

29. In terms of DCS McBurney having a strategy as to how to deal with this allegation against a police officer, I certainly do not recollect discussing it with him. DSC McBurney was a senior SIO DCS for 30 years and it would not have been my role to be involved in the strategy of that sort of criminal investigation.
30. If DCS McBurney had a specific issue he wished to raise he might speak to me or he might speak to the DCS C1 at headquarters who had the force wide responsibility for major crimes. Mr McBurney might come to me and say, *“Well, we have six people we wish to arrest now next Monday morning”* or *whatever it is, “Mr Hall, can you help me -can you provide six search teams? Can you provide so many accompanying officers? We’re going to need forensic teams; we’re going to need all these kind of things.”* If such a request was made I would have to enable and support him to get what resources he required and to help him fulfil his objective in that case. As against that, he might have to go to C1 headquarters and say that he needed forensic officers or a specialist resource from a neighbouring division. I cannot now recall if he did speak to me about such matters.
31. I was not involved in any of those investigations or any complaints against the police officers in respect of the perverting the course of justice prosecution that took place. I am not familiar with any details surrounding Andrea McKee. There were certainly no prosecutions or court hearings or charges against police officers in my tenure. I was aware of the investigations but it would have been very wrong for me to embroil myself in the mechanics of it because it was under the supervision and direction of the ICPC.
32. As part of my role I did have contact with C& D in a general sense. Clearly, I would liaise with the Department in relation to the many investigations where I was appointed to carry out the investigation. These would involve senior officers or allegations as the rule was that an investigating officer had to be at least two ranks above a senior officer who was being investigated. In some cases I was supervised by the ICPC as well.