 45 at the relevant time, but for that someone was able to say 46 he had been in these various locations, he had been in the 47 New Zealand Navy, had come to Sydney, he's booked into two

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hotels, next minute, he's down at the bottom of a cliff? 1 2 Α. That's the only information we've got - I've got. 3 4 MR GRAY: Q. Is that information from the coroner's 5 report or from something else? 6 Α. That information has come from Parrabell itself. 7 Q. 8 But where --9 Α. And the only reason it's on our tracking file is 10 because it was referred to us by Parrabell. 11 Q. So you in fact --12 We have no record of it otherwise. 13 Α. 14 15 THE COMMISSIONER: Q. Can I just ask this, then: if Parrabell, in the course of its inquiry, had asked for 16 access to any relevant file, would they have come - not to 17 you, well, they might have, but would they have come to 18 19 someone in your command or in some way to you formally and 20 said, "Can we please have the filed marked 'Stewart'"? What they would have done, your Honour, is gone to the 21 Α. 22 records section, put a request in to the records section 23 for - and that's, like, with all material that you 24 requested, we've gone to the records section and given them a list of names and said, "We want all the archived 25 26 material for these matters." If it exists, it will be in 27 the archives. If it doesn't exist we wouldn't have it. 28 29 Q. But as far as you are aware, this one in particular and perhaps all of the others or many of the others - are 30 31 summaries prepared by Parrabell persons? 32 That's right, yes, your Honour. Α. 33 34 MR GRAY: Q. Moving to Mr Rath, he is not one of the 23 but is one of the seven? 35 36 Α. Right, yes. 37 38 What more can you tell us beyond what's in the summary Q. 39 about this case? 40 There's nothing recorded on our Strike Force Palace, Α. which is the intelligence tool we use. It's not on our 41 tracking file either. Other than that, I can't say much 42 43 more about it, in that we don't have any records in regard 44 to it. 45 So if there are records to be had, we would need to 46 Q. 47 seek them from the --

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From the archives or from the records section. It's Α. 1 2 just a request that that we put through, and I'm sure 3 that - well, I'm not sure. I'm sure Parrabell would have 4 requested for the records, or requested the records for 5 Mr Rath. 6 7 Q. Then David Williams? Reading the Parrabell information, there doesn't 8 Α. 9 appear to be any record of this death. John Lehman, the 10 former coordinator, said that there were no records able to Searches were completed on all dates of birth 11 be located. misspelling of names and/or correct - they weren't able to 12 locate anything in regard to that particular matter. And 13 14 I think the information has come from Sue Thompson and 15 a criminologist. 16 THE COMMISSIONER: 17 Q. But if that is right, does that 18 mean that there were never, ever any police records or, alternatively, such records that were created in any event 19 20 were destroyed or lost and --It could mean that. You'd expect that there might be 21 Α. 22 a P79A with the Coroner's Court, but I understand there is - they've done extensive searches on COPS. There is -23 I can't offer an explanation as to where the records have 24 25 gone, your Honour. They could have been destroyed. 26 27 MR GRAY: Q. Specifically what is The Ryerson Index? You don't know either? 28 29 Α. No, I don't know. I apologise. 30 31 Q. And GRR - "extensive searches on various things including GRR"; do you know what that is? 32 33 Α. That was just cut and paste, but, look, I'm not -34 I know the State Archives and the media and COPS have been 35 searched and, as I said, it's only on our tracking file because it's a --36 37 38 Q. It might be Government Records Repository, it seems. Α. 39 Thank you. 40 So the short point is that in the case of Mr Williams, 41 Q. 42 your unit essentially has nothing? 43 We have nothing on it. We haven't - it hasn't come to Α. our attention as a potential investigation. 44 45 Q. Then next is Walter John Bedser. 46 47

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THE COMMISSIONER: I'm sorry, can I interrupt there? 1 2 3 In the case of Williams, we assume, presumably, do we, Q. 4 that there would be a death certificate? 5 There should be a death certificate, with Births Α. 6 Deaths and Marriages. 7 That would give the name of the medical officer who 8 Q. certified the death, I presume? 9 10 Α. It should. I'm just looking at another death 11 certificate - maybe, maybe not, your Honour. 12 13 THE COMMISSIONER: All right, thank you. 14 15 MR GRAY: Q. Turning to Mr Bedser --That's an undetected matter. That is a homicide. 16 Α. 17 Mr Bedser ran an antique shop out at Parramatta, in an arcade there. He employed young males at the shop. 18 19 There's no exhibits that are available, and again, this is 20 a flaw in our system, that exhibits that related to a lot of these jobs have gone. It makes it very difficult to 21 22 investigate them forensically. For instance, the murder 23 weapon in this one was located but the current whereabouts 24 of that weapon are unknown. 25 26 THE COMMISSIONER: Q. And what - do you recall what the 27 weapon was? 28 It was a knife. Α. 29 30 Q. And it's gone missing? 31 Α. Mr Bedser was stabbed. 32 33 Q. But it's gone. 34 Α. Yes. 35 MR GRAY: The review, it seems, was in 2008, which is 36 Q. 37 14 years ago, obviously. Has there been another one more 38 recently, since 2017? Not that I can see, no. There is a potential for the 39 Α. review of a fingerprint file again, but potentially this 40 one could be re-reviewed, and extensive searches made for 41 the exhibits - more extensive than were done before. 42 43 THE COMMISSIONER: 44 Q. Can I just ask this, though: 45 there must be in the file, which I presume is hard copy, 46 potentially - there must be statements that are referred to, I presume, are there, identifying the witnesses who --47

