

6. I first became involved in the investigation into the death of Robert Hamill on 12 May 1997. I had been off duty over the weekend of 10/11 May 1997 and on returning to duty on the Monday morning I was instructed to attend Portadown.
7. I attended a conference at Portadown with my crime squad partner DC McCrumlish and we were briefed by Detective Inspector Irwin. I cannot remember now what the briefing consisted of but I was tasked in preparing files for the briefing of the DPP by Detective Chief Superintendent McBurney. Although I have a notebook entry [page 74147] of that task I now cannot remember the work. I would not have briefed Mr. McBurney directly on completing the work. I would have self briefed at the start of the murder investigation.
8. My notebook entry for 12 May 1997 "*prepare advisory briefing of DPP*", would have been to see what evidence was available at that stage of the enquiry. I believe I only carried out this work for one day because after that I worked on radio transmissions from Channel 19.
9. On 13 May 1997 I again attended the morning conference taken by DI Irwin. I completed some actions and then assisted DC McCrumlish with documents in preparation for searches of the premises of Kenneth Hanvey and Tracey Clarke. I later prepared statements [pages 9302 & 9303] regarding conducting those searches.
10. At the time I probably would have been aware that the home of Allister Hanvey had previously been searched but now I have no memory of that. My notebook entry [page 74148] of the search shows "*Items of clothing, negative result*". I do not have details of what part of the property we searched but I would imagine we searched the whole building. I presume we were looking for specific clothing because this was a second search and information may have become available as the result of interviews or witnesses, which may not have been available at the time of Hanvey's arrest on 10 May 1997. I have no memory of conducting the search at the premises of Tracey Clarke.