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MR. FANNING: Chairman, before the first witness of the 4 day is called, I just wanted to briefly introduce 5 12:13 myself. 6 I am Rossa Fanning, appearing with John 7 Freeman. We are instructed by Fanning & Kelly 8 Solicitors to represent the interests of Mr. Paul Williams, who is a witness before the Tribunal 9 tomorrow, and we consider also that the evidence that 10 12:13 11 is given today may have some relevance to the position 12 of Mr. Williams, and in those circumstances, whilst Mr. Kelly at the outset of the Tribunal's business 13 14 indicated an interest on behalf of certain journalists 15 within the INM Group, I am specifically applying for 12:13 16 limited representation for at least today and 17 tomorrow's sittings on behalf of Mr. Williams. Thank you, Chairman. 18 MR. FANNING: 19 **CHAIRMAN:** Granted. 20 The first witness today is Ms. D or Ms. D. 12:14 MS. LEADER: 21 22 MS. D. HAVING BEEN SWORN, WAS EXAMINED BY MS. LEADER 23 AS FOLLOWS: Ms. D, thank you for attending today. 24 1 MS. LEADER: Q. It's my intention to take you through your evidence, 25 12:14 26 starting from 2013, and the Tribunal knows from various 27 documentation and from statements given to the 28 investigators that you referred yourself to Rian 29 Counselling in July 2013. Could you tell the Tribunal

1 how that came about generally? 2 It was actually really my mother who had asked me Yes. Α. 3 to attend counselling. I had taken a year out from college in February 2012, and I had been -- was 4 5 intending to be returning to college in September 2013. 12:15 6 It would have been probably around May/June time that I would have began to hear Maurice McCabe's name being 7 8 mentioned. And yes, it did, it rattled me. It was upsetting me and I do believe my mother could see that 9 it was affecting me. She was the one who asked me if I 12:15 10 11 would attend counselling again, and very reluctantly, 12 but to keep her happy, I had agreed. 13 2 Q. And I think the counselling that you attended was with 14 Ms. Laura Brophy --15 Yes. Α. 12:16 -- in Cavan Town, is that correct? 16 3 Q. 17 Yes, that's correct, yeah. Α. Now, the referral form which the Tribunal has, records 18 4 Q. 19 that you self-referred, and I think that's correct, is 20 that correct? 12:16 21 well, my mother rang and made the appointment. Α. 22 OK. 5 Q. 23 So I was referred, yes, my mother made the referral. Α. 24 Your mother, your mother phoned on your behalf? Ο. 6 25 Α. Yes. 12:16 26 And how many appointments do you think you attended? 7 Q. 27 Initially, I did believe it was only one appointment I Α. 28 had, however, since we got documentation through, under 29 the data request, there was notes there to suggest that

1			I had had two meetings with her. So I do believe it	
2			was the two meetings.	
3	8	Q.	Okay. And insofar as you are able to remember, do you	
4	-		think those two meetings were on 24th July 2013 and 7th	
5			August 2013?	12:16
6		Α.	Yes, I think that's correct.	
7	9	Q.	That sounds correct to you, does it?	
8		Α.	Yeah, yeah.	
9	10	Q.	And do you remember meeting with Ms. Brophy at those	
10			sessions?	12:16
11		Α.	I do recall meeting with her.	
12	11	Q.	Okay. Now, just very generally, you told her about an	
13			encounter you say you had with Mr. Maurice McCabe, and	
14			in relation to what you said to her, did you say	
15			anything different to Ms. Brophy that you had told the	12:17
16			Guards some years previously?	
17		Α.	I never said anything different to Ms. Brophy than I	
18			had said in 2006, never.	
19	12	Q.	Okay. And did that take much time up at the	
20			counselling session that you had with her in July 2013,	12:17
21			do you think?	
22		Α.	Honestly, I don't recall exactly how long that meeting	
23			took place. I do believe that there is documents which	
24			suggest it was about an hour, an hour-and-a-half.	
25			Obviously the first meeting with a counsellor is kind	12:17
26			of an initial assessment just to see maybe what reasons	
27			you are there, just to get a bit of background	
28			information on yourself, your family, what you are	
29			doing at the moment with your life and things like that	

so a lot of that would have been discussed at that
 meeting.

3 13 Q. Okay. Now, do you remember at any stage discussing
4 with Ms. Brophy her referring the matter of Mr. McCabe
5 onwards?

12:18

6 I do recall Ms. Brophy saying something to the effect Α. 7 that this would be something that she might have to 8 refer, would have to refer, and I do recall straight away getting my back up and I said to her, refer what? 9 I said that this case had already been investigated, 10 12:18 11 the DPP came back to say that there was insufficient 12 evidence to prosecute, which I respected, I said I couldn't understand why she would need to refer 13 14 anything. I said Tusla were aware of the complaint I 15 made in 2006. I didn't want anything to be referred, 12:18 that was not my intention of attending counselling. 16 Ι 17 was there to get counselling just to maybe help deal with some of the emotions I was feeling at the time, I 18 19 was not there to make any complaint or to lodge any 20 referral. 12:18

- 21 14 Q. Okay. And Ms. Brophy told the Tribunal when she gave
 22 evidence that she explained to you the issues
 23 surrounding confidentiality and counselling. Do you
 24 remember that at all?
- A. I honestly don't recall it being explained to me in 12:19
 depth. I do know I signed the confidentiality form,
 but no, I don't recall it being discussed in depth with
 me.

29 15 Q. Okay. And just that Confidentiality in Counselling

1			Form is at page 280 of the documentation. It should	
2			appear on the screen in front of you, Ms. D, in	
3			redacted form.	
4		Α.	Yes.	
5	16	Q.	Does that look familiar to you, that form?	12:19
6		Α.	Yeah.	
7	17	Q.	And I think you signed that form if the screen could	
8			be scrolled down a little bit.	
9		Α.	I did, yes.	
10	18	Q.	on 24th July 2013?	12:19
11		Α.	Yeah.	
12	19	Q.	Now, Ms. Brophy has said in her evidence to the	
13			Tribunal that the purpose of you coming back on 7th	
14			August 2013 was so as you could think about disclosing	
15			the identity of Mr. McCabe. Do you remember that at	12:20
16			all?	
17		Α.	I don't particularly recall the second meeting with	
18			Laura Brophy. As I said, I didn't - and I didn't in	
19			the first meeting - disclose Maurice McCabe's identity.	
20			Again, I was there to deal with current emotions, I was	12:20
21			not there to make any new complaint. I did not want	
22			anything referred. And I actually do not recall Laura	
23			Brophy ever telling me that Tusla did not have on file	
24			my complaint from 2006. Nor did she ever tell me that	
25			she was then, therefore, going to have to make a	12:20
26			retrospective referral. That was not said to me.	
27	20	Q.	Okay. So as far as you were concerned, am I correct in	
28			saying this, you didn't think it was going to be	
29			referred onwards?	

1		Α.	No.	
2	21	Q.	And you are happy about that?	
3		Α.	No, I thought yeah, that it was it had been dealt	
4			with.	
5	22	Q.	Okay. Now, I think on the 13th August 2013 Ms. Brophy	12:20
6			sent you a letter saying that you had been placed on a	
7			waiting list for counselling, and that letter is at	
8			page 293 of the documentation. Do you remember getting	
9			that letter? It may be that you can't recall at this	
10			time?	12:21
11		Α.	I can vaguely recall getting it, but I am just slightly	
12			confused myself because I did explain to Ms. Brophy	
13			that I was returning to college in the southeast in	
14			2013, September 2013.	
15	23	Q.	And I think you did return to college	12:21
16		Α.	I did.	
17	24	Q.	in 2013?	
18		Α.	I did return to college, yes.	
19	25	Q.	Now, in late January 2014, it would appear from	
20			documentation available to the Tribunal that there was	12:21
21			certain journalists trying to make contact with you.	
22			Do you remember that at all?	
23		Α.	At that time, I was down in southeast, as I said, for	
24			return to college and I had got a couple of calls from	
25			my mum and dad to say that they had a couple of	12:22
26			reporters who had called to the house and actually	
27			called to our doorstep. I wasn't there obviously for	
28			that but my parents did inform me that there had been	
29			reporters, yes, in touch.	

26 Q. Okay. And do you remember generally around this time
 2 media attention in relation to Mr. McCabe and
 3 whistleblowers?

Yes. I can recall mention of Maurice McCabe from maybe 4 Α. August/September time, there was definitely a mention 5 12:22 6 of him within the papers. I returned to college in 7 September 2013, and from then on he had definitely 8 become more of a prominent figure within the media. не 9 was being discussed within every paper, he was on every news, so yeah, I was -- I can recall there was a lot of 12:23 10 11 publicity surrounding him, yes.

- 12 27 Q. Okay. And can you remember at that time in March, in
 13 or around March 2014, meeting Paul Williams,
 14 journalist?
- I had asked to meet with Paul Williams 15 I do, yes. Α. 12:23 myself. Obviously I have a personal grievance against 16 17 Maurice McCabe for what occurred in 1998, the complaint I made in 2006. I had tried to deal with it, and was 18 19 trying to cope with it until he became a public figure 20 and as I said, his face was everywhere, he was being 12:23 21 described as a hero workman, he was being described as 22 a great honourable man, and of course it resurrected feelings for me then. I felt very unhappy, I was very 23 24 upset, I was very angry. And yes, I wanted people to know that there was another side to this man, I wanted 25 12:24 26 people to understand that he wasn't this saint that he 27 was being portrayed as. So yes, I wanted to speak to 28 somebody, to have my side of the story put out. The 29 only reason I really spoke with Paul Williams is

1			because he is one reporter that I would have known of,	
2			I would have had some of his own books, we would have	
3			actually discussed some of his own articles in my	
4			college, so he was a reporter that I would have been	
5			happy to speak with.	12:24
6	28	Q.	Okay. And I think he attended at your house on two	
7			occasions in March 2014, is that correct?	
8		Α.	He did, yes.	
9	29	Q.	I think the first, we know from Mr. Williams' statement	
10			it was 5th of March when he met with your parents, is	12:24
11			that correct?	
12		Α.	You would have to check with my parents because I was	
13			actually in college, I didn't come home until that	
14			weekend.	
15	30	Q.	Okay. You came home that weekend.	12:24
16		Α.	Yeah.	
17	31	Q.	So, does the 8th March 2014	
18		Α.	The 8th.	
19	32	Q.	You spoke with Mr. Williams at that time, is that	
20			correct?	12:25
21		Α.	I did, yes. I came home on that Saturday morning, and	
22			I recall it because it was my mother's birthday, and we	
23			went out for dinner and that evening then I met with	
24			Paul Williams.	
25	33	Q.	Okay. And you gave an interview essentially to	12:25
26			Mr. Williams?	
27		Α.	I did, yes, yes.	
28	34	Q.	And there were two articles published on foot of that	
29			interview, on the 12th April and the 15th April, is	

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1			that correct?	
2		Α.	That's correct, yes.	
3	35	Q.	And obviously, you weren't identified in those	
4			articles, isn't that correct?	
5		Α.	I wasn't identified, nor was Maurice McCabe, no.	12:25
6	36	Q.	No. Did you meet with any other journalist in or	
7			around April 2014, or at any other time, do you think?	
8		Α.	Not in 2014. I did meet with Conor Lally, I think it	
9			was maybe the end of February, beginning of March 2017.	
10			But Paul Williams was the only journalist I spoke with	12:25
11			in 2014.	
12	37	Q.	Okay. And insofar you have told the Tribunal why you	
13			met with Paul Williams, did anybody else prompt you to	
14			meet with Mr. Williams at that time or indeed any other	
15			journalist?	12:26
16		Α.	No, nobody prompted me or encouraged me to speak with	
17			any reporter. No. I wanted to speak with the reporter	
18			myself.	
19	38	Q.	Okay. Other than members of your family, did you	
20			discuss meeting with Paul Williams or with anybody	12:26
21			else?	
22		Α.	No, just my family.	
23	39	Q.	Okay. Now, I think you lodged a Garda complaint on	
24		·	30th April 2014	
25		Α.	Yeah.	12:26
26	40	Q.	in relation to your original complaint against	
27			Mr. McCabe/Sergeant McCabe?	
28		Α.	Yes.	
29	41	Q.	Now it would appear to the Tribunal, there is some	
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1 suggestion that Mr. Williams advised you that this was 2 an avenue of address that was open to you, can you 3 remember that at all? I recall speaking to Paul Williams and telling him that 4 Α. I was very unhappy with how the investigation of my 5 12:26 6 complaint was handled in 2006. There was a couple of 7 valid reasons I had for this belief, and having 8 explained these reasons to Paul Williams he did suggest to me, and advised me, that if I had a complaint that I 9 10 wished to follow that GSOC was an avenue I could go 12:27 11 down, yes. 12 Okay. And I think you pursued that avenue --42 0. 13 I did, yes. Α. 14 43 Q. -- isn't that correct? And you sent an email to GSOC 15 on 30th of April I think it was, 2014, outlining your 12:27 complaint, is that correct? 16 That's correct, yes. 17 Α. And a draft of that email appears at volume 3 at page 18 44 Q. 19 689 of the materials, if that could be brought up, 20 Maybe I will just leave that for the time please. 12:27 21 being, I seem to have lost it. But in any event, you 22 emailed GSOC and later on you made a statement to GSOC 23 in or around the beginning of July, I think it was? 3rd July, yes. 24 Α. 25 45 **Q**. 3rd July. And the first page of that statement appears 12:28 26 at 103 of the materials at volume 1. 103. That is 27 just the beginning of your statement to GSOC? 28 Yes. Α. 29 Now, also I think Mr. Williams arranged for you to meet 46 Q.

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1			with Micheál Martin, is that correct?	
2		Α.	He did. I mean, Paul Williams informed me that it was	
3			Micheál Martin who brought the dossier of cases that	
4			Maurice McCabe was complaining about to the attention	
5			of the Dáil, so I felt, I felt that my case was not	12:29
6			investigated properly and I feel my case was more	
7			serious than some of the cases that were brought to the	
8			Dáil's attention and therefore I could not understand	
9			why my case could not be included in this dossier of	
10			cases. And I was advised to meet with Micheál Martin	12:29
11			and explain my situation with Micheál Martin and see	
12			could he perhaps get my case to be included.	
13	47	Q.	Okay. And I think you met with Mr. Micheál Martin on	
14			30th April, is that correct?	
15		Α.	Yes, that's correct.	12:29
16	48	Q.	And I think Mr. Williams may have given you a lift to	
17			that meeting, is that right, or am I correct in saying	
18			that?	
19		Α.	No, I don't recall, I don't recall him giving No.	
20	49	Q.	You don't recall that. Maybe that isn't the case. I	12:29
21			think you also, in April of 2014, wrote to Mr. Seán	
22			Guerin, is that correct?	
23		Α.	I did. I understood that Seán Guerin was undertaking	
24			an investigation into the complaints received by	
25			Maurice McCabe. Again, as I said, I could not	12:30
26			understand why my case could not be included in this	
27			investigation. I emailed Seán Guerin and in that email	
28			I outlined the three main reasons why I felt my case	
29			should be included.	

Okay. Now, just in relation to all of those contacts 1 50 Q. 2 between Mr. Martin, GSOC and Mr. Williams, the Tribunal 3 needs to be very clear and satisfied as to: Did anybody else prompt you other than Mr. Williams to go 4 5 in that direction? 12:30 6 Nobody. Absolutely nobody prompted me. And I would Α. 7 just like to clarify that Paul did not put me up to 8 going to speak with anyone. He suggested that it may 9 be something that would help as I was very, very frustrated at how my case had been handled and that 10 12:30 11 these were possible people that may be able to get my 12 case to be included in the dossier of cases that were being re-examined. 13 14 51 Q. Okay. And that was the sole purpose of those meetings? 15 Yes, of meeting them, yes. Α. 12:31 Now, if we could then go to May of 2014, a counselling 16 52 0. 17 place became available to you on 1st May 2014. Are you aware of that now? 18 19 From --Α. 20 I think Ms. Brophy may have written to you in or around 12:31 53 0. 21 1st May 2014 offering you a counselling place? 22 I do believe I have seen that under the data Α. protection, although I am a little bit confused as to 23 24 why an appointment was made for me in Cavan when I had told her the previous year that I was returning to the 25 12:31 southeast. 26 27 54 Okay. And at page 296 of the materials you will see a Q. 28 redacted letter arranging the counselling session for 29 vou in Cavan?

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- 1 A. Yeah.
- 2 55 Q. Now, in or around the 14th of May, 2014, you received a
 3 telephone call from your father, is that correct?
 4 A. That's correct, yes.
- 5 And could you tell the Tribunal about that, please? 56 Q. 12:32 6 From my recollection, I received a call from my father, Α. 7 and as soon as I answered the call I could tell he was 8 agitated. His response as soon as I answered the phone was, more or less, to the effect of 'what in the hell 9 have you said to this counsellor?' Which took me 10 12:32 11 completely by surprise. I asked him, what are you 12 talking about, what counsellor? He said, when you attended counselling in 2013 what did you tell her? 13 14 And I said to him, I said exactly what I have always 15 said and I explained and I asked why are you asking me 12:32 this? And he said that he had been shown a referral 16 17 from the HSE and within that referral there was 18 reference to digital rape. I became livid, I got 19 upset, I stressed to my father that I had never used 20 those words, I had never made that allegation, and that 12:33 21 all I had ever said to Laura Brophy was what I had 22 always said.

23 57 Q. And did you do anything on foot of that conversation24 with your father?

