

completed a BT liaison form and faxed a copy of it to the BT liaison unit at Headquarters. Again, this report was handwritten. I was not aware of other applications for telephone billing being made at that time but it is possible that they were.

40. I think the result came back to me because someone rang me from the BT liaison unit and told me that they were about to fax it. I think we got the result within about a week. Because of the delicate situation I had to stand by the fax machine to receive it. These billing requests are usually delicate but this was particularly sensitive because Reserve Constable Atkinson was a local man attached to Portadown police station and would have had a lot of friends there.
41. I was not involved in turning the itemised billing into evidence but I think somebody else may have done. Before that, it was just information to connect Reserve Constable Atkinson and Allister Hanvey and it obviously backed up Tracey's story.
42. I do not know why Reserve Constable Atkinson was not treated as a suspect at that stage. I have been asked if I was surprised that he was not suspended either. All I can say is that I had very little further to do with him or the investigation into his actions and those decisions would have been taken by somebody else. I have also been asked if there was gossip about Reserve Constable Atkinson being under investigation. My view is that information came back to him through Tracey Clarke and Allister Hanvey.
43. On 10 May 1997, I attended a briefing about the arrest of suspects for the murder of Robert Hamill. This is in my notebook entry contained at page **53321**. I did not need to be briefed because I had taken Tracey Clarke's statement the night before and so I was aware of exactly what occurred. I do not know who took that briefing but I think DCI P39 and DI Irwin were there. My job was to go with the uniform search team to Allister Hanvey's house and on completion of the search I