

## STATEMENT OF WITNESS

### STATEMENT OF ROBERT IVOR MOSS MORRISON

**DATED THIS 16th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2009**

I, ROBERT IVOR MOSS MORRISON, formerly of the Department of the Director of Public Prosecutions, 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. My first involvement in any matter with which this Inquiry is concerned was when I took over the prosecution file in R v Robert Atkinson & Eleanor Atkinson & Kenneth Hanvey from Michael Matthews in October 2002. I issued directions to prosecute dated 28 March 2003. A copy of that Direction is now produced and shown to me containing the number **34127**. At that time, I was the Assistant Director in the High Court Bails and Appeals section. Due to Mr Matthews' heavy work-load, I was asked to take over the file and move forward with the prosecution. At that stage, advice had been received from Gerald Simpson QC and the decision to prosecute the three Defendants had already been made. A copy of Mr Simpson's advice, dated 30 August 2002 is now produced and shown to me containing numbers **20044-20051**. It was on the file when I took it over. My first job was to prepare the papers for committal.
3. When I prepared the committal papers, I proceeded on the basis that it would be a Preliminary Enquiry, i.e. that it would be a committal on the papers. I prepared for the committal by reading the documents and making decisions as to admissibility,