A. I believe that I had rang Laura Brophy to inform her of 12:33
the error. I don't have full recollection of that
call. I do understand that in my first statement to
the investigators of the Tribunal I said that I didn't
have contact with Laura Brophy. Having seen other

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1			documentation, and I do see that she has noted I made a	
2			couple of calls, I can't say that I didn't, I just	
2			don't recall making them calls.	
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4	58	Q.	Okay. So, do you recall speaking to Ms. Brophy at all	
5			in relation to the matter?	3
6		Α.	I don't, I don't recall speaking with her. As I said,	
7			she has notes there which say that I did call her, so I	
8			can't say that I didn't. I just don't recall making	
9			them calls myself.	
10	59	Q.	Okay. So, you don't disagree with Ms. Brophy?	4
11		Α.	I don't disagree with her, that I did call her, I just	
12			don't have a recollection myself of the call or what	
13			was said.	
14	60	Q.	And I think the substance of what Ms. Brophy has to say	
15			is that you were informing her that there was an error $_{12:3}$	4
16			made in relation to the allegation made against	
17			Sergeant McCabe?	
18		Α.	Yes.	
19	61	Q.	And would that generally fit in with what you would	
20			think you would do in relation to anything 12:3	4
21		Α.	Yes, I believe that I would obviously I was over 18,	
22			I was an adult, so anything would have had to have been	
23			done through myself, and in light of what my father	
24			told me, yes, I would have gotten on to her to inform	
25			of the error because I would not want my name attached 12:3	4
26			to something like that, to a false allegation like	4
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	6.2	0	that, no.	
28	62	Q.	Ms. Brophy records that she took two phone calls from	
29			you on 14th of May 2014 and again she seems she	

1 records that you contacted her on 16th of May 2014 in 2 relation to the state of knowledge of the 3 superintendent in Bailieboro, do you remember that at a11? 4 I don't recall that call. I don't. 5 Α. Again, I am not 12:35 6 disputing what she is saying, I just don't recall making the call. 7 8 Then, it would also appear that Ms. Brophy wrote 63 Okav. 0. to you on 16th of May 2014, and if page 319 could be 9 brought up on the screen, please. Scroll down, if you 10 12:35 11 would. And Ms. Brophy apologised to you for the error 12 in the retrospective disclosure of abuse report, you see that --13 14 Yeah. Α. 15 -- in front of you. Do you remember getting that? 64 Q. 12:36 I never received that letter. The first time I laid 16 Α. 17 eyes on that letter was when I met with the investigators for the Tribunal. I did not receive that 18 19 letter. 20 Okay. Do you know if anybody in your house got the 65 Q. 12:36 21 letter? 22 Definitely not, definitely not. Α. 23 66 Q. OK. They didn't. And if my mother or father received it, 24 Α. it would have been passed on to me, they would have 25 12:36 26 called me to let me know they received it and I would 27 have held on to it. We never received that letter. Okay. And insofar as it refers to an error on a 28 67 Q. 29 Retrospective Disclosure of Abuse Report, did you at

1			any time see the Retrospective Disclosure of Abuse	
2			Report other than as it appeared in the materials for	
3			this Tribunal?	
4		Α.	Never. No, never.	
5	68	Q.	Now, I think you then met with the Minister for	12:36
6			Justice, Mr. Alan Shatter, on 17th June 2014, is that	
7			correct?	
8		Α.	That's correct, yes.	
9	69	Q.	And could you tell the Tribunal how that meeting came	
10			about, please?	12:37
11		Α.	I believe it was Alan Shatter actually spoke with Paul	
12			williams	
13	70	Q.	Former Minister.	
14		Α.	had asked to speak with me, and it was Paul Williams	
15			arranged the meeting. So it was Alan Shatter had asked	12:37
16			to speak with me.	
17	71	Q.	Okay. And when you say Mr. Shatter had asked to speak	
18			with you, had he written to you or anything like that	
19			or how did you find that out?	
20		Α.	No. It was Paul Williams contacted me and told me that	12:37
21			he had been in touch with him and that he was aware of	
22			the situation and aware that I wanted my case to be	
23			included in the Guerin Report and that he wanted to	
24			speak with me about the matter.	
25	72	Q.	Okay. And where did you meet Mr. Shatter?	12:37
26		Α.	I believe it was the Merrion, the Merrion Hotel.	
27	73	Q.	In Dublin?	
28		Α.	In Dublin, yeah.	
29	74	Q.	And how long did the meeting last?	
28		Α.	In Dublin, yeah.	

1 A. An hour-and-a-half, there or thereabouts.

2	75	Q.	And what, in your head, was the purpose of that	
3			meeting?	
4		Α.	I was there because Micheál Martin done nothing after I	
5			had met with him. I wanted my case to be	12:38
6			reinvestigated not the actual incident, I wanted the	
7			way the case was handled to be looked at. I had good	
8			grounds for wanting my case to be looked at again,	
9			nobody seemed to be listening to me so I felt when Alan	
10			Shatter had requested to meet with me, that he might be	12:38
11			able to do something.	
12	76	Q.	Okay. And I think shortly after that it was when you	
13			gave your statement to GSOC on 3rd July 2014?	
14		Α.	Yeah, that's correct.	
15	77	Q.	Now, you engaged with some counselling in the	12:38
16			southeast, is that correct	
17		Α.	Yeah.	
18	78	Q.	in relation to life generally, is that correct?	
19		Α.	Yes, that's correct.	
20	79	Q.	And during the course of that counselling the	12:39
21			allegation that you had made against Sergeant McCabe	
22			came up, but nothing more, there was no referral made	
23			out of that or anything no further referral, if I	
24			could put it that way?	
25		Α.	No, nothing.	12:39
26	80	Q.	Now, if I could then bring you to May 2015. The	
27			Tribunal has heard evidence from Ms. Kay McLoughlin	
28			that she wrote out to you seeking to speak to you in	
29			relation to the matter, do you have a memory of that?	

I recall my mother calling me when I was in the 1 Α. 2 southeast to say that she had received a letter from 3 Tusla and she wanted to know what would she do with it. did she want me to open it or to send it down to me. 4 5 And I do believe I asked her to open it there and read 12:39 6 out the letter to me. From what I can recall of the 7 letter, it was that an appointment was being made for 8 me, I do believe it was the 2nd June, and that they wanted to discuss a matter with me. 9

- That is at page 458, it should appear on the 10 81 Q. Okay. 12:40 11 screen in front of you, on the materials. Now, that 12 was almost -- well, just over a year after the mistake 13 had been brought to your attention. What was vour 14 reaction when you heard from Ms. McLoughlin via your 15 mother in 2015? 12:40
- My mother had called Kay McLoughlin to find out what it 16 Α. 17 was that they wanted to meet with me for, and Kay McLoughlin I believe told my mother that she would need 18 19 to speak with me directly, so my mother passed her on my mobile number. I don't recall the entire 20 12:41 21 conversation with Kay McLoughlin. I do recall asking 22 what in the name of God they wanted to meet with me about, and all I was told was that there was new 23 management structures in place and that Tusla were 24 reviewing old case files. And, as far as I was 25 12:41 26 concerned, I couldn't see why almost ten years later 27 they wanted to discuss what happened in relation to my complaint of 2006. 28

29 82 Q. Okay.

I felt pressured into attending that meeting that was 1 Α. 2 made. And no, I didn't, I didn't return home for that 3 meeting. Okay. And again, if -- I think you moved back home in 4 83 Ο. or around July 2016, does that sound right to you? 5 12:41 6 Yes, that's correct, yeah. Α. 7 And then in August 2016 it would appear that SART, 84 0. 8 which is a part of Tusla, begin to engage in correspondence with you, do you remember that? 9 I honestly do not recall receiving a letter. I do 10 Α. 12:42 11 know, again since receiving the documentation, that I 12 had made a call, I believe it was 25th August 2016, in which I said I didn't want to follow up with the 13 14 matter, I didn't want to follow up with them. That, to 15 me, again, was referring to my complaint from 2006. 12:42 This was ten years later. I had completely put a lid 16 17 on that, I didn't want to deal with them, I had enough dealings with Tusla. I wanted to move on with my life. 18 19 It had taken up enough space and enough time. I didn't want to meet with them, but I do not recall getting a 20 12:42 21 letter in relation to an appointment. 22 85 Okay. And in any event, we know you didn't attend an Q. 23 appointment in 2016? 24 Yeah. Α. Now, I think it's fairly obvious from your evidence, 25 86 **0**. 12:42 26 Ms. D, but insofar as anybody else may have spoken to 27 you in relation to your allegation made against 28 Sergeant McCabe, is there anybody else other than your 29 parents and Mr. Williams and Ms. Brophy?

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1		Α.	No.
2	87	Q.	And I think you did refer to an interview in February
3			of this year, is that correct?
4		Α.	That was following the Prime Time special which was
5			aired in February, yes, I spoke with Conor Lally after 12:43
6			that.
7	88	Q.	Okay. And I think an article appeared in The Irish
8			Times, is that correct
9		Α.	Yes.
10	89	Q.	after that. If you would answer any questions
11			anybody else might have for you.
12			
13			MS. D WAS CROSS-EXAMINED BY MR. MCDOWELL AS FOLLOWS:
14	90	Q.	MR. McDOWELL: Morning, Ms. D. Michael McDowell is my
15			name and I am one of Sergeant McCabe's barristers. 12:43
16			Could I ask you in relation to you seem very clear
17			that you were the person who had decided you wanted to
18			speak to Paul Williams, is that right?
19		Α.	That's correct, yes.
20	91	Q.	Because your father has made a statement to the 12:44
21			Tribunal, and I just want to ask you about that. He
22			said:
23			
24			"Sometime in early 2014 I met a friend of mine who is
25			stationed in the northern region, John O'Reilly. He is 12:44
26			a detective superintendent. I met John and he asked me
27			how Ms. D was getting on with all the publicity
28			surrounding McCabe at the time. I told him she wasn't
29			getting on well and I told him that we had been

1 approached by journalists but I was cautious of them. 2 John said to me would she talk to a journalist that was 3 prominent in the media, such as Paul Williams. I said I wasn't sure but it was Ms. D's decision, I would talk 4 to her. I ran it by Ms. D --" 5 12:44 6 7 Sorry, that is you. 8 "-- and she knew who Paul Williams was from the media 9 and she said she didn't want publicity, but just to 10 12:45 11 give her story." 12 Now, which is correct, do you think? 13 14 Can you clarify your question, please? Α. 15 Well, I mean, your father has made a statement to the 92 Q. 12:45 Tribunal saying that he came up with the suggestion of 16 17 Paul Williams. It's not that he came up with the suggestion. 18 I had Α. 19 explained to my father I would imagine from roughly 20 December time, I think it could have been earlier 12:45 21 perhaps, maybe October/November, I was sitting in a 22 lecture having returned to college, and I had to get up and walk out of a college lecture because they were 23 discussing Maurice McCabe, and what an honourable man 24 25 that he was. So I had to get up and walk out and leave 12:45 26 that lecture, having only returned to college in 2013. 27 Now, I was furious. I have a personal grievance 28 against Maurice McCabe for what occurred, that is my 29 own grievance. I was fed up of listening to him being

1 portrayed as a saint and an honourable man and I wanted 2 to vent, I wanted someone to listen to me. Mv father 3 advised me to be careful of reporters because, no disrespect, I know they have their own agendas and 4 5 things can be twisted. As I said to you, when he 12:46 6 suggested Paul Williams, as I have already explained, I knew of Paul Williams, I felt he was a credible 7 8 reporter, I was happy to speak with him. 9 93 I think you have clarified that; that in fact now we Q. 10 are agreed -- or your father's version and your version 12:46 11 agrees that it was he who suggested Paul Williams to 12 vou? 13 He suggested the name, yes. He suggested, would you Α. 14 speak with Paul Williams? 15 And that was because a chief -- a detective 94 Q. 12:46 16 superintendent had suggested Paul Williams to him? 17 You would have to ask my father about that. Α. I wasn't there, you'd need to speak with my father. You'd need 18 19 to speak with my father on that, I wasn't there. 20 I know -- I presume you weren't there, but I am 95 Q. 12:46 21 suggesting to you that a detective superintendent 22 apparently told your father or suggested Paul Williams 23 to your father, is that right? 24 Again, you would want to check with my father but if Α. 25 that is the way the conversation went then, yes, it was 12:47 26 mentioned. Paul Williams's name was mentioned to my 27 father and was asked 'Would Ms. D speak with him?' and 28 my father said, obviously it's something I would need 29 to check with her, she is an adult, she needs to make

1 up her own mind on that matter.

2 MR. O'HIGGINS: Chairman, I don't intend to cut across 3 Mr. McDowell, but just from the point of view of the witness and Mr. McDowell, the Tribunal will be aware 4 that there is a statement from Superintendent John 5 12:47 6 O'Reilly which deals with his perspective, which is 7 somewhat different to this witness's father, in 8 relation to the conversation. I am happy if that is put and it's page 2913. 9

10MR. McDOWELL: With respect, I don't know what my12:4711friend is doing at all. I don't know why that12interjection was made.

13 **CHAIRMAN:** No, I think it's important that we are all 14 clear as to who knows what, and you have said, look, if 15 somebody spoke to my father, I don't know, and indeed 12:48 16 if that person who spoke to your father has a different 17 perspective then you don't know. You can only 18 report what you know.

19 A. On what I know.

CHAIRMAN: And you can only report perhaps what your
fade said to you and I think that is the height of it.
And I am going to bear that in mind and thanks for the
clarification.

Q. MR. MCDOWELL: So, your impression was that your father
had suggested Paul Williams to you, is that right? 12:48
A. He mentioned his name to me, and asked would he be
someone that I would be willing or would like to speak
with.

29 97 Q. And your impression was that he had had a conversation

1			with somebody else and he had told that other person	
2			that he would run the idea of Paul Williams by you,	
3			isn't that right?	
4		Α.	I believe so, yes. And I believe that has been	
5			clarified.	12:48
6	98	Q.	I see. Now, after you had gone to speak to Laura	
7			Brophy in July and August of 2013, you have told the	
8			Tribunal why that happened and that your mother was	
9			concerned about the effect that the publicity was	
10			having on you, isn't that right?	12:49
11		Α.	That's correct.	
12	99	Q.	And you also told the Tribunal that you made it very	
13			clear to Laura Brophy, two things: That Tusla were	
14			aware of this from 2006/2007, is that right	
15		Α.	Yes.	12:49
16	100	Q.	and that the Gardaí were aware of it, obviously?	
17		Α.	Of course.	
18	101	Q.	And as I understand your evidence, it is that	
19			Ms. Brophy seemed to be pushing the referring	
20		Α.	Yes, yes.	12:49
21	102	Q.	referring this matter and that you were, insofar as	
22			you could, pushing back against that, is that right?	
23		Α.	Exactly. I did not go to meet with Laura Brophy to	
24			make a referral or to have a complaint referred. I	
25			simply went to Laura Brophy to receive counselling for	12:50
26			just general life issues. I did not want the matter	
27			referred and I explained and stressed that to her. As	
28			far as I was aware, Tusla had on file my complaint from	
29			2006 and obviously the Gardaí were aware, as I made the	

1			complaint to them.	
2	103	Q.	I see. And did it strike you as strange that they	
3			never came back to you about counselling until May of	
4			2014?	
5		Α.	Strike me as strange I told her I was going back to	12:50
6			college in	
7	104	Q.	Yes, but nobody came near you at all until they	
8			didn't give you any counselling	
9		Α.	NO.	
10	105	Q.	isn't that right? And did that strike you as	12:50
11			strange at the time?	
12		Α.	I suppose I just assumed I know there is a lot of	
13			people receiving counselling and I do understand that	
14			there can be long waiting lists, so I just put it down	
15			to	12:51
16	106	Q.	Well, I think it's fair to say that it was your mother	
17			who made the arrangements for you to meet Ms. Brophy,	
18			is that right?	
19		Α.	Yes, that has been clarified, yes.	
20	107	Q.	And this was in a side street, as you describe in your	12:51
21			statement, in Cavan, is that right?	
22		Α.	Yes.	
23	108	Q.	And after the meeting was held, did you discuss with	
24			your mother what had happened at it?	
25		Α.	From what I can recall I came out and she would have	12:51
26			asked how I got on, I would have told her. I would	
27			have told her that I was annoyed. I was more annoyed	
28			going out of that counselling session than I was going	
29			in. As I explained, Laura Brophy mentioned referring	

1			and referring to Tusla, and I could not understand as	
2			it had been investigated, the DPP issued no	
3			prosecution, there was nothing more, as I could see,	
4			why she needed to refer anything and I would have	
5			stressed that to my mother came when I came out.	12:52
6	109	Q.	And you now accept that in your second meeting in	
7			August, that you did identify Maurice McCabe as the	
8			person you were making you said had interfered with	
9			you in 2006, is that right?	
10		Α.	Yes.	12:52
11	110	Q.	And that she on that occasion had told you that it	
12			would be referred, is that right?	
13		Α.	I don't recall it, I don't recall her telling me it	
14			would be referred, but I am not going to dispute if	
15			that is what she said, she said.	12:52
16	111	Q.	But I mean, obviously you must have been very unhappy	
17			about this, isn't that right? There is a glass of	
18			water there.	
19		Α.	I was, yes. Because that was not the purpose of me	
20			going to the counselling. I didn't want it looked	12:53
21			into, I didn't want it delved up, I just wanted to	
22			attend for counselling.	
23	112	Q.	Because, and I don't want to go into what you did and	
24			did not say to Laura Brophy, but one of the things she	
25			records you as saying is that you were concerned that	12:53
26			it might have an adverse effect if she reported it	
27			because you were, at that stage, at least holding open	
28			the option of applying to be a garda yourself, do you	
29			recall that?	

1		Α.	I can recall telling her that I was interested in	
2			joining the Gardaí, yes. I can't entirely recall	
3			saying that.	
4	113	Q.	And did she, did she mention to you anything to do with	
5			Garda child protection issues?	12:53
6		Α.	I can't the only thing I can recall maybe her saying	
7			was something that if he was dealing with other	
8			children that there might be an issue. And again, as I	
9			said to her, but that would have been looked at when I	
10			made the complaint in 2006, and when the Gardaí would	12:54
11			have referred it then to Tusla, or so I believed.	
12	114	Q.	Yes. So, is it fair to say that you must have been	
13			unhappy with your encounter with Ms. Brophy?	
14		Α.	Yes, it wasn't an enjoyable experience, anyway.	
15	115	Q.	And in terms of your reaction to seeing Sergeant	12:54
16			McCabe's name in the media, it only worsened things, is	
17			that right?	
18		Α.	It worsened things for me. It dragged up feelings that	
19			I had tried to bury. It brought up feelings of	
20			injustice, for how my case was handled. It brought up	12:55
21			feelings of anger and upset, as it would for anybody.	
22	116	Q.	And by January, you say that a number of journalists	
23			were coming to you to your home, is that right?	
24		Α.	No, that is wrong. That is in February.	
25	117	Q.	January/February.	12:55
26		Α.	February 2014.	
27	118	Q.	Yes. And did you discuss with your parents the idea of	
28			bringing into the public domain your original	
29			allegation against Sergeant McCabe?	

1		Α.	It wasn't that I wanted the details of my allegation to	
2			be made public, nor did I want my identity made public.	
3			I simply wanted people to understand that there was a	
4			different side to this man and that he was not the	
5			saint he was being highlighted to be.	12:56
6	119	Q.	I see. And did you discuss that with your parents,	
7			this is what I am trying to get at?	
8		Α.	I would I would believe, yes, I would have I	
9			would have vented to them, I would have told them how I	
10			was feeling, yes.	12:56
11	120	Q.	And it was in that context that a decision was made to	
12			contact Paul Williams, is that right?	
13		Α.	Well, following my father having met with John and John	
14			giving my father Paul Williams	
15	121	Q.	Sorry, following you meeting with John?	12:56
16		Α.	Following my father when my father would have met	
17			with John.	
18	122	Q.	I see. So I just want to be clear about this. You are	
19			reasonably clear in your evidence because	
20			Mr. O'Higgins was chiming in that there was	12:56
21			contradictory evidence. I just want to be clear. You	
22			are clear that your father led you to believe he had	
23			spoken to Mr. John Reilly, who was a detective	
24			superintendent?	
25		Α.	Yes, I know my father spoke with John.	12:57
26	123	Q.	And your father is correct on that, as far as you are	
27			concerned? He told you that in any event, is that	
28			right?	
29		Α.	That he spoke with John?	

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1	124	Q.	Yes.	
2		Α.	Yes.	
3	125	Q.	And that John Reilly had suggested Paul Williams?	
4		Α.	He said, would she be interested in speaking with Paul	
5			williams? And again, my father said it would be	12:57
6			something I would need to ask her herself.	
7	126	Q.	I see. Now, moving on to what happened in May. Your	
8			first intimation that between Rian and Tusla a disaster	
9			had occurred in terms of the digital rape allegation,	
10			was a phone call from your father, is that right?	12:57
11		Α.	Yes. But I would just like to clarify: As far as I	
12			was aware it was a mistake made by Laura Brophy. I had	
13			no understanding of Tusla's part in that.	
14	127	Q.	Yeah. I know. You couldn't possibly have had. Your	
15			first intimation there was anything wrong	12:58
16		Α.	was the day I got the call from my father.	
17	128	Q.	arising from this phone call from your father, is	
18			that right?	
19		Α.	Yes.	
20	129	Q.	And can you just tell the Tribunal I mean, I know	12:58
21			your father used a choice word, used the word 'What the	
22			F did you tell that counsellor?' or words to that	
23			effect, is that right?	
24		Α.	Yes.	
25	130	Q.	Now, can you just tell the Tribunal, what did you say	12:58
26			to him?	
27		Α.	I believe I said nothing for a minute, because I didn't	
28			know what he was talking about. I asked him to clarify	
29			what do you mean, what counsellor? He would have	

elaborated, when you went to see the counsellor back in 2 2013, what did you tell her? And yes, I was, I was 3 annoyed, because I didn't understand why he was asking 4 me --

- 5 131 Q. Sorry, I don't want to interrupt you. But did he tell 12:58
 6 you at any stage why he was putting this -- where he
 7 had got this information from?
- 8 Yes. If you would let me finish. As I said. that I Α. had said to him, I said exactly what I said all along, 9 why are you asking me? And he then said that there was 12:59 10 11 a referral from the HSE which had just been brought 12 into Bailieboro Garda Station with my name on it and there was reference to digital rape. And then I 13 14 completely lost it. And I said, over and over, that is 15 not me, I never said that, I never, ever, ever uttered 12:59 16 those words.
- 17 132 Q. So, did he say any more than that, that this referral
 18 had been made to Bailieboro Garda Station or did he
 19 tell you who had shown it to him?
- A. I believe it was a superintendent, Leo McGinn, who -- I 12:59
 believe he called my father into his office and asked
 him, or showed him the report. But again, that is
 something you need to clarify with my father.

