

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF ELEANOR ATKINSON

DATED THIS

DAY OF

2007

I, ELEANOR ATKINSON, 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 arrested by the police on 10 April 2001 for allegedly being involved in a conspiracy to pervert the course of justice in connection with the Robert Hamill murder investigation.
3. I am the wife of Robert Atkinson and we have been married for 31 years. We have two children. In 1997 Robert was a Reserve Constable in the RUC and I was working for the Northern Ireland Electricity [NIE]. I had worked there for about twenty years.
4. I made a statement to the police on 9 October 1997 which is at pages **9195** to **9197**. I remember that my husband Robert had been interviewed by the police about phone calls which had been made from my house. I only learned to whom the calls were supposed to have been made when my husband told me after he had been interviewed in September 1997.
5. On 27 April 1997 Robert was late home from his shift and he got a telephone call asking him to go back to the police station. When he returned home I asked him why he was so late and why he had to go back to work.