

wanted to know what state the inquiry had reached. This was a murder and an incident cannot be more serious than that. Being a Saturday morning I would have been in the office and my first port of call would have been the ACC for the region and the next would have been the Detective Chief Superintendent.

8. I have no recollection of being told in advance that arrests were being made but if intelligence was building to the point where arrests were appropriate I could have been phoned in advance. When arrests were made they would almost have certainly appeared on the daily incident sheet.
9. I am unable to recall the conversation but if I spoke to Mr. McBurney on two occasions the second call would have been probably later in the day to see what progress had been made. I would have been interested in whether those arrested had made admissions or if there was likely to be any forensic evidence. Clearly this would have been an incident of some public interest. It would not have been unusual for me to have spoken directly to the Senior Investigating Officer on a serious case. I saw it as my role to ensure that the SIO had sufficient resources as well as obtaining a briefing directly from the lead investigator.
10. I have no recollection of being briefed on 10 May 1997 by Maynard McBurney about a Reserve Constable making a telephone call to one of the alleged offenders. I have complete trust in Mr McBurney however and if he is sure that such a conversation took place I would not dispute it. My specific personal recollection of the involvement of a Reserve Constable relates to around June 2000 when I was briefed by Mr McBurney about the alibi provided by a husband and wife who had now split up and there was an opportunity to progress the inquiry. I thought Maynard McBurney was "on the ball" and that a new opportunity in the investigation was now imminent.
11. I have been told that Maynard McBurney states that he may have briefed ACC South during a face-to-face meeting with regards to the allegation about the Reserve Constable. I do not recall being briefed on this at an early stage but I have earlier indicated this may have been the case.