13:00

- 24 133 Q. Now, after that, you contacted Laura Brophy, is that 25 right?
- A. Again, I cannot recall making the calls, but she does
 have documentation which suggests this, so I can't, I
 am not disputing it.
- 29 134 Q. Well, I mean, and I am not suggesting you shouldn't

1 contact her if you were aware that she had made an 2 error, but the point I do want to ask you is: She 3 records you in a second, a later telephone conversation as saying that the superintendent in Bailieboro was 4 unaware that this error had been made, and that the 5 13:00 6 superintendent was due to meet with either the area 7 commissioner or the commissioner, I think it's the area 8 commissioner or the assistant commissioner, and 9 asking -- and you were asking that a letter should be 10 sent in by registered post to put him right. Could any 13:00 11 of that have happened? 12 Well, that is not what I seen in my documentation. Α. That is not what was in my documents. 13 In the documents 14 I received I can see there was a note made by her that 15 a call was placed I believe on 16th of May, in which I 13:01 16 informed her that Superintendent Leo McGinn had still 17 not been informed of the error. well, now, could that have happened, let's --18 135 Q. 19 It may have. It may have. I may have called her and I Α. 20 may have said that. 13:01 21 So you would presumably have had to speak to your 136 Q. 22 father to know what the superintendent did or did not 23 know, isn't that right? 24 It would have been, yes. Α. And she indicates that somebody asked her to write a 25 137 **0**. 13:01 26 registered letter, she says: 27 "Client contacted me to inform me that the 28 29 superintendent had not been informed and requested that

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1			I contact him."	
2				
3			Did that happen?	
4		Α.	I can't recall making that call. It may have.	
5	138	Q.	She also suggests that somebody had asked her to send	13:01
6			it by registered letter to the superintendent, I am	
7			just wondering	
8		Α.	That wasn't by me.	
9	139	Q.	Could that possibly have been you? It seems a strange	
10			thing for you to ask	13:02
11		Α.	Exactly.	
12	140	Q.	unless you were getting a request from somewhere	
13			else.	
14		Α.	I don't recall saying that to her. I don't recall	
15			asking her to send anything by registered post.	13:02
16	141	Q.	I see. And after that, did you have any awareness of	
17			what did or did not happen in relation to the Garda	
18			referral containing the digital rape, were you ever	
19			told what happened in relation to it?	
20		Α.	Once the once I brought the error to her attention,	13:02
21			I honestly assumed that the error would have been fixed	
22			and that was going to be the end of it.	
23	142	Q.	Yes.	
24		Α.	I was never informed anything after that, as to what	
25			did or did not happen.	13:02
26	143	Q.	And did anybody ever I mean, did you wonder after	
27			that what had happened?	
28		Α.	To be honest, as I said, I imagined once the call was	
29			made and the error was brought to her attention, that	

1			that error was corrected and that was the end of it.	
2			As I said, I was down in the southeast, I was doing	
3			well and I just wanted to move on with my life.	
4	144	Q.	well, did your father ever tell you, for instance, that	
5			the matter had been remedied, that a different referral 13:0	03
6			form had been sent in?	
7		Α.	I can't recall.	
8	145	Q.	You just hoped, you assumed that	
9		Α.	I assumed.	
10	146	Q.	Once they knew the error existed, that somebody would 13:0	03
11			do something about it?	
12		Α.	I assumed Laura would have corrected her error, yes.	
13			And that that would have been the end of it.	
14	147	Q.	Yes. And can I ask you then, when you became aware	
15			that there had been a correction, was it only when	04
16			this the documents were served on you in relation to	
17			this Tribunal?	
18		Α.	Can you explain that sorry?	
19	148	Q.	That there had been a correcting Garda referral notice	
20			sent by Tusla. When did you become aware that that had $_{13:0}$	04
21			happened, to the best of your knowledge?	
22		Α.	I don't understand.	
23	149	Q.	You know that they sent a referral document saying that	
24			there was digital rape involved.	
25		Α.	Yes. 13:	04
26	150	Q.	You know that. And we also know - and I think you have	
27			seen from the documents - that later they sent a	
28			different document saying that that hadn't happened or	
29			not alleging that that had happened. Were you aware of	

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1 156 Q. Yes.

2		Α.	And I believe it may have been around February	
3			following the Prime Time special. I do recall I was	
4			away at a training day for a college course which I was	
5			attending, and he was Facebooking me constantly on the	13:08
6			Saturday. So I explained that I was at a college	
7			course, I wasn't able to talk. I forwarded on the	
8			messages to my father and I asked my father if he would	
9			ring him and see what it was he wanted or what he	
10			wanted to speak to me about. I believe it may have	13:08
11			been a couple of weeks later, once again, he had	
12			Facebooked me, and I do recall I rang him, I would say	
13			the call maybe lasted for about three minutes, I rang	
14			him because I wanted to know what he why he kept at	
15			me, what he was wanting to know. And he made reference	13:08
16			to he asked me the question: Was your case	
17			investigated by the independent investigators which	
18			were looking at the Cavan-Monaghan district?	
19	157	Q.	The article in question, I am surprised it's not on the	
20			papers, I thought it was somewhere in my friends'	13:09
21			papers, it's an article in <i>The Sunday Times</i> , 12th	
22			February of this year, and it quotes your solicitor,	
23			and I think you did make reference to it in your	
24			statement to the Tribunal. Isn't that right?	
25		Α.	Can I see a copy of that?	13:09
26	158	Q.	We will get you a copy now.	
27			MS. LEADER: It's at 692, the reference to the	
28			statement, if it assists.	
29	159	Q.	MR. MCDOWELL: At page 692 you refer to an article in	

1The Sunday Times. And on page 693, you refer to -- you2say:

"I understand that there was an article by John Mooney in The Sunday Times on 12th February 2017, that 13:10 referred to my solicitor, Kieran Kelly, and I am not wholly certain of what the content of the article is apart from that."

10 The article states:

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"In a statement issued to The Sunday Times yesterday, a solicitor, instructed by the woman, said she was approached by Gardaí from Cavan in May 2014 and informed them that she had not made the complaint in question and knew nothing about the matter concerning Tusla.

'My client did not know what the Gardaí were talking 19 about, she did not know her counsellor had even made 20 13:10 21 any referral to Tusla, naming her as a complainant, nor 22 had she made these specific allegations. The Gardaí 23 who contacted her quickly realised that Tusla had made a mistake and we understand the Gardaí immediately 24 informed the child protection agency of this. My 25 13:11 26 client is deeply upset and traumatised by the events of 27 the past week.'"

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You are aware that Mr. Kelly made that statement?

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I am aware of it. I hadn't read it. I am aware that 1 Α. 2 there was a conversation between my solicitor, Kieran 3 Kelly, and John Mooney, which -- yeah, he approached him, I knew that. 4 5 But the account given seems to be very wrong, in the 160 Q. 13:11 6 sense that it wasn't the Gardaí who approached you, it 7 was your father? 8 My father is a member of the Gardaí. Α. I see. And then it was the Gardaí who told Tusla about 9 161 Q. 10 the error, but it was you who did it? 13:11 11 That's correct. Α. 12 162 Now, I think you also said in your statement Q. I see. that it was Mr. Williams who suggested to you that you 13 14 might make a complaint to the Garda Síochána Ombudsman 15 Commission, is that right? 13:12 As I explained, when I explained my situation to him I 16 Α. 17 explained why I was unhappy and unsatisfied with the way that my investigation had initially been handled. 18 19 He did say to me that that is what obviously the Ombudsman is there for; that if there is any complaints 13:12 20 21 or any dissatisfaction, I suppose, in relation to Garda 22 procedures. So, yes, he suggested that that is an 23 avenue that you could proceed down if you wish. And was it his idea that you should go to 24 I see. 163 Ο. Micheál Martin? 25 13:12 26 Again, he said to me that it was Micheál Martin who Α. 27 brought Maurice McCabe's cases to the attention of the 28 Dáil and it would be good if you could meet with him 29 and explain why you want your case to be included.

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1	164	Q.	And was it Mr. Williams who told you that Mr. Shatter	
2			wanted to talk to you?	
3		Α.	Again, as I said, Alan Shatter contacted Paul Williams	
4			and asked would I meet with him. Paul Williams then	
5			called me and asked me and told me, sorry, that Alan	13:13
6			Shatter had been in touch with him and asked me would I	
7			meet with him, to which I agreed.	
8	165	Q.	I see. And you are aware that Mr. Shatter, by this	
9			stage he had resigned as Minister but in a subsequent	
10			Dáil debate he called for your	13:13
11		Α.	The following Thursday after I met with him.	
12	166	Q.	he called for your	
13		Α.	That's correct, I met with.	
14	167	Q.	allegations to be investigated, is that right?	
15		Α.	I met with him either that Monday or Tuesday and he	13:13
16			brought it to the Dáil's attention on the Thursday,	
17			yes.	
18	168	Q.	Now, in relation to the complaint to GSOC, they came	
19			back to you and told you that they were not upholding	
20			your complaint, isn't that right?	13:14
21		Α.	It's not that they said they were not withholding my	
22			complaint; they said that there was not grounds for any	
23			disciplinary measures but they did make a couple of	
24			recommendations from my complaint.	
25	169	Q.	Yes. And we know that that recommendation was sent on	13:14
26			to the Minister for Justice at the time, the new	
27			Minister for Justice, isn't that right?	
28		Α.	So I believe, yes.	
29	170	Q.	Yes. In a lengthy report which they sent her, you have	

seen that, haven't you? You have seen the report that
 they made to the Department of Justice at the time?
 A. No, I haven't.

- 4 171 Q. Oh, you haven't seen that. Is it the case that at no
 5 time did you want the complaint made, that you had 13:15
 6 originally made against Sergeant McCabe reinvestigated
 7 until early 2014, you didn't go to Laura Brophy's
 8 service, Rian, with that in mind, and in fact, you
 9 hoped it wouldn't happen, is that right?
- That is correct. I had tried to move on with my life, 10 Α. 13:15 11 as I have said a couple of times. The reason that I 12 did decide and wanted my case to be reinvestigated was because Maurice McCabe continued to bring to the 13 14 attention of the media and to the attention of the Dáil 15 that there was numerous cases within Bailieboro Garda 13:16 station which had not been inquired or investigated 16 17 properly. I had always felt that my investigation was not dealt with properly. The fact that Maurice McCabe 18 19 was bringing these cases to the attention of the Dáil, 20 as I explained, I felt my complaint was more serious 13:16 21 than some of these cases which he was bringing to the 22 attention of the Dáil and therefore, yes, I wanted my 23 case to be included. I could not see why my case could not be included in the Guerin Report. 24
- 25 172 Q. I see. Did you tell Mr. Williams in relation to
 26 Sergeant McCabe that the allegations he was making
 27 against An Garda Síochána had upset a lot of people?
 28 A. I may have made that comment.

29 173 Q. Well, I mean, I have been given a copy of the

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1 transcript of what you said to him, and it says, you
2 said:

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"I think a lot of people are upset. They are upset. 4 They are offended. They are questioning maybe their 5 13:17 6 own work and maybe protecting themselves. They are 7 doubting themselves. They are doubting their own 8 ability. If nothing else, they can mean -- like you said the Bailieboro/Cavan district was such a tight 9 knit division, it is honestly like Maurice McCabe and 10 13:17 11 his allegations have ripped the entire family apart. Ι 12 think people are now afraid to speak to each other, 13 they do not know what to say, they do not know maybe 14 whether they can trust this person or can they trust 15 that person. He has just brought an awful lot, he has 13:17 cast doubt over the Cavan/Bailieboro district. 16 He has ruined a lot of careers. He has ruined a lot of 17 careers of Gardaí that have since retired. He has 18 19 ruined a lot of careers of younger members of the 20 Guards. He is not a nice man, Paul." 13:18 21 22 Did you say that to him? 23 If that is what is there then yes, I did. Α. And you said that to him in 2014? 24 174 Ο. If that is the date that is on that. 25 Α. 13:18 26 whose careers did you think he had ruined in 2014? 175 Ο. 27 Is that a question? Α. 28 The question is: You expressed the view CHAIRMAN: 29 that a lot of careers had been ruined by Maurice

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1 McCabe's allegations. I mean, there is a lot of other 2 stuff in there as well, about it being like a family, 3 people not being able to trust one another, but specifically Mr. McDowell is zeroing in on that thing 4 about careers ruined - who were you thinking of? 5 13:18 6 Honestly, I don't know who specifically I was referring Α. 7 to. And perhaps yes, maybe that was a flippant remark 8 on my behalf. I don't have particular people or particular names that I can tell or say now. 9 MR. McDOWELL: No, because I mean, in 2014 Maurice 10 176 Q. 13:19 11 McCabe had been disbelieved, nobody had accepted his 12 criticisms of An Garda Síochána, isn't that right? He was the man who was being ostracised, and yet you are 13 14 saying that he had ruined a lot of careers. That was over three years ago, I don't recall what I 15 Α. 13:19 16 meant by that. well, you must have meant something by it. 17 177 Q. As I said, I don't recall. 18 Α. 19 And I have to suggest to you that you were effectively 178 Q. 20 saying that since this man had ruined a lot of careers 13:19 21 and appeared to be accepted by the public as a saint, 22 that you wanted the other side of the story to be told. 23 There is two sides to every person. Α. And I am asking you about the side that you were 24 179 Ο. putting to Paul Williams, that this man had ruined a 25 13:20 lot of careers in the Cavan/Bailieboro district? 26 27 As I said, I don't know who I was referring to at the Α. 28 time. I don't have specific names. 29 Would you have had in mind your own father's career? 180 Q.

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1		Α.	No, because he didn't ruin my father's career.	
2	181	Q.	Well, you are aware that he had taken disciplinary	
3			action against your father?	
4		Α.	I am aware of that. That doesn't mean he ruined my	
5			father's career. My father is still	13:20
6	182	Q.	And that your father as a result was removed from the	
7			crime from being the crime investigations section	
8			and moved elsewhere, you know that?	
9		Α.	I do. And I don't see how that has anything to do with	
10			me.	13:20
11	183	Q.	And that that happened in January of 2006?	
12		Α.	That's correct.	
13	184	Q.	And that happened eleven months before you first made	
14			an allegation against Maurice McCabe. Isn't that	
15			right?	13:21
16		Α.	That's correct, yes.	
17	185	Q.	Thank you.	
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19			CHAIRMAN: Are there any other questions then? Yeah,	
20			Mr. Fanning. Mr. Fanning, maybe you would just be so	13:21
21			kind as to say who you appear for so that you	
22			understand?	
23			MR. FANNING: Yes.	
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25			MS. D WAS CROSS-EXAMINED BY MR. FANNING AS FOLLOWS:	13:21
26	186	Q.	MR. FANNING: Ms. D, I appear for Mr. Williams, the	
27			journalist who you did an interview with, and there are	
28			just a couple of very small details I want to just	
29			explore with you that are potential distinctions	

1			between your evidence and the statement that	
2			Mr. Williams has given to the Tribunal. The first	
3			issue is: Just in relation to the arrangements for the	
4			meeting that you had with Micheál Martin, you will	
5			recall that at the beginning of your evidence	13:22
6			Ms. Leader asked you whether it was possible that	
7			Mr. Williams had given you a lift to meet Mr. Martin	
8			and you disagreed with that suggestion. I am just	
9			wondering	
10		Α.	I don't recall.	13:22
11	187	Q.	can you recollect the circumstances in which you did	
12			travel to meet Mr. Martin?	
13		Α.	I honestly don't recall how I got to meet with Micheál	
14			Martin. I genuinely don't. I don't recall if I was	
15			given a lift, I don't recall.	13:22
16			CHAIRMAN: Mr. Fanning, I am not going to try and cut	
17			across you, I would certainly hope not, but it may be	
18			that if there is a divergence between your instructions	
19			and the recollection of the witness, maybe you'd just	
20			put what the situation is. If it's necessary to go	13:22
21			further, sure, do, yeah	
22			MR. FANNING: Certainly, Chairman.	
23	188	Q.	I don't think it's an important detail, but	
24			Mr. Williams, in his statement, recollects that he did	
25			collect you from the train station, he brought you to	13:22
26			the Dáil to meet Mr. Martin, he came back after the	
27			meeting at which he wasn't present and he gave you lift	
28			back to the train station. Is it possible that	
29			Mr. Williams's recollection of those events is correct?	

That is possible. Yes, that is possible. As I said, I 1 Α. 2 was in the southeast at the time, so I would have had 3 to come from the southeast to Dublin, and that is 4 possible, yes, yes. 5 That's fine. On a separate issue, you have suggested 189 Q. 13:23 6 in your evidence I think that it was Mr. Williams who 7 made the suggestion to you that you could pursue the 8 complaint that you had against Sergeant McCabe with GSOC. 9 It's not that he said I could pursue, he said it was an 13:23 10 Α. 11 avenue or asked, is it an avenue you had considered? 12 Yes. You are aware, I think, that the interview that 190 Ο. Mr. Williams conducted with you was taped and that 13 14 there is a transcript of it, isn't that so? 15 Yeah. Α. 13:23 16 On the last page of that transcript, I am just going to 191 Ο. 17 read out a few lines to you to see if this jogs your recollection of how the GSOC issue came up, the last 18 19 page of the transcript, you said that you'd like to see 20 your statement again and you'd like to see the 13:24 21 investigation reopened? 22 That's correct. Α. 23 Then Mr. Williams is recorded as asking the question: 192 Q. 24 "Would this involve GSOC or the Guards themselves or 25 13:24 who would you like to investigate this? What body are 26 27 you going to complain to?" 28 29 And you answered:

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2			"I'd like to go to a higher authority. I would not	
3			even mind having somebody like the Garda Ombudsman	
4			coming in, you know, with a fresh pair of eyes. He is	
5			impartial to the whole thing."	13:24
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7			Now, that is a recorded passage on the transcript from	
8			a taped interview. Is it possible that that is the way	
9			in which Mr. Williams raised the possibility of going	
10			to GSOC with you?	13:24
11		Α.	It is.	
12	193	Q.	In an open-ended way rather than specifically advising	
13			you to go to GSOC?	
14		Α.	Exactly. Definitely, I am not suggesting that Paul	
15			Williams advised me specifically to go and make a	13:25
16			complaint with GSOC. I mean he had suggested that it	
17			was an option or maybe is that an avenue you would like	
18			to go down. I am not saying that Paul Williams told me	
19			to make a complaint to GSOC. As you said, it may have	
20			been in an open-ended way it was suggested 'Is that	13:25
21			someone you would like to go and speak with?'	
22	194	Q.	It would be a fair summary to say he referred to GSOC	
23			in the course of a question he asked you but he didn't	
24			particularly advocate that you would go down any route,	
25			isn't that fair?	13:25
26		Α.	That's fair, yeah.	
27	195	Q.	Thank you, Chairman.	
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29			CHAIRMAN: Yes.	

