

access to HOLMES. Only two officers in the HOLMES team had access to the account and it was secured with a password.

14. One of our initial policy decisions was to apply for itemised telephone billing for all the alleged conspirators: see decision 6 dated 30<sup>th</sup> June 2000 which is in Policy Book 1 at page **32356**. Initiating these enquiries was an important part of developing our investigative platform and was important for positioning key people at the right time in the right position.
15. I knew that there had been some telephone analysis carried out in 1997. On 5<sup>th</sup> November 2000 I received a handwritten report from DI Irwin in which a request for telephone call analysis was made on 9<sup>th</sup> May 1997. My witness statement of 5<sup>th</sup> November 2000 at page **17550** records my receipt of this report.
16. I am unaware why the name [REDACTED] was included in the original request for itemised billing. I did discuss this with **P39** when I visited her with Chris Mahaffey and [REDACTED] on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2001, but she was unclear as to why [REDACTED]'s details had been included.
17. I decided to start again with the telephone analysis to ensure that we obtained evidence which the analysis conducted in 1997 had not produced. I prepared a report entitled "Analysis of itemised telephone billings" in which I set out the overall objectives of the analysis and the means and methods we would adopt to undertake it. The report is at pages **2818** to **2825**.
18. There were limitations to the telephone analysis. We did try and focus on places of work as part of the telephone analysis but this was difficult. For example, Eleanor Atkinson worked at NI Electric where there was a central switchboard and open plan offices where anyone could pick up a telephone.
19. I cannot comment on why Robert Atkinson was asked for his telephone account when he was interviewed on 9<sup>th</sup> September 1997. DCS McBurney did tell me about Robert Atkinson being interviewed and I did see a transcript of that interview.