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Yes, there are. There is a review document, the 1 Α. 2 original review document that was done, that lists the 3 witnesses, the summary of the event and - the witnesses and 4 their actual - what they saw. I've got that here. 5 6 THE COMMISSIONER: I see, all right. 7 8 MR GRAY: Q. And Richard Slater? 9 Α. This is what we call an unresolved matter, in that 10 someone was charged with the offence. Mr Slater had 11 a bladder problem, where he had to urinate, unfortunately, on a regular basis, so he's gone to a public toilet, where 12 he's been attacked, allegedly by this fellow by the name of 13 14 Miller. He was charged with the murder, but it was no-billed, and Mr Miller died in 1986 from a drug overdose. 15 16 THE COMMISSIONER: 17 Q. So in a case like that, you would expect, would you, the investigating officer to have 18 19 corroborated the bladder issue by going to the doctor? 20 I think the information came from the family, but the Α. original investigators I don't know how they obtained that 21 22 information. But there is no information that Mr Slater 23 was in fact gay, just perhaps in the wrong place at the 24 wrong time. The offender was someone who targeted gay males in a toilet, robbed them, and I believe was gay 25 26 himself. 27 28 Q. And again no idea why it was no-billed? 29 Α. No. The DPP don't disclose to us why they elect not to proceed with a matter. 30 31 32 THE COMMISSIONER: All right, thank you. 33 34 MR GRAY: Q. The next one is Mr Cuthbert, Gerald Leslie 35 Cuthbert. Again with this one, it has been reviewed. I had one 36 Α. 37 of my staff trying to track down the exhibits, because 38 there was a reference to the exhibits in the review that was completed, and we've been in contact with Dr Bruce out 39 40 at DAL. So the review was completed in 2005. We've been 41 in contact with Dr Bruce and he's making some inquiries to 42 determine whether we can locate the exhibits. This was 43 quite a vicious attack and if the exhibits are still in 44 existence, with the improvements in technology, we may 45 stand a chance forensically with this matter. But again, it's all dependent on whether the exhibits exist. 46 47

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1 Q. One does notice here that the case just above it, 2 Mr Giannaris, and the case just below it, Mr Parkes, in 3 the original list, they were all found apparently bound and 4 gagged, and the cases of Giannaris and Parkes have been 5 solved - two people were charged and convicted. I'm just 6 wondering whether you know whether anyone thought to --7 In the review document --Α. 8 9 Q. -- consider whether they were linked? 10 Α. -- there is a reference to - bear with me a sec. "Connection to other cases" - you referenced the Parkes 11 murder? 12 13 14 Q. Yes, Parkes and Giannaris. They were all within about a month of each other. 15 There is a reference to those investigations in the 16 Α. 17 review document completed back in 2005. So it's similar to the murder of Ernest Head it was something that was 18 19 considered back in the original investigation and by the 20 reviewer in 2005, sir. Again, that one could have forensic potential if we can locate the exhibits. 21 22 23 Q. And I'm sure you have tried, but what is the hard slog 24 involved in trying to locate the exhibits? Going to the police station initially, then we go to 25 Α. 26 the metropolitan exhibits centre, which is out at - in the 27 Inner West somewhere. We make contact with them. Then we go to the crime scene, and then we go to FASS or the 28 29 laboratories to try and track down anything that may be available, and sometimes it's unfortunate, fingernail 30 31 clippings, or the like, aren't available, or the swabs have 32 gone, and it's just - it's frustrating. 33 34 Q. And this being one from 1981, we would be looking at we would be talking about an exhibit book? 35 Yes, sir, that's right. 36 Α. 37 38 Q. And it would no doubt say something --Hopefully, it does. 39 Α. 40 41 Q. -- which turns out not to be able to be verified? Sometimes there'll be a transfer in the exhibit book 42 Α. 43 that doesn't match up to where the item has gone so we've 44 got to follow it up. 45 THE COMMISSIONER: 46 Q. So there's no documentary trail 47 kept, is there? When an exhibit is taken into custody, as