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1			MS. D WAS CROSS-EXAMINED BY MR. O'HIGGINS AS FOLLOWS:	
2	196	Q.	MR. O'HIGGINS: Ms. D, my name is Micheál O'Higgins,	
3			and I am one of the barristers for the Commissioner of	
4			An Garda Síochána. And I just have one or two	
5			questions for you, if you don't mind. I hope they are	13:25
6			not controversial for you or create any difficulty for	
7			you at all. Firstly, you might just confirm for me,	
8			your original complaint or allegation, am I correct in	
9			my understanding you made that complaint, not your	
10			father?	13:26
11		Α.	I made that complaint. And I would like to clarify	
12			that I came home from school and I told my mother and	
13			father and my father called the Guards to say that I	
14			had come home, disclosed information to them. The	
15			Guards then came to my house and I made the statement	13:26
16			to the Guards.	
17	197	Q.	All right. Can I ask you, and I hope you don't mind me	
18			asking you this, but, am I correct in my understanding	
19			that going back to the 2006 and 2007 period, now, just	
20			for a moment, am I correct in my understanding that you	13:26
21			would have confided in one or two persons, relatives,	
22			as well as your parents, at the time?	
23		Α.	I had told a friend in 2005, a school friend, and then	
24			I spoke with my cousin.	
25	198	Q.	Yes.	13:27
26		Α.	Yeah.	
27	199	Q.	And I think as well, then, you had contact with social	
28			workers and also formally then with An Garda Síochána	
29			for the purpose of making your complaint?	

- 1 A. That's correct.
- 2 Later on, do you mind me asking you, when you -- later 200 Q. 3 on, I am speaking now of the period 2013/14, you mentioned you were in college when matters were 4 resurrected for you and it was a difficult time hearing 13:27 5 6 the mention of Sergeant McCabe in college. Did you 7 discuss matters with your peers at all around that 8 time?
- 9 A. I explained, obviously, to my lecturer why I had to
 10 leave the class and I explained that as long as that ^{13:27}
 11 was going to be a topic of conversation, that it was
 12 not a class I was willing to sit in and participate in.
 13 And I did disclose to one or two of my friends in the
 14 southeast.
- Q. All right. Ms. Leader asked you about your statement 13:28
 you made to GSOC, to the Garda Síochána Ombudsman
 Commission. You remember making a statement in July,
 isn't that right --
- 19 A. That's correct, yes.
- 20 -- of 2014? And maybe for the witness's benefit, if 202 0. 13:28 21 page 725 of the materials might be put up on screen 22 just for a moment. I am not going to guiz you about that statement in any detail at all but could I ask you 23 to deal with just one aspect? You say in the course of 24 that statement that in December 2013 Maurice McCabe 25 13:28 26 started to appear in the newspapers and the media as a whistleblower, is that something you recall being 27 conscious of at the time? 28
- 29 A. Can you just clarify your question, sorry?

Certainly. Sorry. You say in the course of your 1 203 Q. 2 statement to the GSOC, to the Ombudsman Commission, 3 that in December 2013 Maurice McCabe started to appear in the media, in newspapers and so on? 4 5 Yes, yes. Α. 13:29 6 204 And that is something, I think you have already said Q. 7 that in evidence, that is something you recall being 8 the case? 9 Oh, God, yes, yes. Α. 10 And you say elsewhere in the same statement that your 205 Q. 13:29 11 allegations would have been known around Bailieboro? 12 Yeah. Α. 13 You say that --206 Q. 14 Yeah. Α. 15 207 -- in your statement. Is that correct? Is it your Q. 13:29 16 sense of things that your allegations would have been 17 known in the locality of Bailieboro? Bailieboro, Virginia area, they are small towns. 18 Α. They 19 are small towns. Everyone knows everything, people 20 It was known within Bailieboro, talk. It was known. 13:29 21 Virginia area, yes, it was. 22 208 Yes. You were asked about contacts with journalists, Q. 23 Ms. D, can I ask you to confirm, am I correct in my 24 understanding you were not interviewed by a journalist called Debbie McCann? 25 13:29 I never met Debbie McCann. 26 Α. 27 209 The last question I have for you then concerns your Q. 28 interview, the origins of you coming to meet with Paul Williams, the journalist, all right. And I just want 29

1 to very briefly mention to you something that Detective 2 Superintendent John O'Reilly says in relation to that. 3 And in fairness to you, you weren't, I don't think, privy to the conversation but I might just ask you 4 agree or disagree with the contextual matters he says, 5 13:30 6 so I will just read that out for you. And his 7 statement, for your benefit, is page 725 -- sorry, is 8 page 2917 of the materials. CHAIRMAN: Let's just get it up first. 9 MR. O'HIGGINS: He says, he acknowledges first of all 10 210 Q. 13:30 11 that he met your father. And I think he is a long time 12 friend of your dad, isn't that right? That's correct, yes. 13 Α. 14 211 Q. And he acknowledges that he met your father and it was 15 a social meeting and he indicates on page 2917 that 13:31 there was a lot of stuff in the media at the time 16 17 around Sergeant McCabe and he says that your father went on to outline how you were - well, the expression 18 19 he used is - "being persecuted at your home by the 20 press", some journalists were arriving at the door, 13:31 21 isn't that right? Do you see that there? 22 Yeah. Α. 23 And he said that he referred to the fact that Ms. D, 212 Q. that is yourself -- you and your family had a concern 24 25 in relation to journalists but you wanted to speak to 13:31 26 somebody, would that be fair? That was the 27 conversation you had had with your father; you wanted 28 to speak with somebody? 29 I wanted to speak with somebody and somebody I felt Α.

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1 that I could trust and would portray what it is I was
2 trying to say.

3 213 Q. Yes.

A. Not to some journalist - again, no disrespect - that
might twist things or might try and misquote me or 13:32
anything like that. So I wanted to speak with somebody
but somebody I felt I could trust.

8 214 Q. I understand. Superintendent O'Reilly says that your
9 father believed that you did not want your account to
10 be made public?

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11 A. That's correct.

12 And he says that your father said -- sorry, he says the 215 Q. following as to what your dad said, all right, just so 13 14 you have the context of it. He says that your father 15 said to him "We were thinking about Paul Williams. Не 13:32 asked me did I know him?" Can I ask you, did you 16 yourself know of Paul Williams? 17

18 A. I did know of Paul Williams.

19 216 Q. And I think you mentioned in evidence, you had
 20 actually, I think as part of your college course, 13:32
 21 considered some articles he had written?

A. Yeah. We had looked -- for the purpose of different
assignments, I would have looked at one or two articles
that Paul Williams would have wrote. I would have
known of his name and again, I would have -- I would
have read certain articles, yes, that he would have
wrote.

28 217 Q. Right. And do you happen to remember, did you discuss
29 with your father the possibility of speaking to Paul

1 Williams?

- A. No. The only time Paul Williams was mentioned was
 after my father met with John Reilly [sic], and from
 what I believe, John Reilly spoke with my father and it
 was John Reilly who told my father would she speak with 13:33
 Paul Williams. Again my father said that is something
 I would need to clarify with her. That is how that
 conversation went.
- 9 218 All right. Well, just so that you have the sense of Q. it, what Detective Superintendent O'Reilly says of the 10 13:33 11 conversation was: Your father asked him if he, 12 Superintendent O'Reilly, knew Mr. Williams, and the 13 Superintendent replied yes, he did. Your father asked 14 him what he thought of him. And Superintendent 15 O'Reilly says that he told your father that he'd had 13:33 dealings with him over the years from investigations, 16 17 and he found him to be okay. And your father asked him for a telephone number for him, and Superintendent 18 19 O'Reilly passed on the telephone number to your father. 20 All right? 13:34
- A. I appreciate that is what's in front of me but, no, I
 do not believe it was that way. I believe it was
 John -- John Reilly gave the number to my father.
 Q. Oh, sorry, I think we are just -- just so we are not at
- 25 cross-purposes. That is accepted.
- 26 A. Yes.
- 27 220 Q. So I don't want to mislead you in any way. John
 28 O'Reilly, Superintendent O'Reilly, indicates that, in
 29 his statement indeed, that he provided the telephone

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1 number of Paul Williams to your father and in fact, goes further and says that your father asked him would 2 3 he telephone Paul Williams and he agreed to do that and subsequently did that. Do you know anything about 4 that? 5 13:34 6 That is something you need to speak to my father about. Α. 7 I don't know what went on between my father and John's 8 meeting. I don't know what was said. I can't answer for him. 9 I think the point of these questions is, 10 CHAIRMAN: 13:35 11 before your dad met Superintendent O'Reilly, was the 12 name Paul Williams in the air, in your household, as a 13 person to whom you would perhaps speak as someone who 14 was trustworthy and a journalist? His name would have been mentioned, and, as I said, I 15 Α. 13:35 know he would have been writing for the *Independent*. 16 Ι 17 had never heard of Debbie McCann. I believe there was another woman - Eavan Murray, or something. 18 I had 19 never heard of her. But, no, Paul Williams, yes, I 20 would have known. 13:35 21 Right. And when Mr. William then, he made contact with 221 Q. 22 you directly subsequently, did he, or with your 23 parents? 24 No, it was contact was made -- conversations were made Α. 25 between my father -- my parents and Paul Williams. 13:35 26 I see. 222 Ο. 27 The first time I would have spoke with Paul Williams Α. 28 directly was when I would have met him on 8th February. 29 MR. O'HIGGINS: I see. Thank you very much.

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2			END OF CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. O'HIGGINS	
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4			MR. HOGAN: May it please you, Chairman. For the	
5			record, Tom Hogan, Senior Counsel, with Mr. Niall	13:36
6			Buckley, instructed by Mr. Kelly. On behalf of Ms. D,	
7			there is just one thing I want to clarify.	
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9			MS. D WAS EXAMINED BY MR. HOGAN:	
10	223	Q.	MR. HOGAN: Ms. D, you mentioned, in answer to	13:36
11			Mr. O'Higgins' questions, that prior to in 2005,	
12			that you had discussed your complaint your	
13			allegation against Sergeant McCabe with a friend and	
14			with your cousin. Did you also discuss it with your	
15			grandmother?	13:36
16		Α.	I don't believe I discussed the ins and outs of the	
17			allegation. She knew that I was having behavioural	
18			difficulties and she was asking me what was wrong and	
19			what was going on in my life, and I believe I would	
20			have said that something had happened, but, no, I	13:36
21			didn't go into detail with my grandmother. I didn't	
22			feel comfortable speaking to her in detail.	
23			MR. HOGAN: Thank you.	
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25			END OF EXAMINATION BY MR. HOGAN	13:37
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27			CHAIRMAN: You are happy with that, Mr. Hogan?	
28			MR. HOGAN: Yes, that is fine.	
29			CHAIRMAN: Thanks. There is no other questions, is	

1 there? I appreciate you being here. Thank you very 2 much.

THE WITNESS THEN WITHDREW

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6 CHAIRMAN: I am told that we have to take a break after 7 two hours. The stenographers work tremendously hard 8 and are really accurate, and they want a break and they 9 are entitled to it, so we are going to do that. So 10 when we get to about five, ten past two. Does that 13:37 11 suit, Mr. McGuinness? 12 MR. MCGUINNESS: Yes, Chairman. The next witness then 13 is Mr. D.

15 SERGEANT D, HAVING BEEN SWORN, WAS DIRECTLY EXAMINED BY 13:37 16 MR. MCGUINNESS AS FOLLOWS:

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Chairman, just before this witness starts, 18 MR. HOGAN: 19 just in case there is any confusion, I have just been 20 asked to request that we be given representation to 13:38 21 represent this --

22 CHAIRMAN: Granted, Mr. Hogan.

23 MR. MCGUINNESS: I think you are the father of the 224 Q. 24 previous witness?

25 Α. That's correct.

> And I think you are a member of An Garda Síochána? Q.

27 I am. Α.

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28 And can you tell the Tribunal when did you first become 226 Q. a member of An Garda Síochána? 29

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1		Α.	I joined An Garda Síochána on 7th September 1983.
2	227	Q.	1983. And you are still a member.
3		Α.	I am.
4	228	Q.	And I think you have been stationed in different
5			stations, but you were previously stationed at one time $_{13:39}$
6			in Bailieboro?
7		Α.	I was.
8	229	Q.	Okay. And we will come to deal with John O'Reilly, but
9			I think was he a long-time friend of yours?
10		Α.	I have been friends with John O'Reilly for the last 13:39
11			since I moved to Cavan in 1990, 26 years 27 years
12			ago.
13	230	Q.	And I think he is currently a detective superintendent?
14		Α.	That's correct.
15	231	Q.	And obviously you knew Sergeant Maurice McCabe 13:39
16		Α.	I did.
17	232	Q.	from your work and otherwise?
18		Α.	Correct.
19	233	Q.	Can I just bring you to the period of 2013, and was
20			your daughter attending college at that time? 13:39
21		Α.	She had taken a year out, Chairman, and she was due
22			back she was to go back to college in September '13.
23	234	Q.	And I think is it correct to state that obviously
24			Sergeant Maurice McCabe's name was becoming more
25			prominent in the media at that point in time? 13:40
26		Α.	Yeah, it had sort of from recollection, Chairman, it
27			had started sort of the previous winter, and I know the
28			O'Mahony report into the penalty points issue was
29			released in May or June of '13, so there would have

1 been mention of -- Maurice McCabe's name would have 2 sort of come up in the media every so often, and I 3 noticed, and especially her mum noticed, any time Ms. D would have heard it, it made her -- she got upset, she 4 got annoyed, and I remember her mother speaking to me 5 13:40 6 and saying this and saying that she would like Ms. D to 7 go maybe to see a counsellor to make sure she had dealt 8 with all these issues before she went back in 9 September, back to the southeast, back to college. 10 And her mother suggested she should go to counselling, 235 Q. 13:41 11 and did you agree? 12 I actually -- I remember actually saying to Ms. Α. I did. D, more or less, look, will you just go to keep your 13 14 mother happy. She wasn't that keen on going herself. She agreed to go and I said, 'just go and keep your mum 13:41 15 16 happy'. 17 All right. And did you ask her about the counselling 236 Ο. or did she give you any detail about it? 18 19 I didn't go into the actual ins and outs of the actual Α. 20 conversation, but what I do remember is, that she was 13:41 21 quite annoyed when she came home. She said that this 22 counsellor was saying she was going to have to refer the matter to Tusla. And I remember being annoyed. 23 She said to me, 'Look at, I don't want opening up the 24 25 past again, there is no need for her to refer this, 13:41 this has been done and dusted since 2006. the DPP ruled 26 27 in 2007 there was no prosecution', she said, 'I want 28 this put in the past, I want to get on with my life, I don't want it re-referred, I don't see why she has to 29

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1 re-refer it'. That is what I remember about it. She 2 was very annoyed, Chairman, at that time, very annoyed. And just from her perspective and your perspective, had 3 237 Ο. you any inkling that anything had gone wrong in the 4 5 counselling in terms of anything being misrecorded or 13:42 6 misreported? 7 No, absolutely none, absolutely not. Α. 8 And can I ask you then about 2014. Were there 238 0. 9 approaches made to your house and to your wife at home by journalists? 10 13:42 11 There were, Judge -- or Chairman. In late 2013/early Α. 12 2014, Maurice McCabe would have become very prominent It was -- it was basically wall-to-wall 13 in the media. 14 coverage, and I think maybe late January/early 15 February, the first contact, from recollection, is that 13:42 Mrs. D told me that a journalist had called to our 16 17 house out of the blue. Debbie McCann. and asked if we would be willing to speak to her, and Mrs. D now said 18 19 she politely declined. That was the first. I know 20 Eavan Murray contacted us, Mick O'Toole sent me a 13:43 21 message on Facebook, but we didn't discuss the case. 22 At the time, Ms. D had become very angry, very upset. 23 She felt Maurice McCabe was being held up as a hero, a national hero. She was extremely annoyed. She said to 24 25 me, she said she'd love to speak to somebody and get 13:43 26 her side -- get the side of -- that there was another 27 side to this man, that he wasn't this national asset 28 that everybody seemed to think so in the media. 29 This is how she was expressing herself to you? 239 Q.

1 A. To me

. To me and her mother.

2 Can I just bring you back a moment there. 240 Q. The 3 journalist who approached you, do you know whether they gave any account of how they learned of your name and 4 address or who had sent them or whether they had 5 13:44 6 revealed anything about what they knew? 7 No, Chairman, no, they never said who had told them Α. 8 where we lived or -- I personally felt at the time, what had happened with Maurice McCabe and Ms. D, which 9 had been reported in 2006, was an open secret in the 10 13:44 11 quards, so I presumed journalists would have been 12 aware, and the fact that he was coming to prominence in the media again, I said -- I presumed to myself, this 13 14 is why this sudden media interest. Okay. You think they had got to hear of it somehow. 15 241 Q. 13:44 But can I ask you this: can you explain to the 16 17 Chairman then how Mr. Williams came to contact your daughter, or vice versa? 18 19 Yes, Chairman. I had met with John O'Reilly, which Α. 20 would have been not an unusual occurrence; we meet 13:44 21 fairly regularly. There is a day or two between us, 22 our birthdays, and we meet up every year for a couple of drinks and a catch-up. I would often call to his 23 house if I was passing and he'd call to my house if he 24 25 was passing. I can't remember was it exactly in the 13:45 house or out perhaps having a pint with him during this 26 27 time, and I remember him saying to me, how is Ms. D 28 coping with all this media hype at the moment? And I 29 said, John, not very well, she is in bits, basically,

1 she is very angry, she is very annoyed, she is 2 frustrated, she just feels her -- that the side to 3 Maurice McCabe that she is aware of, has been just brushed under the carpet and nobody -- that her voice 4 5 is lost and that she would love to have spoken to 13:45 somebody. And I did tell him that journalists had 6 7 contacted us and contacted Ms. D but that I was 8 counselling her to be very wary about speaking to journalists about it, I said maybe that wasn't the best 9 thing to do, just to be very wary. 10 13:45 11 Just to be clear, had you spoken to any journalists? 242 Q. 12 No, I had spoken but I had not given interviews. Α. Journalists had called wishing to speak to Ms. D and 13 14 wishing us to discuss, but we didn't actually discuss 15 it with anybody. 13:46 And from the point of view of Sergeant McCabe, you 16 243 Ο. 17 weren't involved in any campaign to discredit him? Absolutely not, Chairman, absolutely not. There was no 18 Α. 19 campaign. All I wanted, my only concern was, and still 20 is, for my daughter. She was extremely, extremely 13:46 21 upset and distraught and angry at that time. 22 244 Now, just in terms of the mechanics of contacting Q. 23 Mr. Williams and who said what to whom, could you talk us through that, please, in sequence? 24 Yes, Chairman. As I said, I met with John O'Reilly. 25 Α. 13:46 26 He inquired as to Ms. D's state of mind, given the 27 media blitz at the time. I told him she wasn't very 28 good, that we had been approached by journalists but I 29 was very reluctant for her to speak in public about it

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1 because I was just wary, and John O'Reilly said to me 2 would she speak to someone maybe like Paul Williams, 3 who -- would she be aware of his standing in the public eye, shall we say; he was well-known. 4 I says, I don't know, John, I said, but I will certainly ask her if she 13:47 5 6 wants to, and I said maybe you'd contact Williams and 7 see would he be willing to meet with her. SO I 8 undertook to talk to my daughter, John undertook to speak to Paul Williams. And when I asked Ms. D, she 9 10 said, yeah, she would like to speak to him, he was a 13:47 11 journalist that -- she was aware of his work, she knew 12 who he was and that she would like to speak with him. Okay. And this conversation with John O'Reilly, this 13 245 Q. 14 all took place on the one occasion, I mean --This all took place on the one occasion, yes. 15 Α. 13:47 I mean, he didn't go off to consult with anyone about 16 246 Ο. 17 whether he might suggest any journalist. He came up with the suggestion to you? 18 19 No, it was a social meeting, as I said, Chairman, and Α. 20 this came up during the conversation. 13:47 21 But had you had any mention of or discussion with Paul 247 Q. 22 Williams with your daughter before that point in time? 23 No, I had never spoken to Paul Williams before. Α. No, but did you have any discussion with your daughter 24 248 Ο. about Mr. Williams? 25 13:48 26 Paul Williams specifically, no, no, not that I recall, Α. 27 no. Not that you recall? 28 249 Q. 29 No, no, no. Α.

