

expressing his view that his force was being unfairly pilloried. I did not regard him as being unhelpful to me.

8. The meeting I had with Mr. Donnelly the Chairman of the ICPC, is recorded in paragraphs 9 – 14 [Page 39693 – 39694]. I have been asked if I can now recall whether the ICPC had explained why they had not supervised the allegation made against the Reserve Constable. I believe that I cover this issue in paragraph 46 of my report [Page 39714]. I cannot recall anything more about this matter than what I recorded in my note of 24 July 2000 and in my report.
9. On 15 August 2000 I submitted a note [Page 39697] to accompany my report [Pages 39699 – 39729]. In paragraph 3 of the note I refer to speaking with Mr. McBurney and Mr. Irwin. I recall that this meeting lasted for about two or three hours during which time we spent a considerable amount of time discussing the allegation against Reserve Constable Atkinson. Mr. McBurney explained to me that he had been waiting for the McKees to separate, giving him the opportunity to expose the false alibi statement.
10. From my reading of the papers, the Permanent Secretary saw the Chief Constable on 9 June 2000; on or before 16 June 2000 the Secretary of State had approved my appointment to carry out a review; and on the 20 June 2000 a witness statement was taken from Mrs McKee. I do not know precisely when the investigation was re-opened.