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it were, I presume somebody notes in an exhibit book that 1 2 there is such a thing as an exhibit, and I presume, brief 3 though it may be there, is a description "Knife", "Gun", 4 whatever? 5 Α. That's correct. 6 7 Q. And then if someone comes and takes it away for court 8 purposes, let's say, presumably someone has to sign in and 9 sign it out. 10 Α. Sign it out, time and date. 11 But then over time it gets moved around physically and 12 Q. someone just loses track of it, or something? 13 14 That's correct, or it could be bagged with something Α. else, or - it's not perfect, and the system has certainly 15 improved since the 1980s. 16 17 18 So it's not photographed so that anybody knows what it Q. 19 looks like, if they're trying to find it again? 20 There may be photographs on the system. Our crime Α. scene people may have photographs still on file in their 21 22 crime scene file, but it's the physical item and its value 23 as a forensic exhibit that we really - help us with the 24 case. 25 26 MR GRAY: Q. I think you said this morning - correct me 27 if I'm wrong - that in recent years there has been an 28 actual step taken to try to --29 Α. That's correct. 30 31 Q. -- bring in all exhibits from wherever they may be for cases that aren't being investigated, from the station --32 33 Α. For all unsolved homicides, we've requested that they 34 all be back to the central exhibits area. 35 And you said, I'm paraphrasing, that while that had 36 Q. 37 been done to some significant extent, you weren't confident 38 that it was perfectly done? I'm not confident that everything's been returned, no, 39 Α. I'm not. 40 41 And what more could be done to achieve that? It does 42 Q. 43 seem like a useful exercise? What has basically happened is that reports have gone 44 Α. 45 out to the commanders of each of the police stations 46 requesting exhibits be returned, and whether they have complied with that or not, reminders are sent out to them, 47

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and then if the exhibits aren't available or they can't 1 2 find the exhibit, that's where the problem starts. And 3 particularly for some of the older matters, they're just 4 not available. You may have had an overzealous 5 superintendent organising the removal and destruction of 6 exhibits, which maybe back in the day they didn't see the 7 forensic value of, but now, we certainly do see the forensic value of. 8 9 10 Q. So has the reclaiming process that you have been 11 engaging in resulted in a sizeable volume of material that you now have at your premises? 12 Not in our premises but in the exhibits centre, yes, 13 Α. 14 there is a considerable amount of forensic or exhibits that 15 have been returned. It was also, though, the problem that some of the forensic exhibits hadn't been stored correctly 16 17 or had been mixed with other exhibits, they've got cross-contamination. But we're doing our best with what 18 19 we've got. 20 Just so that I'm clear, in the reclaiming exercise 21 Q. 22 that has been recently underway, with the results that you 23 have mentioned, has the reclaiming request - I'm calling it 24 "reclaiming" - been generic, that is, to such and such a station, in such and such a suburb, "Please give us all 25 26 the exhibits that you have, regardless of what case they 27 are from, unless you're actually investigating that case 28 still"? 29 Α. Just for homicides, yes, that's right. Just for homicides, unsolved homicides. 30 31 32 Q. But have you said, "We want exhibits to do with case 33 X, Y and Z"? 34 When we start investigating a matter, then we start Α. 35 looking specifically at - well, the exhibits are at Burwood police station, for instance, let's get over there, see 36 37 where they are, how they're stored, and get them out of 38 there. 39 The next one is Peter Sheil, 1983. 40 Q. This is the man whose body was found at the bottom of a cliff at Thompsons 41 42 Bay near Coogee, said to have been a known gay beat by the 43 Parrabell people. The family were under the impression 44 that the man was heterosexual although suffering from 45 mental illness. Now, your note says that the Parrabell review did not locate any police holdings on this matter. 46 47 That's right, I take it?

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That's right. And basically we have limited available 1 Α. 2 information. It's unlikely that it would be undertaken as 3 an investigation by us, unless a brief of evidence is found 4 and then we can review it or triage it to see if it is 5 worthy of review. 6 7 Q. When your note says that the matter was not referred 8 to your team by the coroner --9 Α. That's right. 10 11 Q. -- was there a coroner's inquest? It just wasn't referred to us by the coroner. So I'm 12 Α. not sure whether there was an inquest or not, but we have 13 14 the matters - our matters are referred to us by the coroner. That hasn't been referred - so Mr Sheil's matter 15 hasn't been referred to us by the coroner and - yes. We 16 17 have no investigative papers in regard to it. 18 19 Q. For a matter to go to the coroner, does it go to the 20 coroner only via the police, or does it get to a coroner by 21 other means? 22 My understanding is the family can request an inquest Α. as well, but back in the 1980s, I'm pretty sure that a lot 23 of matters were dealt with via P79A. I might be wrong, but 24 if it was a suspected suicide, it's probably been dealt 25 26 with without a brief of evidence. 27 28 Q. So the form would go, the P79A? 29 Α. That's completed by the original police that attend the scene, so they may be uniformed police, and they go to 30 31 the scene and they book the body in to the morgue and with 32 it they take the P79A. 33 34 Q. And the coroner in such circumstances --May have dispensed with an inquest, but without 35 Α. knowing the specifics of the case. 36 37 38 Q. But in this instance, you don't have a coroner's 39 report? 40 I don't, no. And that's based on what I've got from Α. the Parrabell people. 41 42 43 Well, in the Parrabell summary, there is no mention of Q. 44 a coroner's report either. So --45 But again, if it was something that was requested from Α. 46 the archives, you would have a definitive answer as to whether a file existed. 47

