

## STATEMENT OF WITNESS

### STATEMENT OF SIR RONNIE FLANAGAN

**DATED THIS        28<sup>th</sup> April 2009**

I, SIR RONNIE FLANAGAN, declare that this statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that if it is tendered in evidence at the Inquiry I will be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

1.     The Inquiry has disclosed a number of documents to me. Where I make specific reference to a document in my statement I have given the number of the relevant page.
  
2.     I have made one previous statement to the Inquiry which is dated 31 July 2006. I have been asked to clarify how I was briefed, when I was briefed, and by whom, in connection with the death of Robert Hamill and the investigations which were undertaken into his murder by the Royal Ulster Constabulary.
  
3.     Briefings would have taken a number of forms. As Chief Constable I had regular Monday morning meetings with all my Chief Officers. These meetings alternated with one week being specifically devoted to operational matters and involving Assistant Chief Constable (ACC) Crime Branch, ACC Special Branch and three regional uniformed ACCs who had 'territorial' responsibility for the greater Belfast region and for what we described as north region and south region. South region would have embraced the Portadown area where the attack on Robert Hamill took place. The ACC for south region had an office in Mahon Road, Portadown. This operational meeting would have involved individual briefings to me by the Officers concerned. In the case of the investigation into Robert Hamill's death this could have involved both ACC (Crime) and ACC south region.        It could also have involved ACC (Special Branch) if there was specific relevant intelligence but I have no recollection of such a specific briefing.