

## STATEMENT OF WITNESS

### STATEMENT OF ALASDAIR McLEOD FRASER

DATED THIS *17<sup>th</sup>* DAY OF *September* 2009 .

I, ALASDAIR McLEOD FRASER, 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. I have been Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) for 20 years. I was appointed by Sir Patrick Mayhew, the then Attorney General for Northern Ireland, in April 1989. The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) ceased to exist in 2005. In June of that year, the Justice (Northern Ireland) Act 2002 was brought into effect establishing the Public Prosecution Service (PPS) of which I am now head as Director.
3. The Prosecution of Offences (Northern Ireland) Order 1972 established the ODPP and set out the Director's functions and his relationship with police. The principal provision is Article 5 which places a duty on the Director to consider facts and information brought to his notice, whether by the Chief Constable or others, with a view to initiating or continuing criminal proceedings.
4. Within the Prosecution of Offences (Northern Ireland) Order 1972, Article 6(3) places a duty on the Chief Constable to furnish the Director from time to time, with facts and information with respect to indictable offences alleged to have been committed against the law of Northern Ireland and such other