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1 2 Q. And has that been done? Well. it says here, "The review did not locate any 3 Α. 4 NSW Police holdings on the matter." 5 6 Q. Yes, what about the --7 No, sir, I haven't. Α. 8 Has a communication been made with the coroner? 9 Q. 10 That's what I'm wondering? Not that I'm aware of, sir. 11 Α. 12 All right. And Wayne Brennan, known as "Wendy Wayne", 13 Q. 14 this is an unsolved --Α. That's an unsolved homicide. Been shot a number of 15 times with a 45 cal. The casings from the shooting aren't 16 17 available, because the offender has taken the casings with All we have are the bullets in the - so for the 18 him. purposes of - forensically. I don't believe there's much on 19 20 it as well. 21 22 Q. So it has been reviewed twice, I see? 23 There is some suggestion that Wendy was involved in Α. flushing a quantity of heroin down a toilet and there may 24 have been a hit based on that factor 25 26 27 Q. It does sound to the person coming to it in 2022 as 28 though it's a killing that has been done by someone who has 29 done it before? Yes. And there is a review document. 30 Α. The review was 31 done in 2005. There are some recommendations they make 32 from the review. But whether those recommendations have 33 been undertaken or not, I'm not sure. 34 35 And then your note says that it's been reviewed also Q. 36 in 2008 and 2012 by the senior detectives course? 37 That's not so much a review as a group of detectives Α. 38 are handed all the material. They look at what's available and then they have to present an assessment to a panel. 39 So it's not - it is a review but it's not a review like we 40 would do a review. 41 42 43 Q. What's the purpose of that kind of review? 44 Α. It's a training exercise but it's also a matter of 45 seeking opinion of different people to see if they can see 46 any leads that may assist in solving a crime. But again, it's a shooting and no shell cases have been located at the 47

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scene. There is a review document here, your Honour, as 1 2 well for that one. 3 4 Thank you. Then Gilles Mattaini, the man who went Q. 5 missing in 1985 and was then the subject of or became the 6 subject of Operation Taradale? 7 That's correct. We reinvestigated this matter, the Α. Gilles Mattaini, the John Russell and the Ross Warren 8 matters all under Strike Force Neiwand. The strike force 9 10 started before I arrived there. 11 Sorry, strike force what? 12 Q. Neiwand, N-E-I-W-A-N-D. So we - a lot of - Taradale 13 Α. 14 focused on a group of youths that were operating in that 15 Marks Park area, which is near Bondi, that were victimising or attacking men in that beat area. They ran covert 16 17 operations on the targets, but they were unsuccessful in 18 getting a result. 19 20 So with Mr Mattaini, he disappeared in 1985, but it wasn't reported to police until 2000/2001, when Operation 21 22 Taradale commenced. We wanted to look at it from the 23 victimology point of view, in that the previous 24 investigations hadn't looked at the victim, what his 25 background was, so we sent a request to the French police 26 to interview Mr Mattaini's partner, a fellow by the name of 27 Musy, and he provided us with a detailed account of 28 Mr Mattaini's mental state and the like. He told police, 29 the French police, that he had told Detective Sergeant Page, who was in charge of Taradale, that Gilles had 30 31 attempted suicide on a number of occasions, that he'd - he 32 was - but Sergeant Page said, "No, it's murder." So in 33 some ways, there was some tunnel vision. I would have 34 taken a more - a broader approach to it and looked at all possibilities rather than just focusing on a group. 35 36 37 In any case, Mr Mattaini told his partner that if he 38 disappeared, he would never be found. We got an oceanographer - sorry, I don't know the exact term for the 39 specialist - to look at the flow of waters in the area and 40 if someone fell off or was pushed off or accidentally - or 41 42 committed suicide, where the body - and they wouldn't come 43 back in to the beach. But there's a detailed summary for 44 that one attached, and I've got it here, so --45 The review document? 46 Q. 47 Α. The review document.

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1 2 Q. The review package? 3 It was completed as a result of our investigation into Α. 4 the three matters. 5 6 Q. We'll come to the other two in the three, but in the 7 case of Mr Mattaini, as you say, his body was never found, and your conclusion is "No forensic evidence, no identified 8 9 suspect". Really, there is nothing more that can be done, 10 is there? 11 Α. There is nothing more that can be done unless something comes up, if someone comes forward as a result of 12 an appeal or the like. Unfortunately, if Mr Mattaini's 13 remains are located, his mother is now deceased and was 14 15 deceased before we sent our inquiries to France, so DNA is problematic. Yes, I - it may be a bias related crime, it 16 17 may be suicide, it may be death by misadventure, but our 18 inquiries can't determine which one it is. 19 20 All right. William Anthony Rooney, who was the man Q. who was found in Crown Lane, Wollongong. A suspect was 21 22 identified, being a suspect who had. I think this is right, 23 isn't it --24 He had been attacking males down there, sexually Α. 25 assaulting them. 26 27 Q. And had been found guilty of such crimes in some 28 cases? 29 Α. Yes. This matter is still down with the Wollongong The DPP - they've sent a report through to the 30 detectives. 31 DPP to consider charges. The DPP have advised there is 32 insufficient evidence to proceed against Mr Scerri, who is 33 the offender, or sorry --34 35 Is he still in custody, do you know? Q. I'm not sure whether he's still in custody, but 36 Α. 37 I should imagine he should be. 38 Q. I take it that no other potential suspect --39 40 Α. Not that I'm aware. 41 42 Q. -- came into view? 43 Not that I'm aware of. And because it's a matter Α. 44 where someone has been charged, and in our view is a good 45 suspect for the murder, it's something that we wouldn't 46 review in the short term. There are other matters that we 47 would probably go to before we went to that one.