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And did John O'Reilly then come back with a number for 1 250 Q. 2 Mr. Williams? 3 Yeah, he provided me with Paul Williams' contact number Α. and I made contact with Paul Williams and he arranged 4 to come down, show him where the house was and stuff 5 13:48 6 and told him a date where Ms. D would be home from the 7 southeast, and he came down with another reporter or a 8 videographer and they met Ms. D in private in the sitting room for a couple of hours. 9 10 Were you present? 251 Q. 13:48 11 No, no, no. Α. 12 252 Did you encourage her to say anything or not to say Ο. 13 anything? 14 Α. I never encouraged her, Chairman, one way or the other. 15 I actually -- all along, I was encouraging her not 13:48 really to engage with the media, I said I couldn't see 16 17 what benefit, but she was very, very adamant she wanted to speak to somebody, so when she said she would like 18 19 to speak to Paul Williams, I facilitated it. I didn't 20 encourage her, I didn't tell her what to say, I didn't 13:49 21 advise her one way or the other. 22 253 we know he published an article, indeed, and did you Q. 23 see that? I did. I read the article. 24 Α. What do you recollect occurring next thereafter, in May 13:49 25 254 Q. 26 of 2014? 27 In May 2014, Chairman, I recall being at work one day, Α. 28 I was in my office, which is next door to the 29 superintendent's office, and he just called me, which

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1			would be I would be in there half a dozen times	
2			every day, so he called me into the office and he was	
3			sitting behind	
4	255	Q.	Could you just identify him, first of all.	
5		Α.	Superintendent Leo McGinn, sorry.	13:49
6	256	Q.	Superintendent Leo McGinn.	
7		Α.	He's district officer at Bailieboro. Leo was sitting	
8			behind his decision and he had an A4 sheet in his hand	
9			and he showed it to me and he said to me, 'is that your	
10			lassie?' And it was a HSE/Tusla referral form,	13:49
11			standard notification form.	
12	257	Q.	Had you seen those in the past?	
13		Α.	Oh, I had seen them numerous times, yeah.	
14	258	Q.	Could I ask you to look at the document, I think it's	
15			at 1181, amongst other references. This is a	13:50
16			notification form dated 2nd of	
17		Α.	Yeah, 2nd May 2014.	
18	259	Q.	Did you take that from him and read it?	
19		Α.	I did. He handed it to me, Chairman, and firstly I	
20			remember him saying to me, just firstly, as he handed	13:50
21			it, 'is that your lassie?' And at the top of the form	
22			you will see the child's name, DOB, address. And I	
23			read it and I said yes, that is Ms. D, that is my	
24			daughter. And then I read down in the body of the	
25			the actual body of the report, and I read about digital	13:50
26			penetration, vaginal and anal, and I almost collapsed,	
27			Chairman. I was absolutely reeling. I had never heard	
28			this before, this is the first time. So I thought to	
29			myself, like, has Ms. D told the counsellor this and	

not told us, has this actually happened to my daughter 1 and we know nothing about it. And I couldn't wait to 2 3 get out of the office, and I said nothing to Leo, I handed him back the referral. I left the office and 4 went to sort of compose myself for a few minutes. Then 13:51 5 6 I rang my wife, who was at home, and I told her I was coming home, I told her, 'Mrs. D, I have something to 7 8 tell you, I have to come home, I will talk to you when I get home'. And I went home and told Mrs. D what I 9 10 had seen, and she broke down completely and she cried 13:51 11 and she said, you know, 'what is going on?' 'Mrs. D', I said, 'I don't know. I have read this in black and 12 white, that this is what Ms. D has told this 13 14 counsellor'. Was she, your daughter, living away from home at that 15 260 Q. 13:51 16 time?

17 A. She was in the southeast at the time.

18 261 Q. And did you contact her then?

19 I said to Mrs. D, I am going to have to obviously -- we Α. 20 are going to have to speak to Ms. D and see what the 13:52 21 hell is going on, basically. And Mrs. D said, 'I can't ask her that', she said, 'I can't ask her that'. 22 SO I 23 said, look, I will ring her. So I eventually got her, maybe that evening - she wouldn't be great at answering 24 the mobile phone - so I eventually got in contact with 25 13:52 her and I said Ms. D -- I was so annoyed, Chairman, I 26 27 was so distraught at the time, I remember saying, like, 28 'what the F did you say to that counsellor?' Or words 29 to that effect. And she said, 'What do you mean? What

counsellor'? I said, 'The counsellor you went to last 1 2 summer'. And she said, 'I told her what had happened between me and Maurice McCabe'. 'Well', I said, 3 'Ms. D, there is stuff on that form about digital rape 4 and vaginal and anal'. And she was absolutely -- the 5 13:52 6 phone just went silent. And I said -- she said, 'What 7 are you talking about? I never said that. That is nothing to do with me.' Well, I said, 'Ms. D, I have 8 read the counsellor's report and this is all in it'. 9 But she said, 'I absolutely didn't say that. That's 10 13:53 11 nothing got to do with me, that is not my complaint'. 12 And she made that clear beyond doubt to you? 262 Ο. More than clear. She was absolutely gobsmacked. 13 Α. 14 263 0. And what did -- was there a decision to do anything or did she say she would do anything about it? 15 13:53 To be honest, Chairman, at the time -- my feelings at 16 Α. 17 the time, I was so relieved that she told me that it wasn't her and we'd said obviously this has been a 18 19 mistake. Now, I don't remember -- what I recollect was 20 that I -- I would have contacted Leo McGinn and told 13:53 21 him that this was incorrect, this referral was 22 incorrect. 23 well, is that the same day or the next day, or can you 264 Q. 24 remember --You see, I don't remember, and I have seen -- I have 25 Α. 13:53 26 seen documentation since from Laura Brophy to say that 27 Ms. D rang her. Now, I asked Ms. D and Ms. D says she 28 doesn't recall it. I don't recall saying that to 29 Ms. D.

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But you certainly have a recollection of telling 1 265 Q. 2 Superintendent Leo McGinn at some stage? Soon after - now, when, I don't know exactly -3 I have. Α. but I remember speaking to Leo McGinn and saying -- the 4 5 words -- I remember the words I used to him was it's an 13:54 6 almighty cock-up. Now, whether -- I thought at that 7 stage he didn't know and he was to get on, immediately 8 on to Tusla in connection with this completely erroneous allegation that my daughter never made. 9 10 Well, obviously Laura Brophy had the error 266 Q. Mm-hmm. 13:54 11 drawn to her attention, but was it your understanding 12 that she would make a second report or that she would write to the Gardaí, or had you any understanding of 13 14 what was going to happen? My understanding at the time was obviously -- yeah, if 15 Α. 13:54 a mistake of that magnitude was brought to the 16 attention of somebody, I just presumed it would be 17 I couldn't actually conceive that it wouldn't 18 fixed. 19 be fixed. I mean, it was a massive mistake, a massive 20 error, and I thought, okay, it's been brought to their 13:54 21 attention, it will be done away with, it will be 22 finished with. 23 Okay. Do you recollect any conversation with 267 Q. Superintendent McGinn as to whether the error had been 24 fixed or whether any new notification had come in or 25 13:55 26 not? 27 I don't, Chairman, off the top of my head, no, I don't Α. 28 recall actually -- I would have spoken to him again, 29 but there is no point me saying -- I don't actually

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		remember it, no, I do not.	
268	Q.	well, put it this way: he showed you the this	
		wholly erroneous allegation. Did he show you a new	
		notification at any time in the succeeding weeks, that	
		you can recall?	3:55
	Α.	From what I can recall, Chairman, a couple of weeks	
		later he would have said that's that matter had been	
		corrected, that this was the proper referral.	
269	Q.	Okay.	
	Α.	Which was the initial complaint that she made in 2006. \square	3:55
270	Q.	But do you think he showed you the new referral or told	
		you that a new notification had come in or	
	Α.	Yeah, I can't say, Chairman. I don't know whether he	
		actually just told me that a new referral had come in,	
		an amended corrected referral, or whether he actually 1	3:56
		physically showed it to me. I can't say.	
271	Q.	Okay. And did you believe that the error had been	
		corrected?	
	Α.	Absolutely, absolutely.	
272	Q.	All right. Well, the following year, did any letter 🛛 🖞	3:56
		arrive then for your daughter?	
	Α.	Mm-hmm. As you have heard already, Chairman, around	
		August 2015, a letter came from Tusla. Ms. D was in	
		the southeast, and stuff would land in the post every	
		so often for her and Mrs. D would ring her and say, 'Do $_{1}$	3:56
		you want me to read it or will I send it down to you?'	
		She said, 'it's stamped with the HSE or Tusla logo'.	
		So Ms. D said, 'look, just open it and see what is in	
		it'. So Mrs. D can give evidence herself. It was an	
	269 270 271	A. 269 Q. A. 270 Q. A. 271 Q. 271 Q. A. 272 Q.	 268 Q. well, put it this way: he showed you the this wholly erroneous allegation. Did he show you a new notification at any time in the succeeding weeks, that you can recall? A. From what I can recall, Chairman, a couple of weeks later he would have said that's that matter had been corrected, that this was the proper referral. 269 Q. Okay. A. Which was the initial complaint that she made in 2006. 270 Q. But do you think he showed you the new referral or told you that a new notification had come in or A. Yeah, I can't say, Chairman. I don't know whether he actually just told me that a new referral had come in, an amended corrected referral, or whether he actually physically showed it to me. I can't say. 271 Q. Okay. And did you believe that the error had been corrected? A. Absolutely, absolutely. 272 Q. All right. Well, the following year, did any letter arrive then for your daughter? A. Mm-hmm. As you have heard already, Chairman, around August 2015, a letter came from Tusla. Ms. D was in the southeast, and stuff would land in the post every so often for her and Mrs. D would ring her and say, 'Do you want me to read it or will I send it down to you?' She said, 'it's stamped with the HSE or Tusla logo'. So Ms. D said, 'look, just open it and see what is in

appointment -- or that they needed to speak with Ms. D
about something, so Ms. D asked her to ring and find
out, and when Mrs. D rang the HSE she was told,
obviously, that they need to speak to Ms. D in person
as she was an adult. So that is -- Ms. D was contacted 13:57
with that information.

- 7 273 Q. Okay. And as far as you are concerned, was all your
 8 daughter wished was to put it behind her at that stage
 9 and get on with her life?
- All, Judge -- she was in very good form. All she 10 Α. 13:57 11 wanted to do was get on with her life. She wanted this 12 buried in the past and left in the past, where it had So she told me after, when she contacted the HSE 13 been. 14 and to know why did they want to meet her, now she was in the southeast, they wanted to meet her in Cavan, she 13:57 15 wanted to know why, and she was told that there was new 16 17 management structures in place and that they were re-examining old cases, and she said to me several 18 19 times, 'I don't want my case examined again, I have had 20 enough of it, I have had enough of talking about, 13:57 21 re-examining it. I just want to get on with my life 22 and leave that in the past.'
- 23 274 Q. Now, I think you were contacted by RTE through, I
 24 think, some letter being delivered to your house in
 25 advance of this 'Prime Time' programme, is that
 26 correct?

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A. That's correct, Chairman. It was perhaps on the
wednesday night before the programme went out on the
Thursday, about half past ten, quarter to eleven. I

was actually in bed and I was reading a book, my wife 1 2 was lying down and going asleep, and a knock -- the 3 front doorbell rang and Mrs. D said to me that must be our son, and I was sort of saying, Jesus, you'd think 4 he'd have his own key at this stage, or words to that 5 13:58 6 effect. So I went down the hall and opened the front door and there was a taxi at the front door and a guy 7 8 said. 'Are you Mr. D?' And I said, 'Yeah'. And he said, 'There's a letter here, will you sign for it?' 9 So he handed me a letter with a handwritten address, 10 13:58 11 "Mr. D, only open by the addressee". I signed for the 12 letter, went back up to bed and opened it, and it was on RTE headed paper from Katie Hannon, and basically 13 14 that on the following evening they were airing a 'Prime Time' special about this erroneous report in relation 15 13:59 to Maurice McCabe and that I was going to be mentioned 16 17 in it as part of the narrative, going back to a time when I had been disciplined and a complaint my daughter 18 19 subsequently made against Sergeant McCabe. 20 And were you concerned that there was an implication 275 Q. 13:59 21 that, because of you being disciplined, that you had 22 somehow put your daughter up to making the complaint? 23 Chairman, I felt the whole tone, the whole inference of Α. the letter was that Maurice McCabe was part -- party to 24 25 me being disciplined over a matter, and that, somehow, 13:59 I had put my daughter up to making up this allegation 26 27 as some sort of petty revenge, I found that that was 28 the tone of it, and I was -- I was absolutely 29 flabbergasted with this. This is at 11:00 in the

1			night, Judge, before the the day before the	
2			programme was due to be aired.	
3	276	Q.	And I think you instructed your solicitor to write to	
4			RTE	
5		Α.	Absolutely.	14:00
6	277	Q.	correcting any misapprehensions that they had?	
7		Α.	That's correct.	
8	278	Q.	And I think in the course of your interview with the	
9			Tribunal's investigators, you undertook to make the RTE	
10			letter and your own solicitor's letter available, and	14:00
11			you have done that?	
12		Α.	I have done so, Chairman, that's correct.	
13	279	Q.	Thank you. Is there anything you want to add in	
14			relation to that?	
15		Α.	No, I just the timing of it, Chairman, I was it	14:00
16			was just so late at night and with so little time, I	
17			really felt under pressure, so and I felt when	
18			Mr. Kelly had addressed a few of the issues, that the	
19			programme had actually toned down in content as to what	
20			was going to be in the programme according to the	14:00
21			letter, so I was quite relieved at that stage.	
22	280	Q.	Mm-hmm. I think you subsequently received disclosure	
23			which ultimately included the letter from Tusla that	
24			was sent to Sergeant McCabe on dated 29th December	
25			2015?	14:01
26		Α.	That's right, Chairman, I did.	
27	281	Q.	And were you shocked yourself to see that allegation	
28			perpetuated by them in that letter?	
29		Α.	Absolutely horrified. I still find it unbelievable.	

1	MR. MCGUINNESS: Would you answer any questions.	
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3	END OF DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. MCGUINNESS	
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5	CHAIRMAN: Yes, I think what we will do is, we will	14:01
6	take a break, if that is all right with you, for half	
7	an hour, you might like to have a cup of tea, and I am	
8	sure Mr. Barnes will arrange for you to go somewhere	
9	where you will be left alone. So we will do that.	
10		14:02
11	THE HEARING ADJOURNED BRIEFLY AND THEN RESUMED	
12	AS FOLLOWS:	
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14	MR. McDOWELL: Chairman, before the witness continues	
15	his evidence, there is something I would like to say to	14:36
16	the Tribunal.	
17	CHAIRMAN: Yes, yes.	
18	MR. MCDOWELL: As you know, I have had the opportunity	
19	of seeing some of the press coverage of what transpired	
20	here this morning.	14:36
21	CHAIRMAN: Well, I didn't	
22	MR. McDOWELL: I have. We live in this instantaneous	
23	world. I just want to make this point here, and make	
24	it very clearly, that as a result of the rulings which	
25	have been made by this Tribunal, both in public and	14:37
26	private, I am precluded and have been precluded from	
27	asking questions dealing with the original allegation	
28	in respect of Sergeant McCabe, and its credibility or	
29	the truth or untruth of it, and that is a clear ruling	

that the Tribunal has made, and I have done my best to observe it in all of the circumstances. **CHAIRMAN:** Yes. Mr. McDowell, there is a difficulty,
I'm not going to cut you off; obviously you want to say
what you want to say, and please do. I had mentioned 14:37
on a number of occasions before that there was a
private sitting of the Tribunal, specifically it was in

8 relation to the terms of reference.

9 MR. McDOWELL: Yes.

10 CHAIRMAN: And at that sitting everybody agreed that as 14:37 11 to whether anything happened in 1998 or what it was or 12 was it a misunderstanding or did nothing happen at all, 13 that is not something I have been tasked with by the 14 Oireachtas with dealing, and so you will appreciate 15 that I am constricted, but also everybody else is 14:38 16 constricted in consequence of that.

17MR. McDOWELL: Yeah. I just wanted to be very clear on18the record, Chairman --

19 CHAIRMAN: Yes.

20 **MR. McDOWELL:** -- that in consequence of that ruling 14:38 21 and the determination of the Tribunal as to where its 22 terms of reference did and did not lie, I have engaged in no cross-examination of Ms. D here this morning in 23 relation to the original allegations of 2006, or indeed 24 anything that might, that she thinks happened in 1998 25 14:38 It's important in that context to make it 26 or 1999. 27 clear that while my function here is to defend my 28 client's good name, I am doing so in circumstances 29 where I am seriously constrained if any testimony is

1 put into the public domain suggesting that he did in 2 fact sexually assault Ms. D, I am seriously 3 constrained, because the Tribunal has already ruled that determining that issue or inquiring into that 4 issue is outside of its terms of reference. But having 14:39 5 6 said that, Judge, I do think that it is only fair that 7 it should be recorded here that, in this context, that 8 this matter was investigated in 2006/2007, that my client was interviewed under caution by members of An 9 Garda Síochána, that a full file was presented to the 10 14:39 11 Director of Public Prosecutions, that the Director of 12 Public Prosecutions and the State solicitor and the investigating inspector all dealt extensively with the 13 14 credibility issue in their rulings and determinations and reports, and that my client absolutely and 15 14:40 emphatically denies that he has ever, in any way, shape 16 17 or form, assaulted or sexually assaulted Ms. D in any way, and has always so maintained from the very 18 19 beginning. 20 Sorry, Chairman --MR. HOGAN: 14:40 21 MR. McDOWELL: And indeed that the Director of Public 22 Prosecutions ruled that the account she gave at the 23 time did not amount to a sexual assault at all or an

I just want that to be clearly understood. 24 assault. Sorry, Chairman, despite your ruling --25 MR. HOGAN: 14:40 Sorry, just hang on, Mr. Hogan, if you don't 26 CHAIRMAN: 27 mind, please. Mr. McDowell, are you happy with that? 28 **MR. McDOWELL:** I am happy to have said that, yes. 29 CHAIRMAN: Right, okay.

