

4. On the alternate Mondays I initiated what I recalled the Chief Constable's Policy Meeting which had a much wider attendance including for example ACC Personnel and Training, ACC Complaints and Discipline, the Force Press Officer the Legal Advisor and representatives of the Police Federation and Superintendent Association, as well as the Force Medical Officer and Director of Finance. These meetings were much broader in scope and I expected everyone to feel able to contribute to development of Force Policy rather than confining themselves to areas within their own formal sphere of responsibility.
  
5. I would also receive information from a daily incident sheet which was collated by F Department, which was the information department for the various geographic divisions. Those in F department could have informed me immediately in relation to the incident involving Robert Hamill depending on their assessment of the incident, or certainly by Monday morning. F Department included the press office but it was much more than that. The press office deals with the outward dissemination of information by dealing with the media but in addition to that there was the internal dissemination of information as well.
  
6. I am uncertain how I was briefed about the incident on 27 April 1997 but I was aware of the incident and that Robert Hamill was seriously injured. I recall being shocked to hear of his death because my recollection was that he was progressing. I cannot be certain how I learnt of his death and whether I was briefed or saw a media bulletin. When what might have been an attempted murder became a murder, it would certainly have been brought to my attention. It was certainly a very busy operational period the whole of that time and Drumcree was a big issue in the whole area, which in no way diminishes the seriousness of this incident. I have no notes to assist me to look at the dates and logs to know exactly what was going on but certainly it was a very busy time.
  
7. I am aware that ex Detective Chief Superintendent McBurney recalls that I telephoned him twice on 10 May 1997 regarding the Hamill investigation. I cannot recall now those calls but it sounds perfectly appropriate. I would have