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1 2 Q. That have greater priority? 3 Α. Yes, sir. 4 5 Q. Then there is the matter of Keam, Raymond Frederick 6 Keam. 7 Α. This matter is interesting because it is a bias 8 related crime. It is a crime where our accused now, who 9 stands trial on 1 May next year, orchestrated attacks on 10 what he perceived to be gay males near a public toilet in 11 Alison Park at Randwick. So he would set up bait for the males and then there would be a group of children or young 12 13 males waiting in the bushes to attack the male and he would 14 come in and attack as well. Mr Sutton, as he was known 15 then, he's now known as Stanley Early, is a convicted paedophile and also identifies as gay. But he's - as 16 17 I said, the matter is now before the court. He fled after 18 the attack, drove some 20 hours to Bundaberg to meet his 19 brother, who he hadn't seen for years, and then returned 20 suddenly. So - and to his mother, he said, "I was in a 21 fight in the park and the police are after me". It's 22 a circumstantial brief case and I'm hoping that it goes 23 well. 24 25 Q. What was the catalyst for these steps that have 26 happened in the last couple of years? 27 With the Raymond Keam matter, the original OIC, Α. 28 Detective Sergeant Kel Parsons, contacted the Unsolved 29 Homicide Team squad and said, "Can you please look at this This one's been troubling me for a number of years." 30 one. 31 So we reviewed it and reinvestigated it. 32 33 Q. So in this case, it was just a police officer who had 34 it on his mind? Yes. sir. 35 Α. 36 37 Q. Who chose, of his own volition, to ask you to look into it? 38 Stanley Sutton was always a suspect in the matter and 39 Α. 40 as soon as the officer rang we decided to review and reinvestigate. It had to go before the quality assurance 41 42 panel, but we spent a fair bit of time on it. 43 This one was, I think I'm right, a case where there 44 Q. 45 was a reward on offer? 46 Yes, that's right, it was. But it was part of Α. 47 a strategy.

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1 2 Q. Was that a reward as part of a relatively recent 3 strategy? 4 Yes, sir. Α. 5 6 Q. Not from long back? 7 Α. No. 8 9 Q. And did it play any part in the resolution of the 10 investigation? Not really, no. No, it didn't. 11 Α. 12 How often does a reward play a part, speaking 13 Q. 14 generally? 15 Α. I think with the Samantha Knight matter, there may have been a reward paid. I don't know what the statistics 16 are on rewards that have been paid as a result of 17 18 information. 19 20 Q. Anecdotally, though, in your experience, on the low 21 side? 22 Α. It's on the low side. 23 24 Q. That is, not many? 25 Α. Not many. 26 27 Q. All right. So he's in custody now? 28 Α. He's in custody awaiting to stand trial. 29 The next one is William Allen. This is an unsolved 30 Q. 31 case. This is Alexandria, where we know that Mr Johnson, Richard Johnson, was killed a couple of years later -32 33 a couple of years after this one; is that right? 34 Α. I apologise, I don't have that one in my folder. 35 It's one of the unsolved ones from Parrabell. You 36 Q. 37 don't have it with you? 38 Α. No. 39 It's number 11 I think in your document today. 40 Q. 41 Α. What is it in the Parrabell reference? 42 43 Q. In Parrabell it's 30. 30? I have it here, thank you. I apologise, I'm at 44 Α. 45 a bit of a loss for this one. I haven't read any material on it. I can read material on it, but I haven't - I can't 46 provide you with an answer on that one. 47

