

## STATEMENT OF WITNESS

### STATEMENT OF ROGER DAVISON

DATED THIS 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF January 2009

I, ROGER DAVISON, of the Public Prosecution Service, 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 am a qualified solicitor and between 1997 and 2002 I was Senior Legal Assistant to the Director of Public Prosecutions [DPP]. I conducted some prosecutions in the magistrates' court but my main role was as a caseworker; a role which involved examination of police investigation files and taking decisions as to prosecution. If a decision was made to prosecute, it was also my job to prepare the committal papers if the prosecution was to go on indictment to the crown court. As a general rule, the RUC referred a case to the DPP once they had completed their investigation. The file would go from investigating police to more senior police, then to us.
3. When the file was sent to the DPP, it was received in the registry section where administrative staff put the file into a DPP cover, registered it and then sent it to the Assistant Director in charge of the area where the crime was committed. In this particular case Mr Kitson was the Assistant Director for Belfast and Eastern region and therefore registry sent the file to him for onward allocation to a senior legal adviser. Occasionally, there would be a comment from him but given the passage of time I have no recollection if he made a comment in this case.