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1 MR. MCDOWELL: It is just when I see the instant 2 reportage, the public will not know unless I say that. 3 CHAIRMAN: Yeah. MR. McDOWELL: That I am operating under a very strict 4 regime here, Judge. 5 14:41 Well, it's no more strict than the one I am 6 CHAIRMAN: 7 operating under, Mr. McDowell, and I think whether 8 people agreed with it or not in the past, I have the Terms of Reference again open in front of me. 9 10 **MR. McDOWELL:** I'm not asking you to re-open the terms 14:41 11 of reference, Judge. 12 **CHAIRMAN:** No, sorry, what I meant was, physically here they are in my notebook in front of me. That is what I 13 That is, I think, where we stand. I appreciate 14 said. 15 you making the comment, I understand why, although I 14:41 haven't read any media reports, but I understand you're 16 17 looking after your client's best interest, and that is to be respected. But I can't make any comment one way 18 19 or another beyond saying that the terms of reference 20 are clear, and given that this is a statutory set-up, I 14:41 21 cannot exceed my terms of reference without effectively 22 undermining the legal basis of the Tribunal. 23 **MR. McDOWELL:** I fully accept that, Judge. 24 CHAIRMAN: No, I understand. Mr. Hogan, do you feel 25 you really need to say something? 14:41 26 **MR. HOGAN:** All I would like to say is. I don't agree 27 with Mr. McDowell's characterisation of matters. SO 28 it's clearly outside the terms of reference. 29 Mr. McDowell has effectively ignored your very clear

ruling in relation to it, this will not be discussed. 1 2 But we can leave it at that. But there is a dispute 3 between the parties. There is no doubt a complaint was whether that complaint was correct, whether the 4 made. allegation -- it was never the subject of an 5 14:42 6 investigation -- or, sorry, it was the subject of an 7 investigation, it was not the subject of a prosecution 8 because no prosecution was directed, and that's where the matter lies. 9

10 Yes. And it may be added to that, that I CHAIRMAN: 14:42 11 had said on prior occasions that I regard it as being 12 the appropriate standard that tribunals, that courts should sit in public. There was a private sitting of 13 the Tribunal with a view to trying to sort out this 14 15 issue, as to what was in or without the terms of 14:43 reference, and I know that the legal representatives of 16 17 Ms. D agreed, but it is very hard to disagree with something that is black and white, that I am not 18 19 inquiring in relation to whether anything happened in 20 1998 or the DPP's ruling on the matter, or anything 14:43 21 else to do with that. I am, instead, inquiring into 22 the matters which came thereafter, starting, it would 23 seem, in 2013, and that is the basis upon which Ms. Leader led the evidence, and any mention or 24 25 otherwise is entirely coincidental. There the matter 14:43 has to lie. 26 27 MR. HOGAN: Chairman, we are absolutely in agreement

with your ruling and nothing has changed. 29 Mr. McDowell felt he had to put it on the record, so to

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1 speak, what his client's position is. 2 Mr. Hogan, I don't think there is any CHAIRMAN: 3 disagreement, because, on behalf of Ms. D, her legal representatives have said in the past, and there is a 4 5 transcript to that effect, you are not inquiring into 14:43 6 nor are you to make a ruling on anything in relation to 7 2006, 1998, whether it happened, whether it didn't, 8 whether there was a misunderstanding or whether it was a false memory or whatever. I mean, I am inquiring 9 into none of that and I am making no ruling on that, 10 14:44 11 and that has been agreed right from the word go. And 12 even if it wasn't going to be agreed, I would have made that ruling independently. I think we should perhaps 13 14 leave it at that. 15 MR. HOGAN: Yes. Nothing has changed from Ms. D's 14:44 16 perspective. 17 **CHAIRMAN:** Well, thank you both for your comments, and they are noted, and insofar as the media regard them as 18 19 worthy of reportage, well, in this instant age no doubt 20 they're out there already, so --14:44 21 **MR. McDOWELL:** Some things are more reportable than 22 others. 23 Possibly. So, Sergeant, Mr. McDowell wants CHAIRMAN: 24 to ask you some questions now, if you don't mind, 25 please. 14:44 26 27 28 29

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1			SERGEANT D WAS CROSS-EXAMINED BY MR. MCDOWELL:	
2	282	Q.	MR. McDOWELL: Sergeant D, you said that sometime in	
3			May Superintendent Leo McGinn called you into his	
4			office, is that right?	
5		Α.	That's right. That's right, Chairman.	14:45
6	283	Q.	And this is May 2014?	
7		Α.	May 2014.	
8	284	Q.	Can you remember the date on which it happened?	
9		Α.	No, not exactly. It was early May, early May 2014. I	
10			don't remember the exact date, no.	14:45
11	285	Q.	I see. And as I understand your evidence, he was	
12			seated at his desk and you came into his office?	
13		Α.	That's correct.	
14	286	Q.	Did you sit down in front of him?	
15		Α.	No, I just stood. There's no chair in front of his	14:45
16			desk.	
17	287	Q.	Yes.	
18		Α.	I stood in front of his desk and he handed me up the	
19	288	Q.	And he handed you the Tusla referral form and inquired	
20			of you, 'is that your lassie?'	14:45
21		Α.	That's correct.	
22	289	Q.	And you then looked at the form?	
23		Α.	I read the form.	
24	290	Q.	Identified that it was your daughter's name on it?	
25		Α.	That's correct, yes.	14:45
26	291	Q.	And it was Sergeant McCabe's name on it?	
27		Α.	That's correct.	
28	292	Q.	And you read down through the form?	
29		Α.	That's correct.	

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1	293	Q.	And you came to the reference to digital penetration,	
2			anal and vaginal, and you were horrified?	
3		Α.	Absolutely, absolutely. 'Horrified' is putting it	
4			mildly, Chairman.	
5	294	Q.	I suppose two thoughts occurred to you: had Ms. D held	14:46
6			all this back and was she now telling this for the	
7			first time to someone, that was one possibility?	
8		Α.	That was	
9	295	Q.	Or the alternative view was, has some appalling mistake	
10			taken place, which is almost to	14:46
11		Α.	To be honest, Chairman	
12	296	Q.	It is almost impossible to understand how it did take	
13			place?	
14		Α.	No, I didn't actually consider a mistake. I actually	
15			thought first, Jesus, this is what happened what has	14:46
16			happened to Ms. D? We know nothing about this. To be	
17			honest, at that moment I couldn't even countenance a	
18			mistake being made.	
19	297	Q.	I agree with you, it is wholly impossible to understand	
20			how such a mistake could have taken place. And your	14:47
21			first instinct was: is this something that you had	
22			never been told about?	
23		Α.	That's correct, Chairman, yeah.	
24	298	Q.	And that's entirely reasonable, if I may comment. But	
25			can I ask you this: did it ever occur to you that it	14:47
26			was an extraordinary thing for Superintendent McGinn to	
27			do, to show you this document in the circumstance?	
28		Α.	No.	
29	299	Q.	I mean, if Ms. D had made if she had made a	

1			complaint in the terms shown out, set out in the form,	
2			surely it was none of Superintendent McGinn's business	
3			to draw that to your attention?	
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4		Α.	Well, I would imagine he showed me from common decency.	
5			I had been working with him for four years, I was in	14:47
6			the next office to him, and when he saw the name, I'm	
7			sure he just said that on those grounds that he	
8			showed me. I would imagine. You would have to ask	
9			superintendent McGinn that, but	
10	300	Q.	We know, for instance, that he didn't bring it to the	14:48
11			attention of Sergeant Byrne, who was the HSE liaison	
12			man at the time, isn't that right?	
13		Α.	I'm not aware.	
14	301	Q.	We heard that?	
15		Α.	Yeah, I accept that. But it was the fact, Chairman,	14:48
16			that it was my daughter we were speaking about.	
17	302	Q.	Yes.	
18		Α.	It's not just some random girl.	
19	303	Q.	But I am suggesting to you, and I will be putting it to	
20			Superintendent McGinn, and obviously this is no	14:48
21			criticism of you, that it was a huge breach of	
22			confidentiality to bring the terms of that form to your	
23			attention on the occasion?	
24		Α.	Well, the fact that it was my daughter, Chairman, I	
25			don't accept that.	14:48
26	304	Q.	I see. And, I mean, obviously now we know that it was	
27	501	۷.	extremely lucky that he did it, because otherwise it	
28			would have gone undetected	
29		^	That's correct.	
29		Α.	mat 5 connect.	

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-- for a long, long period, isn't that right? 1 305 Q. 2 That's right. Α. 3 306 But I am suggesting to you that Superintendent McGinn Ο. owed your daughter a duty of confidentiality not to 4 discuss her case with you? 5 14:49 6 Well, Chairman, as I said, it was my daughter. Α. Ι 7 believe he did it out of just common human decency, man 8 to man. I worked with him, as I said, for four years. He worked in an office next door to me. I imagine he 9 10 was taken aback when he saw my daughter's name on the 14:49 11 form and was just informing me. That is my opinion. 12 well, I won't explore that any further with you. 307 Ο. Yes. 13 You thought it was decency to draw to your attention 14 that your daughter was the subject of a referral? I did, I did, Chairman. 15 Α. 14:49 And, of course, you knew at the time that An Garda 16 308 Ο. 17 Síochána had previous knowledge of all of this, isn't that right? 18 19 I did. Α. 20 And did superintendent McGinn have previous knowledge? 309 Q. 14:49 21 NO. Α. 22 Or know that the Gardaí had previous knowledge? 310 Q. 23 Not to my knowledge. I had never discussed it with Α. 24 him. So this was the first time you discussed it --25 311 **Q**. I see. 14:49 26 you interacted with him --27 Yes, in relation to my daughter, yes. I would never Α. have spoken about it before to him. 28 And on that occasion he showed you the referral 29 312 Q.

1			document containing this appalling allegation?	
2		Α.	Correct.	
3	313	Q.	And you then say, as I understand your evidence, that	
4			you went home to your wife in a state of shock?	
5		Α.	Absolutely.	14:50
6	314	Q.	Discussed it with her?	
7		Α.	Yeah.	
8	315	Q.	And made efforts to contact your daughter, is that	
9			right?	
10		Α.	That's correct.	14:50
11	316	Q.	And when you rang your daughter, were you still	
12			wondering had she told this to the counsellor or were	
13			you confident that she hadn't and some terrible mistake	
14			had been made?	
15		Α.	I honestly, Chairman, I didn't know what to think. I	14:50
16			was just in a state. I didn't know what was going on.	
17			I just needed to speak to Ms. D and say, did this	
18			happen to you? Have you said this? What's going on?	
19			I was actually in a state of shock, really and truly in	
20			turmoil, I suppose.	14:51
21	317	Q.	And she then, when you did contact her, told you that	
22			she had never said anything of the sort, is that right?	
23		Α.	She was completely flabbergasted, yeah. She said, 'I	
24			never said anything remotely like that, that's not	
25			my I didn't say that'. I said to her, 'Ms. D, I	14:51
26			have seen it written down in black and white'.	
27	318	Q.	So at that point you knew that somewhere, for some	
28			extraordinary catastrophic reason, a completely false	
29			complaint had been made?	

1	Α.	Yeah.

2 319 Q. Isn't that right?

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3		Α.	Yeah, I knew that, and I knew it had nothing to do with	
4			Ms. D, and I was very, very, very relieved.	
5	320	Q.	And having worked with Superintendent McGinn for four	51
6			years, did you go back to him and say, by the way	
7		Α.	Yeah.	
8	321	Q.	this is completely wrong?	
9		Α.	My memory is, soon after, whether it was the next day	
10			or I didn't see him until the Monday, I went back and 14:	51
11			would have told him that this was I remember the	
12			words I said to him was, this is a monumental cock-up,	
13			that is the way I put it. Now, I can't honestly	
14			remember, Chairman, did he know of it at that stage or	
15			did he undertake to contact Tusla about this mistake. 14:	52
16			I honestly can't remember. In disclosure, we have seen	
17			documents from Ms. Brophy where she has recorded that	
18			Ms. D contacted her by phone. I don't remember. Ms. D	
19			tells me she doesn't remember. I'm not doubting her	
20			word. I know she was contacted anyway.	52
21	322	Q.	Yeah. It's the conversation that Ms. Brophy recorded,	
22			to the effect that after Ms. D had put her right	
23			originally, she rang back to say that the	
24			superintendent was still unaware of the matter and was	
25			due to meet the Commissioner, and I take it that is a 14:	53
26			reference to Assistant Commissioner?	
27		Α.	Yeah, I heard that. No, I don't know, I'm not aware of	
28			that.	
29	323	Q.	You see, this is the point: unless you told Ms. D	

1			that, somebody else had to tell her the state of	
2			knowledge of Superintendent McGinn?	
3		Α.	Well, it wasn't I don't recall ever saying that to	
4			Ms. D.	
5	324	Q.	Well, I know people's recall is imperfect, but it does	14:53
6			seem that that information could only have come from An	
7			Garda Síochána somewhere?	
8		Α.	Well, Chairman, I'm under oath here. I did not I do	
9			not recall ever saying that to Ms. D about	
10			Superintendent McGinn's state of knowledge or	14:53
11			otherwise.	
12	325	Q.	And I presume you wouldn't have told Ms. D to tell	
13			Laura Brophy to send a registered letter?	
14		Α.	Absolutely not. That didn't come from me.	
15	326	Q.	So that must have come from somewhere else?	14:53
16		Α.	Presumably. It wasn't me, Chairman.	
17	327	Q.	The average person in Ms. D's position wouldn't start	
18			talking about registered letters in those	
19			circumstances?	
20		Α.	I accept that.	14:54
21	328	Q.	And we have Ms. Brophy's account of a phone call where	
22			she was told that (a) the superintendent remained	
23			unaware of this and (b) that a registered letter was	
24			required from her putting things right?	
25		Α.	No. I certainly, I certainly did not say that to Ms. D	14:54
26			or tell her to say that, absolutely not.	
27	329	Q.	And just, and I'm not putting this to you as a	
28			proposition which is true, but could any member of An	
29			Garda Síochána, other than yourself or Superintendent	

1 McGinn, have informed her of the state of knowledge of 2 the superintendent or the lack of knowledge of the 3 superintendent? I honestly don't know, Chairman. The referral would 4 Α. have come through in the post. 5 14:54 6 330 Yes. Q. 7 So I can't honestly say who would have seen it. That's Α. 8 being guite honest, Chairman. Somebody. some other person may have seen it when it was in transit into the 9 superintendent's personal office. So I don't know, is 10 14:55 11 the answer. 12 Because, I mean, being absolutely fair about it, it is 331 Q. remarkable that somebody told her the superintendent is 13 14 still unaware of it? It is, and it wasn't me. 15 Α. 14:55 And the superintendent is about to have a meeting with 16 332 0. 17 the Commissioner about this matter? And I certainly -- because I didn't even know that, I 18 Α. 19 didn't know that, so I certainly didn't tell her. 20 In relation to the suggestion that the superintendent 333 Q. 14:55 21 was going to have a meeting with the Commissioner about 22 the Garda referral that had come in, that knowledge had 23 to be located somewhere, somewhere in the Gardaí and 24 not just at ordinary garda level, I suggest to you? Well, all I can say is, Chairman, certainly I didn't 25 Α. 14:56 26 know about it. It didn't come from me. I know nothing 27 about that. 28 I see. And you do think that at some stage you told 334 Q. 29 Superintendent Leo McGinn that the allegation of anal

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1			and digital penetration was a cock-up of some kind?	
2		Α.	Yeah, yeah, a monumental cock-up is I think what I said	
3			to him, yeah.	
4	335	Q.	A monumental cock-up. Can you recall his reaction?	
5			Did he accept that?	14:56
6		Α.	No, I can't, I can't remember did he know at that stage	
7			or had he not yet known. I honestly cannot remember.	
8	336	Q.	Yeah.	
9		Α.	But I do remember subsequently that he told me that the	
10			corrected, the correct referral had been had come in	14:56
11			the post.	
12	337	Q.	And could I ask you as well, it was strange that all of	
13			this was sent to Bailieboro Garda Station, because it	
14			was the wrong Garda station, wasn't it? Cavan was	
15			where the	14:57
16		Α.	Cavan was the area where Maurice McCabe lived.	
17	338	Q.	And Cavan was the station that had the investigation	
18			filed?	
19		Α.	Yeah, that is where the offence occurred, so that is	
20			where the investigation would have taken place in	14:57
21			Cavan district, yeah.	
22	339	Q.	So that the decision to send this material to	
23			Bailieboro I mean, we know, for instance, that Laura	
24			Brophy had corresponded, or attempted to correspond,	
25			with Superintendent Cunningham at Monaghan?	14:57
26		Α.	Yeah. I can't answer. But the only reason maybe is	
27			the fact that Ms. D lived in I can't answer any	
28			further.	
29	340	Q.	I see. But we also know that Ms. Connolly drafted the	

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1			notification in blank and somebody else decided to put	
2			in the Bailieboro station?	
3		Α.	Yeah.	
4	341	Q.	It was the wrong station, wasn't it?	
5		Α.	Yeah, strictly speaking, yes, it would have been the	14:58
6			wrong station, yeah.	
7	342	Q.	So going back then to December/January of 2013/2014.	
8		Α.	Mm-hmm.	
9	343	Q.	You've said, I think, that there was what I would call,	
10			maybe you wouldn't call, wall-to-wall coverage of	14:58
11			Sergeant McCabe at the time, is that right?	
12		Α.	More or less, yeah. That was	
13	344	Q.	And that this was preying on the mind of Ms. D, is that	
14			right?	
15		Α.	Very much so.	14:58
16	345	Q.	And that journalists were beginning to arrive at the	
17			door?	
18		Α.	Yeah, contact was starting to be made by journalists,	
19			yeah.	
20	346	Q.	And that you say you had this conversation with	14:58
21			Detective Superintendent O'Reilly when he inquired	
22			about Ms. D and how she was getting on?	
23		Α.	That's correct.	
24	347	Q.	I take it that he knew about the background to all of	
25			this; it wasn't news to him?	14:59
26		Α.	No .	
27	348	Q.	He was a friend of yours?	
28		Α.	That's correct.	
29	349	Q.	You socialised together?	

1		Α.	Yeah, yeah, he was a friend of mine, yeah.	
2	350	Q.	Can you tell me why it was that sorry, were you in	
3			favour of Ms. D, even with anonymity, going public on	
4			this issue?	
5		Α.	NO.	14:59
6	351	Q.	You weren't?	
7		Α.	No, I wasn't. I was very wary.	
8	352	Q.	Yeah.	
9		Α.	Chairman, as I said this morning, Ms. D was very, very	
10			angry, very upset. She felt Maurice McCabe was getting	14:59
11			unlimited praise in the media, he was this great guy,	
12			she really, really had a problem and had an issue and	
13			wanted to speak to somebody. I remember counselling	
14			her to be very, very careful about speaking to the	
15			media, and I didn't think it would do her any good, but	15:00
16			she really wanted to speak to somebody. Why should she	
17			have to hold her tongue all the time? So, as her	
18			father, that would have been my advice, but she is an	
19			adult, she is an adult.	
20	353	Q.	I see. But nonetheless, despite your own views of the	15:00
21			matter, you did bounce the Paul Williams idea off her	
22			to see what her view was concerning granting him some	
23			interview?	
24		Α.	Yeah, well despite my own reservations, Chairman, she	
25			felt very, very strongly that she wanted to speak to	15:00
26			somebody, so I said I mentioned Paul Williams, I	
27			said Ms. D, 'What about Paul Williams?' She said,	
28			'Yeah, I'm aware of some of his stuff. Yeah, I want to	
29			speak to him'.	

1 354 Q. I see.

