

STATEMENT OF WITNESS**STATEMENT OF STEPHEN BURNSIDE**

DATED THIS 14 DAY OF September 2009

I, STEPHEN BURNSIDE, 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. During the period 1998-1999, I worked for the Director of Public Prosecutions ("DPP") as a Senior Legal Assistant at Belfast Crown Court. My responsibility was primarily dealing with disclosure aspects of cases which were before the Crown Court, and I had been in the role since 1994.
3. Once a committal had taken place at the Magistrates' Court, the officer within the DPP who had supervised that committal would refer the papers to my department, where the trial briefs would be prepared. In the case with which the Inquiry is interested, *R v Hobson*, the Magistrate had ruled that Marc Hobson should face trial at Belfast Crown Court, and that is where I became involved.
4. In dealing with a case, I would work with Counsel who had been appointed, and, in this instance, that person was Gordon Kerr. I would take Counsel's views and use their assistance, but the ultimate decision as to disclosure of documents would be taken by me.
5. Usually a case would proceed under the Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act ("CPIA"), and primary disclosure of documents would be handled by the DPP officer