

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF PAUL DONNELLY

DATED THIS

DAY OF

2009

I, PAUL DONNELLY, 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 was appointed as Chairman to the Independent Commission for Police Complaints [ICPC] in February 1997 until the establishment of the Police Ombudsman's office in November or December 2000.
3. I had a background in academic social work and child protection. I had been involved in the police training for the investigation of crimes against vulnerable adults. I had been an academic involved in external consulting change management. Around the time of my appointment, senior officials were advising me that my primary mandate was to steer the organisation to its own demise and exit strategy. My role was support the new legislative processes in respect of the establishment of the police ombudsman. I was there to revitalise the organisation and make it more robust. The position was part time initially but rapidly became full time.
4. In terms of the referral of complaints to the ICPC. If they had come directly to the organisation they would always have to be channelled back through police sources. All complaints were directed to the police for recording. The commission would then make a decision whether or not to supervise the