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2		Α.	So I said, 'I have got contact details for him, I will	
3			contact and you can take it from there'. But I did	
4			have reservations, but, as I said, my daughter is an	
5			adult, and she felt very, very strongly about it.	15:01
6	355	Q.	And what contact had you yourself with Paul Williams?	
7		Α.	As far as I can recall, Chairman, I rang Paul Williams	
8			initially to tell him where we lived and to try and	
9			organise a meeting with Ms. D at a suitable time, and	
10			he called to the house and spoke to myself and Mrs. D	15:01
11			briefly prior to the meeting. I think he was actually	
12			coming back from a visit down to Leitrim, where he is	
13			from originally, and he called to our house, just to	
14			know where the house was, and we organised the	
15			interview with Ms. D for a Saturday when she'd be home	15:01
16			from the southeast. And Paul Williams and a	
17			co-journalist, or a camera woman, video woman, called	
18			to our house and we brought them into the sitting room	
19			and she did her interview there. Myself and my wife	
20			weren't privy to it.	15:01
21	356	Q.	Well, in the course of that interview she seems to have	
22			stated that Maurice McCabe's allegations were tearing	
23			the Garda family in Bailieboro/Cavan apart and that he	
24			had caused decent people's careers to be ruined. Is	
25			that something that she heard from you?	15:02
26		Α.	She may have heard me saying that there was young	
27			fellas in trouble on foot of all these allegations,	
28			but, no, careers being ruined would have been a bit	
29			strong. Now, I didn't say that; Ms. D said it, but I'd	

imagine that's -- maybe Ms. D heard me say something 1 2 like that, but, I mean, I can't answer for what she 3 said in the interview. I see. And she also apparently indicated that she had 4 357 0. 5 heard that Sergeant Maurice McCabe had been hanging 15:02 6 around the girls' secondary school in suspicious circumstances. Did she hear that from you? 7 8 No. she didn't hear that from me. Α. And she also said that she had heard that another young 9 358 Q. woman in Clones had made a similar allegation against 10 15:03 11 Maurice McCabe. Did she hear that from you? 12 Sorry, Chairman, I wonder why Mr. McDowell MR. HOGAN: didn't put this to Ms. D when she was giving evidence. 13 Mr. McDowell, would you like to make a 14 CHAIRMAN: 15 submission on that, if you wouldn't mind. 15:03 Sorry, Judge, I am asking the witness 16 MR. McDOWELL: 17 about the source of information. I don't know why My Friend -- I don't know Mr. Hogan is jumping in. 18 19 Don't worry about him being offended or CHAIRMAN: 20 anything like that, he is making a submission. 15:03 21 MR. MCDOWELL: I don't know what the submission is. 22 **CHAIRMAN:** And clearly I am listening to it and would like to hear your side of it, if you don't mind. 23 24 MR. MCDOWELL: I am asking this witness about the 25 source of the remarks that were made about my client to 15:03 26 journalists at the time and to GSOC. These are 27 propositions that she put forward and she told other 28 people about at the time. None of that came from you. 29 CHAIRMAN: Well, just, as I am asked to give a ruling

1 on it, I mean, one of the matters that is in 2 controversy here is, was there a campaign against 3 Sergeant McCabe? Where did it come from? Did it come from Garda Headquarters? Was it perhaps the natural 4 product of gossip or was somebody else, on a private 5 15:04 6 basis, running it? And these questions seem to me to 7 be directed at that and these questions seem to me to 8 be relevant. therefore. 9 MR. HOGAN: Thank you, Chairman. 10 It is part of what I have to decide, insofar 15:04 CHAIRMAN: 11 as I can. 12 MR. McDOWELL: So none of that came from you? 359 0. 13 Can you just repeat the last part? Α. You never told her that some -- that you had heard that 14 360 Q. 15 some other woman in Clones had made --15:04 Yeah, I told her I had heard a rumour. 16 Α. It was 17 actually -- I think it was working at a football match in Clones and it was a guard, who has retired since, 18 19 had said to me that he had heard a whisper that some 20 other girl had made an allegation against McCabe. Now, 15:05 21 he never said any more. I didn't ask him any more. Не 22 said it was a whisper, he didn't know where he heard 23 it. I mentioned it in passing. I never passed any 24 more remarks on that. And in relation to -- I mean. Ms. D was in the 25 361 Q. 15:05 26 southeast and she was saying that Sergeant McCabe had 27 been seen loitering around the girls' secondary school 28 in the area. That didn't come from you --29 I never said that, I never told her that, no, Α.

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1 absolutely not.

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2			CHAIRMAN: Just to clarify that, because, I mean, I'm	
3			sorry, Mr. McDowell, please forgive me for	
4			interrupting, but I think it is important. Sergeant,	
5			you know as well as I know that people talk and quite	15:05
6			often they talk rubbish, and this was something that	
7			you heard and it was something that was simply said	
8			with no foundation	
9		Α.	With no foundation.	
10			CHAIRMAN: in fact at all.	15:06
11		Α.	The way it was put to me, it was a whisper, so I didn't	
12			put any credence on it myself.	
13			CHAIRMAN: Yes. Well, there can often be a reason why	
14			people whisper as opposed to say things out loud.	
15		Α.	That is in the context of how I came to hear about	15:06
16			that, and I obviously would have said it at home, but	
17			that is where it lay.	
18			CHAIRMAN: I understand.	
19	362	Q.	MR. McDOWELL: And we know from Laura Brophy's evidence	
20			that, according to her in her conversation with Ms. D,	15:06
21			Ms. D wondered whether the digital penetration	
22			allegation could refer to Sergeant McCabe but referred	
23			to another complainant, isn't that right?	
24		Α.	Yeah, I believe so, yeah.	
25	363	Q.	And did you discuss that possibility with her?	15:06
26		Α.	No, I did not, no.	
27	364	Q.	It was just something she thought of herself?	
28		Α.	Obviously, yeah. I didn't discuss it with her,	
29			certainly not.	

365 Q. At any stage after it became clear to you that a 1 2 rectifying referral form had been received, did it ever 3 occur to you to wonder what's going to happen to this referral - is An Garda Síochána going to investigate 4 this or not? Did you ever hear of any investigation? 5 15:07 6 Do you mean the corrected referral? Α. 7 Yeah, after it came in --366 0. 8 No, I didn't, because as I said earlier on, Chairman, Α. that matter had been referred, investigated, went to 9 the DPP, no prosecution, and that was ten years 10 15:07 11 earlier, so, no, I didn't expect any more action on it. 12 And we know that either on the 7th or on the 8th May, 367 0. Superintendent Leo McGinn, when he got the digital 13 14 penetration referral form, had immediately written to 15 Chief Superintendent Sheridan suggesting the 15:07 establishment of an investigation into it or, 16 17 alternatively, that it be handed over to the Cold Cases Unit of the National Bureau of Criminal Investigation. 18 19 Did he ever discuss that with you? He mentioned it to me subsequently to that, he 20 Α. 15:08 21 mentioned that he had had referral on that matter to be 22 investigated outside of our region. 23 I see. And did he ever, did he ever indicate to you 368 Q. 24 that he was now trying to haul that back in; that, you 25 know, once he understood there was an error, he wanted 15:08 26 to stop the investigation from taking place? 27 Α. Yeah. We would have -- when the corrected, when the corrected referral came and he would have said it to 28 29 me, I would have presumed that's it, everything has

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1 been -- the correct referral is there, there's no need 2 for this to be re-investigated, it has been 3 investigated. The irony of the whole thing, as far as I can see, is, Ms. D didn't even want this referral to 4 be made. 5 15:08 6 369 Yes. Q. 7 And was quite annoyed with the counsellor, who insisted Α. 8 that she had to make the referral. She didn't want any of this. 9 10 But she did want GSOC to look at the original issue? 370 Q. 15:08 11 Yeah, when --Α. 12 371 And that was in March of that year, she was agitating a 0. 13 GSOC inquiry and a Micheál Martin inquiry? 14 Α. Judge, 'agitating' is not the word I'd use. Her point, she was very, very annoyed. She wanted to vent. 15 15:09 16 Maurice McCabe had brought to the attention of the Dáil 17 14 alleged cases that were misinvestigated or were badly investigated, and she thought, 'my case was badly 18 19 investigated, why can't my case be part of this?' And 20 she went down every avenue she could to try to have 15:09 21 that done. 22 372 Yes. Q. 23 And she was entitled to do. She didn't do anything Α. She felt her case was badly investigated. 24 wrong. She 25 felt it was being left on the burner. There was far 15:09 26 less serious cases being brought to the attention of 27 the national parliament and allegedly badly 28 investigated, so she wanted to know why her case couldn't be included in that. 29

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Except for the fact that you are telling us that, at 1 373 Q. 2 the same time, she wanted everything to be dropped? 3 Pardon? Α. You're saying that she didn't want the matter referred 4 374 0. 5 to An Garda Síochána, she didn't want it going to 15:10 6 Tusla? 7 No, no, she didn't want the complaint investigated Α. 8 She wanted the manner of the investigation again. looked at, not the actual incident. 9 She wanted to move on with her life, according to her 10 375 Q. 15:10 11 evidence. 12 Absolutely, she wanted to move on with her life. Α. But at the same time, you and your wife and she were --13 376 0. 14 you were assisting in the making of a complaint to GSOC, looking for the matter to be reopened? 15 15:10 My daughter wanted her case -- the manner of the 16 Α. NO. 17 investigation of her case, not the actual incident, re-investigated. It had been investigated. 18 She wasn't 19 happy with the quality of the investigation. She 20 wanted to go to GSOC about it. I supported her fully, 15:10 21 I still support her fully. She is my primary concern. 22 377 Yes. And she also told Mr. Williams, according to his Q. 23 account anyway, that she was considering instituting 24 civil proceedings against Sergeant McCabe arising out of the original incident? 25 15:11 26 We had brief -- my recollection of that is, when the Α. 27 DPP had ruled on it back in 2007, we discussed a civil 28 case and decided against it. 29 378 According to sergeant -- sorry, not sergeant Q.

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1 Williams -- Mr. Williams. He said that in March 2014 2 she was considering bringing a civil claim against Sergeant McCabe in the civil courts arising out of the 3 original complaint? 4 5 CHAIRMAN: I don't know if that is in the transcript, 15:11 6 Mr. McDowell. It would help to know if it was. 7 MR. McDOWELL: Sorry, it's in his published account. 8 And you know the video, the video CHAIRMAN: 9 transcript --10 MR. McDOWELL: Oh, yeah. 15:11 11 CHAIRMAN: -- I don't know if it's in that. Just to 12 put this in context, it may help to put it --**MR. McDOWELL:** Mr. Gordon will look at that. 13 14 CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much for that, Mr. McDowell. 15 Just to put it in context. The Paul Williams' articles 15:11 were 14th and 17th April of 2014, and then on the 29th 16 17 April 2014 there was the complaint to GSOC of not properly investigating the sexual assault. 18 19 Yeah. Α. 20 Two allegations of bias and then the matter CHAIRMAN: 15:12 21 not going on PULSE. So they do come at the same time. 22 Yeah. Α. 23 CHAIRMAN: Same month. 24 Yeah. Α. CHAIRMAN: Mr. McDowell's point is, if the 25 15:12 26 determination was to leave this behind, it seems 27 inconsistent with that, that is the point he is making 28 to you. 29 Yeah. What I am trying to explain, Chairman, is: she Α.

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wanted to move on with her life but felt as Maurice 1 2 McCabe's complaints were gaining more and more 3 traction, more and more publicity, she became very, very angry and felt she couldn't move on with her life 4 without this being addressed. I don't see that they 5 15:12 6 are actually mutually exclusive. 7 **MR. McDOWELL:** Well, going to Micheál Martin and having 379 Q. 8 it raised in the Dáil by Alan Shatter was hardly moving on with the rest of her life, was it? 9 She needed some closure, Chairman. She felt her case 10 Α. 15:13 11 was never treated with the seriousness that it 12 deserved, and, until it was, she couldn't move on with her life. 13 14 **MR. McDOWELL:** The transcript, Judge, just to be clear, does, on its third page, have Paul Williams saying --15 15:13 16 Is there a page number for that? CHAIRMAN: 17 **MR. McDOWELL:** There aren't page numbers on mine. we will find it. If you wouldn't mind just 18 CHAIRMAN: 19 telling the Sergeant and myself, please. 20 **MR. McDOWELL:** This has been given to me this morning, 15:13 21 Judge, so it's not paginated yet. 22 CHAIRMAN: I don't know. It's not on the system. 23 **MR. McDOWELL:** It's page 3 of the transcript. Maybe 24 the Sergeant could see it. **CHAIRMAN:** Yeah, if we have a copy, would you pass it, 25 15.13 please, to Sergeant D. Thank you. Just to be clear. 26 27 this is the transcript of the video interview with your 28 daughter --29 Yeah. Α.

1 **CHAIRMAN:** -- with Paul Williams, and the person doing 2 the videoing was a journalist who was experienced in 3 videoing. 4 Α. Correct. CHAIRMAN: And then it has been reduced to transcript 5 15:14 6 perhaps by us or perhaps by him, I don't know, but it's 7 here anyway. 8 **MR. McDOWELL:** I think it's by the Tribunal, I think, or is it the solicitor? 9 It doesn't matter. We have a transcript of 10 CHAIRMAN: 15:14 11 It can be checked against the original if there is it. 12 any dispute. 13 **MR. McDOWELL:** You see, there is a passage here which 380 Q. 14 has Ms. D saying: 15 15:14 16 "I agree that cases were not looked at properly. Ι 17 agree that if it was definitely looked at properly and I wanted it to be re-investigated, I want to look 18 19 at" -- I presume it's -- "it properly this time. I do." 20 15:14 21 22 And Paul Williams is recorded as saying: 23 24 "You were also contemplating with taking other action." 25 15:14 26 And she says: 27 28 "I am also contemplating taking a civil case against 29 Maurice McCabe. I believe that I didn't get the

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1			justice I deserved and I feel that taking a civil case	
2			against him may award me the justice that I deserve and	
3			finally help me to put this to an end and get some	
4			closure and I want to let people see that this Maurice	
5			McCabe that is in the paper, that seems to be this	15:15
6			saintly man has come forward, is not all he is cracked	
7			up to be. There is another side of this man that a lot	
8			of people in this country do not seem to realise."	
9				
10			Now, that is the answer she gave when she was asked.	15:15
11			And I am just querying, were you contemplating, at a	
12			family level, the institution of a civil case against	
13			Sergeant McCabe?	
14		Α.	Not at that stage, Judge, no. We had briefly discussed	
15			it in late 2007 and decided against it.	15:15
16	381	Q.	But this is 2014, this is seven years later.	
17		Α.	That is my daughter's statement, Judge.	
18	382	Q.	She is now an adult.	
19		Α.	Yeah.	
20	383	Q.	And she had six years from becoming 18 years of age to	15:16
21			institute proceedings?	
22		Α.	With all respect, Chairman, I didn't know that, I don't	
23			know that. I know that we weren't discussing that as a	
24			family at that stage. We had briefly discussed it	
25			after the DPP's directions in 2007.	15:16
26	384	Q.	I see.	
27			CHAIRMAN: well, then, do you think the matter was	
28			dropped, that that didn't come up again?	
29		Α.	Pardon, Chairman?	

1 **CHAIRMAN:** Do you think the matter was dropped 2 thereafter? Yes. From my point of view, yes. Absolutely. 3 Α. 4 CHAIRMAN: And you know what Mr. McDowell is saying to 5 you? 15:16 6 Yeah, I know what he is saying. Α. 7 The statute of limitations is, somebody runs CHAIRMAN: 8 over your foot in a car and you are aged ten, you have 9 six -- I thought it was --10 MR. McDOWELL: Six years. 15:16 11 It's three years --CHAIRMAN: 12 MR. McDOWELL: Oh, for personal injuries. Well, when 13 it is assault you have longer. 14 CHAIRMAN: Yes, you have a right to a jury. Well, 15 perhaps --15:16 16 **MR. McDOWELL:** I think it's negligence, you're stuck 17 with two years. Yes. Well, normally you have three years, 18 CHAIRMAN: 19 but if it is an assault it is six years. But if you're ten, it's not until you're 16, it's from the time you 20 15:17 21 reach your majority, so it's till you're 24. 22 No, but the answer, Chairman, no, we weren't discussing Α. 23 that as a family in 2014, no. We had briefly mentioned it in 2007, yes. 24 25 385 0. MR. McDOWELL: Just, you know the difference: that, I 15:17 26 mean, in one case what the DPP thinks is irrelevant in 27 a civil case and you don't have to prove anything 28 beyond a reasonable doubt; it's on the balance of 29 probabilities?

1		Α.	I'm aware of that, yeah.	
2	386	Q.	And you can obtain damages if a court comes to the	
3			conclusion that it's more probable than not	
4		Α.	Okay, yeah.	
5	387	Q.	that this is correct, isn't that right?	15:17
6		Α.	Yes.	
7	388	Q.	And you're saying that there was no such discussion in	
8			the household in 2014?	
9		Α.	Not between Ms. D, my wife and myself, no.	
10	389	Q.	I see. And did you I think you did assist Ms. D,	15:17
11			I'm not trying to trap you in any way, you assisted her	
12			in relation to her complaint to GSOC, isn't that right?	
13		Α.	Yeah, I made a statement to GSOC, yeah.	
14	390	Q.	You also looked at her statement. I mean, it seems to	
15			have been going through your computer at one stage, in	15:18
16			any event, in draft form?	
17		Α.	Sorry?	
18	391	Q.	From looking at the GSOC draft statement in the papers	
19			that I have been furnished, they seem to have been	
20			coming from your computer?	15:18
21		Α.	You mean emailed to me or emailed from me?	
22	392	Q.	Either going to you or coming from you?	
23		Α.	She probably would have given me a copy of her	
24			statement, yeah, yeah.	
25	393	Q.	In draft?	15:18
26		Α.	I can't remember. I don't know what you are coming	
27			from where you are coming from.	
28	394	Q.	I'm not making a big point about it.	
29		Α.	Yeah.	