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1 2 Q. The text that appears in the case summary is 3 significantly not the same as the text that appears in your 4 document. Your document is much longer? 5 Is that a reference to the next one, which I think is Α. 6 Ross Warren? 7 No, I'm looking at number 30, William Allen. 8 Q. Have you 9 got this document from this morning available to you? 10 Α. That one page is missing, sir. 11 12 Q. Oh, we can give you a copy. 13 Α. Sorry about that. 14 15 Q. That's all right. All I'm noticing is that the text that appears in your document is much longer and largely 16 17 different from what's in the case summary from Parrabell. I must have taken this out of the review document to 18 Α. 19 give a more accurate description of what has occurred in 20 the matter. It's an unsolved case that's with us at the 21 moment. We're in the - with that new framework, we were 22 sending reviews out to police stations so an experienced 23 detective could look at the matter and review the matter. 24 This is one of the cases that has taken a little bit of time to come back. It hasn't actually come back. So 25 26 I don't know, until it comes back and we do a quality 27 assurance on it, whether there's investigative potential 28 with the matter. 29 What is your note down the bottom, where it says, "Not 30 Q. 31 reviewed Triage sent to South Region. Part of backlog 32 issue"? 33 Α. That's what I mean, the triage and all the 34 documentation that we require to have a review done has been sent out to south region so they can conduct the 35 36 review, they can pull all the archive material in and 37 review the matter and complete a review document for us and 38 forward it back to us so we can assess it. It was just a matter - we wanted to get as many of these done as we 39 could and by outsourcing it to police stations we thought 40 this was a - would be expedient. 41 42 43 Q. I see. So the police station was, in effect, doing 44 the triage? 45 No, doing the review. And they haven't completed the Α. review and that's why - we're still waiting for the review 46 47 to return to us. We've started requesting them to be

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returned so that we can do them ourselves. 1 2 3 I'm a little surprised that the review of the work of Q. 4 the initial investigators would be, as it were, as you say, 5 outsourced back to the --6 Α. Back to a police station. 7 8 Q. Back to the same police station? 9 We look at the experience of the investigator. Α. There's homicide investigators that are in the police -10 11 well, PACs as they call them, police districts, people that have been to the Homicide Squad, worked in the Homicide 12 Squad, and been promoted and gone back to police stations. 13 14 So there is that experience out there and we're drawing on 15 that to assist us with completing the reviews. But that's an incomplete review at the moment. 16 17 18 But when it does come in, take as an example of this Q. 19 way of handling things, that would then stand as the 20 review; you wouldn't do a separate review? 21 Α. No, we'd look at the review to make sure it's up to 22 standard, make sure that - and look at the recommendations 23 they make, there'd be some recommendations on the review 24 document as well suggesting investigative strategies and 25 the like, and we look at those and assess those to see if 26 what they're suggesting is viable. 27 28 Q. The next one is number 31, Russell Payne, which is one 29 of the seven, as I'm referring to them, rather than the 23. This is the man found in Inverell. It's number 31. 30 31 Α. Okay, that's in the list that you sent me on Friday? 32 33 Q. That's right, yes. Is this one that you can assist us 34 on this afternoon? 35 This morning I had a look at Strike Force Palace and Α. I looked at the tracking file. It's not recorded on 36 37 either - there's no coronial record. My understanding is 38 that Parrabell mentioned that there were some unusual or bizarre groin injuries to Mr Payne, so I have no other 39 40 information apart from that, sir. 41 42 There seems to have been a post-mortem, and death Q. 43 certificate, but the material available to you doesn't 44 include whatever may have happened at the hospital and --45 I don't have any material for this particular matter. Α. 46 This is one of the matters that Parrabell have suggested is solved, I think. Yes, "solved". They list the cause of 47

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death as septicaemia as a result of an acute --1 2 3 The suggestion is that the injuries may have been Q. 4 self-inflicted. Just reading the nature of the injuries 5 and how they were inflicted --6 Α. Without having the full brief of evidence and a little bit of background in regard to Mr Payne, it would be hard 7 8 to make an assessment. 9 10 THE COMMISSIONER: Q. Can I just ask you this: in the 11 case of a homicide in rural New South Wales like Inverell, what does the local officer do? He or she turns up to the 12 scene, there's a deceased person. There is no Homicide 13 14 Squad in Inverell, I take it? 15 Α. We have a 72-hour on call, so every six weeks one of the teams go on call for seven nights, or seven days, so 16 17 they can be sent anywhere in the state and they usually So they provide a 72-hour response. If the job is 18 are. 19 significant or is complicated, or is a child death, then 20 you take the job on and you will remain in that area for 21 three, four months, coming home occasionally on weekends. 22 23 MR GRAY: Q. So, hypothetically, that's what happened 24 here? 25 Α. With Mr Payne? No. No, with Mr Payne, it's not 26 recorded as a - the question would have to be asked, was it 27 considered suspicious at the time, was it considered to be 28 a homicide, or was it considered to be a misadventure 29 death? And on that basis, the local police would have -it may not have even gone to the detectives back in the - at 30 31 that time. So it may have just been a P79A that's been put 32 through to the coroner. 33 34 Q. So our most likely source of information would be the coroner then? 35 36 That's correct, sir, yes. Α. 37 38 Thank you. Then Samantha Raye - this is one of the Q. seven, not one of the 23? 39 40 No, she died in a cave, in South Head, apparent drug Α. overdose. Again, it's not on our Palace and it's not on 41 our tracking file. I don't have any investigative papers 42 43 for it. I don't have the circumstances of how she died or 44 what led to her drug overdose. 45 46 John Gordon Hughes, which also is one of the seven, Q. 47 not one of the 23.

