

20. I am aware that on the 7 May 1997, ██████████ made a complaint on behalf of the Hamill family. As a complaint, it would have been dealt with in the usual way and referred then to the ICPC. I have never seen the complaint or the content of the complaint. I was not involved in any way in that particular complaint and I have no hands-on knowledge of it.
21. If the complaint had been referred to the ICPC, the ICPC would appoint an investigating officer. I think, in this particular case, it was Mr ██████████ who was the Commission Member at the ICPC. He had the authority to approve or not to approve the investigating officer appointed by the Force to carry out the investigation. I have known a couple of cases where, if Mr ██████████ was not satisfied with the quality of the investigation officer at any time, he would ask that the investigation be reallocated to a different IO.
22. As far as I can remember, the ICPC could call upon any matter that, where it was in the public interest. For example, they may have picked up something in the newspaper or something like that. However, it was very seldom that this happened because the liaison with the ICPC was extremely good and our standards were high. It is also noteworthy that the Police Authority had a role in supervising the efficiency of the department.
23. There has now been produced and shown to me a memo dated 27 June 1997, signed by me at page 44407. This memo was drafted for my signature by Mr ██████████. Mr ██████████ is now retired, but he was a most punctilious officer in the discharge of his function and the idea of a referral without there being a record of it would have offended him in every way. The memo states at paragraph 2; *"It is believed that this matter was referred to the ICPC under article 8(1) of the Police Northern Ireland Order by the Chief Constable. This referral was made prior to receipt of the formal complaint which was received at Gough Barracks on 7 May 1997, in the format of a letter from ██████████ (solicitor acting on behalf of MS Hamill)"*
24. The purpose of this memo to the Chief Constable's office, as explained in the subsequent paragraphs, is to explain that it would help if G Department had been