

22. I assisted DCS McBurney with administrative matters as part of my role as an assistant investigator. On 13 May 1997 I served a regulation 17(3) notice on Constable Alan Neill advising him of the public complaint against him. This would have been standard procedure and automatically raised upon receipt of the public complaint. I do not know who served the form 17(3) forms on the other three officers. In 1998 I forwarded a number of letters on behalf of DCS McBurney to [REDACTED] solicitor, acting for the Hamill family requesting the identity of witnesses.
23. I believe I received two statements from Mrs [REDACTED] for a Mr. Hull and a Mr. McNeice on 19 October 1998 which is mentioned in my report at page 60558. I cannot recall what happened to those statements, whether they went direct to DCS McBurney or DI Irwin.
24. Having received the DPP's decision that no criminal proceedings were to be taken against the four officers, I commenced my disciplinary investigation and interviewed Reserve Constable **P40** on 1 December 1999. On 20 December 1999 I interviewed Constable Neill. On 11 January 2000 I interviewed Reserve Constable Atkinson at his home address which I think was because of sickness. I interviewed him again on 7 February 2000. I believe the interview took place at a solicitors office. I interviewed in relation to the neglect of duty which was the substance of the complaint made by Diane Hamill. Finally on 6 March 2000 I interviewed Reserve Constable Cornett. I had previously served on the officers the interviews conducted by DCS McBurney as part of his criminal complaint investigation and each officer agreed that those interviews could be used for disciplinary proceedings. My statement of 8 March 2000 (page **60833**) sets out the details of the four interviews.
25. It is normal practice in cases where officers have been interviewed for crime to later use those interviews for disciplinary proceedings if agreed with the officer. I would have said to them words to the effect that they were interviewed on a particular date and that I intended to use that interview for the purpose of discipline unless they objected to that course of action.