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Okay. That's - it was reviewed by Strike Force 1 Α. 2 Parrabell, obviously, but the review concluded that there 3 was insufficient information to deem it as a bias crime. 4 The review indicates that Ian Stuart James died of a drug 5 He's the person of interest in regard to this. overdose. So he was the flatmate. Mr Hughes was bound, gagged and he 6 7 had his throat slashed, and the suspect appears to have died in 2002. 8 9 10 Q. With that one, you have some information or no 11 information? It's on our Palace and it's also on our tracking file. 12 Α. There should be information, or there may be information in 13 14 the archive, if a request is put through for Mr Hughes. 15 And would it be on the tracking file because of 16 Q. 17 Parrabell or some other reason? I'm not sure. It may be on there - again, I'm not 18 Α. 19 sure. It could be on the tracking file because it's an 20 unresolved matter. 21 22 Do you know - and the tracking file may tell us - if Q. 23 there has been a review of this matter? Not that I'm aware of. And I guess because there's 24 Α. a person of interest who is now deceased, it wouldn't be 25 26 given the priority of something else. 27 28 Now we come to Ross Warren, who of course was the Q. 29 subject of Taradale. I think you said that your unit has investigated these three, Warren, Russell and Mattaini. 30 31 And Gilles Mattaini. Unfortunately the original Α. 32 investigation undertaken by Detective Sergeant Bowditch of 33 Paddington police station was poor. In some ways, we are 34 only as good as the information that's available to us, and 35 I think there was a criticism at the Coroner's Court during Taradale, during Detective Sergeant Page's - we looked at 36 37 it more on the victimology side of things again because 38 Taradale had done everything they could with the suspects. They'd tried covert measures and a few other things. 39 40 We looked at - none of the victim's associates had 41 42 ever been spoken to. So we went and identified them and 43 spoke to them and got just an account of his life, where 44 his head space was at, and he was - and partners that had 45 never been spoken to. Again, this one, the circumstances 46 are very unusual. It could be a bias related crime or it -47 there's nothing to indicate to me - there's a possibility

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of suicide, but it's remote, and then death by 1 2 misadventure, I can't see that either. But as to the evidence that's available, there's not enough to identify 3 4 a potential suspect and we really can't take it any further 5 than we have at the moment. 6 7 And we haven't seen the Taradale material yet, but no Q. doubt we will. It would appear from the coroner's report, 8 9 at least, that the Taradale inquiry was certainly pursuing with some interest a number of people? 10 11 Α. That's right. 12 13 Q. Who were active in that area at about that time. Yes. 14 Α. 15 16 Q. And did your investigation involve contact with them 17 again? Our investigation focused - because they had a dead 18 Α. 19 end with those people, and investigative strategies that 20 had been disclosed to those people, such as the use of surveillance devices, had been disclosed to them, so it was 21 22 going to be a difficult investigation to refocus on them. 23 But I wanted to focus on who Ross Warren was, why he would 24 be at Marks Park. So we looked at former - and it's in the summary document, why we focused on his victimology, why we 25 26 focused on who he was, what he'd done, his movements, who 27 he'd been in contact with in the period leading up to his 28 death, and speaking to all those - things that hadn't been 29 done, that should have been done by Detective Sergeant Bowditch back in the day. 30 31 32 Q. The coroner came to the view that there was not 33 sufficient material before her for a prosecution to be 34 launched? 35 To refer it to the DPP. Α. 36 37 Q. Yes. Is that your own assessment as well? 38 Yes, sir. Yes, it is. It's one of those difficult Α. briefs. No doubt there were youth groups operating in that 39 40 area that were preying on gay men. But one interesting 41 factor, we spoke to one of his partners who used the beat regularly, and he said that he wasn't aware of attacks on 42 43 gay men there. But there had been that murder of that Thai 44 student in the area around that same time. So that's -45 it's a difficult one. But it has been reinvestigated, and 46 I have the summary document here. 47

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THE COMMISSIONER: Q. What were some of the inadequacies 1 2 of the original investigation? I noticed there was some 3 DNA found on his driver's licence? 4 And we have had those exhibits retested, without Α. 5 success. A mixed profile on the driver's licence, not 6 suitable for the purposes of --7 8 Q. Where was the licence? Was it on him? 9 Α. In the car. 10 In the car? 11 Q. Α. Yes. 12 13 14 Q. Because he had his keys with him, he had his car keys, 15 but he left other possessions in the car? I will just double-check on that, your Honour, but 16 Α. 17 I would be - but, look, it was retested without success. And we had a number of exhibits re-examined without 18 19 success. 20 MR GRAY: Now, Graham Paynter. This was 21 Q. Thank you. 22 the one at Tathra Beach on the south coast. 23 Again this is another matter that is on our tracking Α. 24 file but wasn't referred to us by a coroner; it was 25 referred to us as a result of the Parrabell inquiry . 26 27 Q. You say "Not reviewed"? It hasn't been reviewed. 28 Based on the limited Α. 29 information, the matter is unlikely to be undertaken as an 30 investigation by my team. 31 32 Q. "Unable to locate investigation documents"? 33 Α. Yes, sir, that's right. 34 Q. Why would that be? Why would they not be able to be 35 36 found? 37 It's - I can't provide an answer on why documents are Α. 38 missing. It's beyond belief sometimes. 39 John Russell? 40 Q. 41 John Russell's the third part of the Neiwand inquiry. Α. 42 We got a number of experts to re-examine this, including 43 our pathologist. Dr Cala, who was the original pathologist or, sorry, the pathologist who appeared at the inquest, 44 45 formed the view that there may have been a scuffle at the top of the cliff because of the positioning of the body at 46 the base. The review document that I have included behind 47

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this has some graphic images from the deceased, so 1 2 I apologise for that, but we got Dr Duflou to look at the 3 positioning of the body and the hairs. We also had a hair 4 expert from Canberra to have a look at the photos. So we 5 did some work in regard to the forensics. He had a fairly 6 significant blood alcohol reading at the time, and, look, 7 it could be a death by misadventure or a bias related 8 crime, certainly not a suicide. 9 10 Q. In 2017, forensic pathologist Dr Duflou stated he was 11 unable to provide an opinion on whether Russell died due to an accident, suicide or homicide, based on the location of 12 the body and the injuries, which contrasts with that 13 14 provided by Dr Cala. Dr Adine Boehme, biology and 15 forensics, was unable to provide an opinion in relation to the origins of the hairs. On his hand there's a number of 16 17 strands of hair, and she was unable to provide an opinion. 18 19 Q. When you say "on his hand", what does that mean? 20 On - where the body's been located, there's a number Α. of strands of hair that are located on the hand. Those 21 22 hairs have never been located. So again, there's 23 a forensic opportunity that's not available to us. 24 I disagree with Detective Sergeant Page in regard to the adequacy of the original investigation. The crime scene 25 26 was properly managed. We had a crime scene officer attend 27 and process the scene properly. So - yes. 28 29 Q. Something's obviously gone wrong with the hairs going 30 missing, though? 31 Again, 1989, and I can't offer an explanation on Α. 32 exhibits and what they did with the exhibits, and because 33 maybe it wasn't considered to be a homicide or --34 35 THE COMMISSIONER: Q. I presume there was an autopsy, was there? 36 37 Α. Yes, there was. 38 Q. And was there an examination of the scalp? 39 40 Α. Yes, there was. 41 42 Q. And what did that show? 43 There were significant injuries to the head. Well, Α. Dr Duflou in his opinion in 2007 stated: 44 45 46 The pattern and distribution of injuries in 47 my opinion do not allow me:

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4	by one or more persons.
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6	I'm just trying to think. Yes, he states:
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8	It is possible for the lacerations on the
9	skull, and the fractured skull
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11	So it was a fractured skull that caused - led to
12	Mr Russell's death. But there is that document there,
13	your Honour, for you to see.
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15	MR GRAY: Q. And the original photographs I can see are
16	on your file. You have copies of the photographs, but are
17	the original photographs still available?
18	A. They should be, yes. Yes. And I also think that you
19	have requested those documents.
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21	Q. I'm sure we have. Number 37 in Taradale, Andrew
22	Currie, which is one of the ones we have in the seven. Is
23	that one that you are able to tell us anything about?
24	A. There's nothing on the tracking file or Palace, but
25	I actually knew Andrew Currie, when I worked in - when
26	started off in the police I was at Manly and Andrew was
27	a prescription medication user. He was constantly walking
28	around in a daze from the use of prescriptions. He was
29	found deceased in a - and I actually remember the job
30	because he was constantly coming under notice - he was
31	found deceased in a toilet block at North Manly and the
32	cause of death was an overdose.
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34	I don't think there's anything that I'm aware of that
35	would indicate that he was gay. I might be wrong. But
36	I know that he was - he was one of those individuals that
37	you constantly met and constantly talked to, because he was
38	constantly affected by drugs and he was the bane of his
39	elderly mother's life.
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41	THE COMMISSIONER: Q. And I presume again we will find
42	somewhere in there a toxicology report?
43	A. Yes. I'm pretty sure you will, your Honour.
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45	MR GRAY: Q. Michael Swaczak, number 38.
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47	THE COMMISSIONER: Mr Gray, I'm going to have to adjourn
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2 3	0 Detective are you able to return temerrow?
3 4	<ul><li>Q. Detective, are you able to return tomorrow?</li><li>A. Yes, your Honour, yes.</li></ul>
5	A. Tes, your honour, yes.
6	THE COMMISSIONER: All right. Now, I think some of us in
7	this room have some commitments tomorrow in other courts.
8	What about I say not before 11.30 tomorrow? If there are
9	any documents, though, that can be produced overnight, they
10	would be gratefully received, and if they can be available,
11	if possible, before 11.30; if not, so be it. But if there
12	is anything at all we can get, that would be helpful.
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14	Thank you all very much. I'll adjourn until not
15	before 11.30.
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