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1	395	Q.	But you yourself made a statement to GSOC?	
2		Α.	Yes, I did.	
3	396	Q.	Is that right?	
4		Α.	Yes, that's right, yeah. This time three years ago.	
5	397	Q.	Did neither of you mention this monumental cock-up at	15:18
6			the time to Tusla?	
7		Α.	No.	
8	398	Q.	Or, sorry, to GSOC, rather?	
9		Α.	No.	
10	399	Q.	Why was that?	15:18
11		Α.	Because I honestly thought that it had been dealt with.	
12	400	Q.	I see.	
13		Α.	That is my honest-held opinion. I presumed when that	
14			mistake was brought to the attention of the counselling	
15			service and Tusla, that within a matter of hours that	15:19
16			would have been taken away and finalised and done with.	
17	401	Q.	And I think amn't I right in saying that you had	
18			informed Ms. D and you had informed GSOC that her	
19			original allegation hadn't been put up on the PULSE	
20			computer?	15:19
21		Α.	That's correct.	
22	402	Q.	And you're aware, I think from the documents here, that	
23			Sergeant James Fraher, who conducted the investigation,	
24			had made a statement at the time saying, I'm not	
25			putting it on PULSE?	15:19
26		Α.	No, I didn't know that.	
27	403	Q.	I see. I think you yourself agree that you checked it	
28			out?	
29		Α.	I checked, Ms. D asked me to check and I checked, and	

1			the matter, to my knowledge, to this day it's still not	
2			on PULSE.	
3	404	Q.	And I presume that you would accept that if Sergeant	
4			Fraher had made that deliberate choice back in 2007,	
5			that he was attempting not to give undue circulation to	15:20
6			the incident in An Garda Síochána?	
7		Α.	I don't accept that, Chairman. If an incident is	
8			reported to the guards, you're obliged to record it on	
9			PULSE. It's a crime. You're obliged to record it on	
10			PULSE.	15:20
11			CHAIRMAN: Do you know Sergeant Fraher?	
12		Α.	Pardon?	
13			CHAIRMAN: Do you know Sergeant Fraher?	
14		Α.	I do, I do know Sergeant Fraher, yes.	
15			CHAIRMAN: Is he a dutiful person or	15:20
16		Α.	Normally, yes, I would have said yes.	
17			CHAIRMAN: Did you feel there was something behind his	
18			decision?	
19		Α.	I didn't really realise for some time, Chairman, that	
20			it wasn't done, and by the time I found out, things had	15:21
21			moved on. I honestly don't know. I just know an	
22			incident normally like that would be recorded on PULSE.	
23	405	Q.	MR. MCDOWELL: Just one other matter. I think it would	
24			be fair to say that from the beginning of 2006 onwards	
25			you were on poor terms with Sergeant McCabe, is that	15:21
26			right?	
27		Α.	I wouldn't say poor terms. We weren't friends. We had	
28			a working relationship.	
29	406	Q.	I don't want to go into credibility issues regarding	

1			Ms. D, but there was an incident which he reported,	
2			isn't that right?	
3		Α.	There was, yes.	
4	407	Q.	And it led to you being taken off the crime unit?	
5		Α.	That's correct, that's correct.	15:21
6	408	Q.	And your two colleagues who were involved in it as	
7			well?	
8		Α.	Correct.	
9	409	Q.	Isn't that right?	
10		Α.	Yeah, that's right.	15:21
11	410	Q.	And I take it that after that you were not the best of	
12			buddies?	
13		Α.	Weren't the best of buddies, no.	
14	411	Q.	To put it mildly?	
15		Α.	But it wasn't Sergeant McCabe's what happened; it was	15:22
16			my own fault.	
17			MR. MCDOWELL: I will leave it at that. Thank you.	
18			MR. CUSH: I have no questions.	
19			MR. Ó MUIRCHEARTAIGH: Fíonán Ó Muircheartaigh, counsel	
20			for Alison O'Reilly. With your permission, I would	15:22
21			like to clarify one point for the witness.	
22			CHAIRMAN: Maybe you would be so kind just to adjust	
23			the microphone so it is pointing straight at you. That	
24			is better. Thank you.	
25				15:22
26			<u>SERGEANT D WAS CROSS-EXAMINED BY MR. Ó MUIRCHEARTAIGH:</u>	
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28	412	Q.	MR. Ó MUIRCHEARTAIGH: Sorry, Sergeant, Fíonán Ó	
29			Muircheartaigh, counsel for Alison O'Reilly. I just	

wanted to clarify one point with you about the contact 1 with journalists. You mentioned there, I think, you 2 3 might confirm, that out of the blue in late January or early February a journalist called to your house. 4 Who was the first journalist to call to your house? 5 15:22 6 I think it was -- I think it was Debbie McCann, that my Α. wife was at home on her own and she said to me that 7 8 Debbie McCann had called to the house. That's my recollection at this stage, I think it was Debbie 9 10 McCann. 15:23 11 And I was just wondering, was that before or after you 413 Q. 12 had your conversation with John O'Reilly and you decided -- or you decided to recommend contacting Paul 13 14 williams? I think it was before. I'm almost sure it was before. 15 Α. 15:23 16 Did you give an interview to Debbie McCann at that 414 **Q**. 17 time? No, I didn't. No, I didn't give an interview. 18 Α. 19 Did she call at your house on any other occasion that 415 Q. 20 vou know of? 15:23 21 Not that I can remember. I think she just called to Α. 22 the door and Mrs. D more or less said we're weren't 23 going to talk to journalists about it at that stage. Did any other member of your family give an interview 24 416 Ο. to Debbie McCann? 25 15:23 Not that I'm aware of, no. 26 Α. 27 MR. Ó MUIRCHEARTAIGH: Thank you very much, Sergeant. 28 CHAIRMAN: So there's no dispute between you then, it 29 seems to me. And did Debbie McCann call to your house,

1			is that the point?	
2		Α.	Debbie called to the house. I wasn't there. It was	
3			Mrs. D, my wife, was at home.	
4			CHAIRMAN: There was no impoliteness, or anything like	
5			that?	15:24
6		Α.	Oh, no, no, no.	
7			CHAIRMAN: It was just a question of	
8		Α.	It was quite civilised.	
9			CHAIRMAN: You don't blame her	
10		Α.	NO.	15:24
11			CHAIRMAN: for following her avocation?	
12		Α.	Absolutely not.	
13			CHAIRMAN: And there was no trouble?	
14		Α.	NO.	
15			CHAIRMAN: That's fine.	15:24
16	417	Q.	MR. Ó MUIRCHEARTAIGH: One other question. These	
17			matters were confidential matters. Have you any idea	
18			how Debbie McCann knew where you lived?	
19		Α.	No, I do not, no.	
20			CHAIRMAN: Well, it's a mystery you might clear up, as	15:24
21			you have raised it.	
22			MR. MCDOWELL: He is not representing Ms. McCann.	
23			CHAIRMAN: For Alison O'Reilly. Well, thank you very	
24			much for that. Was there anything? Mr. Hogan?	
25			MR. HOGAN: I have no questions, Chairman. Thank you.	15:25
26			MR. O'HIGGINS: Chairman, I have a few questions on	
27			behalf of the Commissioner.	
28			CHAIRMAN: Yes.	
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1			SERGEANT D WAS CROSS-EXAMINED BY MR. O'HIGGINS:	
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3	418	Q.	MR. O'HIGGINS: Sergeant D, Mícheál O'Higgins is my	
4			name. I am one of the barristers for the Commissioner	
5			of An Garda Síochána. Can I ask you, first of all, in	15:25
6			relation to your contact with Superintendent Leo McGinn	
7			in May 2014, and I think it is the case that you were	
8			asked by Mr. McDowell as to whether you thought it	
9			extraordinary that Leo McGinn had showed you on this	
10			particular occasion, about which we are agreed, if I	15:25
11			may say, Leo McGinn accepts he showed you, of course,	
12			the notification. Mr. McDowell asked you did you think	
13			it was extraordinary that he showed you the	
14			notification?	
15		Α.	No, I didn't.	15:26
16	419	Q.	Can I ask you, your role in Bailieboro at the time,	
17			would it be correct to characterise as you were station	
18			sergeant?	
19		Α.	Yeah, sergeant in charge, yeah.	
20	420	Q.	Sergeant in charge. And would that mean that you would	15:26
21			see, or would be likely to see, correspondence coming	
22			into the station in your role as sergeant in charge?	
23		Α.	Oh, yeah, quite possible, yes.	
24	421	Q.	Right. I think you say in your statement that:	
25				15:26
26			"On the particular day in early May of 2014 my	
27			superintendent, Leo McGinn, asked me did I have a	
28			minute", and you went into his office and he showed you	
29			the HSE referral form?	

That's correct. 1 Α. 2 All right. And you say he asked you, 'is that your 422 Q. 3 lassie?' And you indicated it was. And you were able to see, reading down through it, the detail of the 4 allegation? 5 15:26 6 That's right. Α. 7 423 And you saw, doubtless to your horror, the details Q. 8 about digital penetration? Yeah. 9 Α. And you got a terrible shock? 10 424 Q. 15:27 11 Absolutely. Α. 12 425 Right. And the way you put it in your statement, you 0. 13 say: 14 15 "I couldn't believe it. I got a fierce shock. Ι 15:27 16 couldn't think straight. I felt she had told the 17 counsellor this and not told us. Had this actually happened, she had maybe told the counsellor but had not 18 19 told us. I was sick in my stomach." 20 Α. Yes. 15:27 21 That's how you felt? 426 Q. That's how I felt, physically sick. 22 Α. 23 Right. And you say then in your statement: 427 Q. 24 "I couldn't wait to get out of the office. I didn't 25 15:27 say anything to Leo McGinn as I didn't know what was 26 27 going on." That's correct. 28 Α. 29 So your recollection at the time was, Sergeant, that at 428 Q.

1 the time of Leo McGinn showing you the notification, in 2 that first conversation your recollection is that you 3 didn't actually say it to Superintendent McGinn? I didn't, because I didn't know if it was true or 4 Α. false, I didn't know what was going on, so I wanted to 5 15:28 6 make sure -- I didn't know had this actually happened 7 to my daughter. I was just absolutely gobsmacked. 8 All right. 429 Q. 9 I couldn't think straight. But I didn't say anything Α. to Leo because I didn't know what was going on, was it 10 15:28 11 true or was it false. 12 Right. You say in the same statement you come back to, 430 Q. and I think you fairly said it in evidence as well, you 13 14 say, this is later on also on page 1630: 15 15:28 "I do remember talking to Leo McGinn and saying that it 16 17 was an almighty cock-up. I think Leo McGinn told me that he had contacted the counsellor." 18 19 20 And then you treat of that. So, first of all, can I 15:28 21 ask you, is it your recollection that you may have --22 you had more than one conversation with Leo McGinn in around this period? 23 Not a conversation -- well, the first time was 24 Yeah. Α. 25 when he showed me the incorrect referral, and I 15:28 26 didn't -- I didn't comment on it at that time because I 27 don't know what to say because I didn't know whether it 28 was true or false, and then I subsequently spoke to him 29 about it when I realised that this -- my daughter

1			hadn't made this allegation.	
2	431	Q.	Right.	
3		Α.	This was nothing to do with my daughter.	
4	432	Q.	I understand. So presumably by that time you had	
5			already had your conversation with Ms. D	15:29
6		Α.	Yeah.	
7	433	Q.	that enabled you be satisfied	
8		Α.	Clarify.	
9	434	Q.	that she hadn't said what was attributed to her?	
10		Α.	No. Absolutely. Yeah. She clarified that and I was	15:29
11			happy then that it wasn't her.	
12	435	Q.	Right. And are you in a position to be reasonably	
13			precise about when you were able to make contact with	
14			Ms. D after seeing the notification shown to you by the	
15			superintendent?	15:29
16		Α.	I can't remember, I can't, under oath, remember	
17			exactly. It would have been that evening or the next	
18			day, because I would have had to try her several times.	
19	436	Q.	Right.	
20		Α.	Because she was working part-time in a bar, I think,	15:29
21			and she wouldn't be great to answer her phone at the	
22			best of times. So I would have tried several times to	
23			contact her, and I eventually got talking to her on her	
24			mobile.	
25	437	Q.	All right. And then subsequent to that, you spoke at	15:29
26			some point with Leo McGinn again, isn't that right?	
27		Α.	Yeah, yeah.	
28	438	Q.	And perhaps more than once?	
29		Α.	Perhaps. Yeah, I could have I know I spoke to him	

eventually, like some weeks later he would have told me
 that the correct referral had come to the station.
 439 Q. Yes.

- And I was happy at that stage to say, right, at least 4 Α. that's that done and dusted. 5 15:30 6 440 All right. The question I asked -- you wouldn't have Q. 7 been present for this, Sergeant, but I asked, I think 8 it was a fortnight ago now, Laura Brophy, the Rian counsellor that had made the initial error, I had asked 9 10 her would she agree with the proposition that there 15:30 11 would have been a -- perhaps an increasing bank of 12 knowledge within the Garda station, an increasing bank of knowledge that people would have had about what 13 14 precisely had happened, would that be fair?
- A. Perhaps. I certainly wouldn't have spoken to anybody 15:30
 about it.
- 17 441 Q. Yes.

A. You know, it's not something that you discuss with
 people. This was a very private issue. When Leo
 McGinn showed it to me, the only one I spoke to was my 15:30
 wife and Ms. D.

22 442 Q. I'm speaking now in terms of your initial contacts, not
23 mentioning it to Leo McGinn initially and thereafter
24 you had a further chat with him and perhaps more than
25 one chat after that?

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- A. Yeah, that's true.
- 27 443 Q. And that was over the succeeding number of days or28 weeks?
- 29 A. Days and weeks, yeah.

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1 Mr. O'Higgins, just to clarify, when you say CHAIRMAN: 2 an increasing bank of knowledge within the Gardaí, do 3 you mean an increasing bank of knowledge that the allegation had been made, that the allegation had been 4 completely incorrect? 5 15:31 6 MR. O'HIGGINS: Yes. 7 I am just not completely sure. CHAIRMAN: 8 **MR.** O'HIGGINS: I am referring to an increasing bank of knowledge as to a mistake having occurred and as to the 9 important question as to whether or not the 10 15:31 11 notification related to the 2006 allegation or whether 12 it was a fresh allegation. 13 Yeah. Α. 14 444 Q. Do you understand what I mean? Yeah, I know what you mean, yeah, yeah. 15 Α. 15:31 CHAIRMAN: Well, what do you think? Do you think there 16 17 was chat in the Garda station that this --It's possible, Chairman. 18 Α. 19 **CHAIRMAN:** A very bad mistake was made? 20 I obviously wasn't party to it. I wouldn't have spoken 15:31 Α. 21 to anybody about it. It's too personal. 22 445 **MR.** O'HIGGINS: In terms of Superintendent McGinn, my Q. 23 understanding of matters, and perhaps you can comment upon this, is that he did not have knowledge of the 24 particulars of the 2006 investigation. It wasn't 25 15:31 26 something he was knowledgeable about prior to 27 discussing matters with you subsequently, certainly. 28 Yeah, I never discussed it with him, no. Unless he Α. 29 found out from some other source. I never discussed it

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1 with him, no. 2 Whereas perhaps somebody like Chief Superintendent Jim 446 Q. 3 Sheridan would have had a better idea of what had been alleged back in 2006 because he had prepared 4 5 documentation for the Guerin Inquiry and he had 15:32 6 access --7 Yeah, he would have been privy to the file at that Α. 8 stage. Leo McGinn wouldn't, he wasn't involved in that. Jim Sheridan would have, yes. 9 10 But you didn't speak to Superintendent CHAIRMAN: 15:32 11 Sheridan about it? 12 No, no. No, no, no, Chairman. Α. Me? No. never. 13 CHAIRMAN: Right. 14 447 Q. MR. O'HIGGINS: Now, can I ask you about the GSOC --15 the complaint that Ms. D made to GSOC? Am I right in 15:32 16 my understanding, the gist of that was that the 2006 17 allegation was -- she was aggrieved, and obviously everything is -- people have their own perspective, and 18 19 obviously it isn't the Tribunal's role to sit in 20 judgement on the quality or otherwise of the 15:33 21 investigation, but am I correct in my understanding 22 that Ms. D was concerned or aggrieved perhaps that the 23 2006 allegation was somehow suppressed or was 24 investigated on the quiet? 25 Α. Yeah, that's fair enough. That is a fair comment, 15:33 26 veah. 27 448 And in a sense, therefore, it might perhaps be said, if Q. 28 one steps back from it, that the subject matter of the 29 complaint to GSOC in a sense was the very opposite of

1 the charge being made against An Garda Síochána in this 2 Tribunal; namely, that senior management had published 3 the allegation far and wide to smear, to effectively smear Sergeant McCabe, isn't that so? 4 That's correct, yeah. 5 Α. 15:34 6 449 Ο. Now, I want to ask you about Detective Superintendent 7 John O'Reilly. You have indicated you and he are 8 friends going back a long time? That's correct, Chairman, yes. 9 Α. And would it be fair to say that, just as he regards 10 450 Q. 15:34 11 you highly, you regard him as a trustworthy person? 12 Absolutely, absolutely. Α. And he is somebody who can be relied upon to tell the 13 451 0. 14 truth, just as you have sought to do yourself? Absolutely. 15 Α. 15:34 16 452 Can I ask you, are you aware that Detective Ο. 17 Superintendent O'Reilly has provided a statement to the Tribunal and, if so, have you been shown a copy of it? 18 19 Yes, I have seen a copy of it, yes. Α. 20 All right. And perhaps the witness might, for his 453 0. 15:34 21 benefit, might -- page 2917 might be brought up on the 22 screen just for a moment. 23 Yeah, or you can take out the folder there, CHAIRMAN: which is Volume 10. It can be sometimes easier to see 24 25 the whole thing as opposed to the chunk that gets on 15:35 26 the screen. It's 2917. 27 Can I have a reference for that? Α. 28 2917, Volume 10. CHAIRMAN: Yeah. 29 MR. O'HIGGINS: Superintendent --

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13 together?	
14 A. Yes.	
15 456 Q. Am I correct that it was your daughter's desire perhaps $15:3$	3
16 over and above your own, your own wishes, it was your	
17 daughter's desire to speak to the media?	
18 A. Yeah. It was never my desire, as I said I was always a	
19 bit hesitant about it, but she is quite a strong-willed	
20 girl and she really, really, really want to vent this 15:3	3
21 and get speaking to somebody.	
22 457 Q. And John O'Reilly's instructions to me are that in your	
23 conversation with him, you brought up the matter of	
24 Ms. D desiring to talk to the media and you also raised	
25 your concern that it be somebody who would be 15:3	7
26 trustworthy?	
A. My recollection, Chairman, was that we were speaking	
about it, I told him that Ms. D was very, very annoyed,	
29 she was in a bad way about this constant publicity, and	

that she really, really wanted to speak to somebody in 1 2 the media, but I was very hesitant. I would have 3 advised her against it, but, you know, basically I would have asked him, like, you know, who do you trust. 4 All right. Well, just to take it in stages. 5 458 Q. 15:37 6 Α. Mm-hmm. 7 Insofar as it is significant or not, it will be for the 459 0. 8 Chairman, but just to take it in stages. We're agreed, 9 aren't we, that it was yourself who brought up the 10 matter that Ms. D was anxious to speak to some 15:37 11 journalist? Yeah, because I told him that journalists had been 12 Α. 13 calling, making contact with us, unsolicited contact 14 with us. That wasn't something that John O'Reilly brought up? 15 460 Q. 15:37 16 No, no. Α. 17 Right. And just to bring you to what he says in his 461 Q. statement there in page 2917, he says that -- about 18 19 line 62 of page 2917: 20 15:38 "He" -- that is yourself -- "went to outline how they 21 22 were being persecuted at their home with the press. 23 Now I don't know what journalists he was referring to, I've no idea who they were. We had a conversation 24 around that. Exactly what, I can't be sure. He said 25 15:38 that Ms. D and the D family didn't trust the 26 27 journalists." 28 29 Now, in fairness, you have given context on that;

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you're not impugning any journalist's character --1 2 No, no, no, no. It is not personal against any Α. 3 journalist. It's just that I felt I wanted her to be cautious. 4 And you were watchful of her interests? 5 462 Q. 15:38 6 Very much. That was my only concern, was her. Α. 7 And his statement continues: 463 0. 8 "He" -- that is yourself -- "also said that Ms. D felt 9 she wanted to talk to somebody." 10 15:39 11 Yeah. Α. 12 You agree with that? 464 Q. 13 I agree with that, yes. Α. 14 465 Q. "He believed" -- that's yourself believed -- "that 15 Ms. D did not want her account to be made public." 15:39 16 You agree with that? Yeah. The actual details of her incident, no, she 17 Α. didn't want that to be made public. 18 19 Yes. And then he says: 466 Q. 20 15:39 21 "He said to me we were thinking about Paul Williams. 22 He asked me did I know him, to which I replied, yes I did." 23 All right? That is John O'Reilly's recollection. 24 No, my recollection is, all fine -- up to that, my 25 Α. 15:39 26 recollection is that John would have said to me then. 27 'Maybe we should talk to Williams'. I said, 'Paul Williams?' He said, 'yeah'. I said, 'do you know 28 29 him?' He said, 'I do, I dealt with him over the

1			years'. I would have asked him, 'how do you feel?' He	
2			said, 'he would be trustworthy'.	
3			CHAIRMAN: So it was you, Sergeant, that brought up	
4			Paul Williams?	
5		Α.	No, no, no.	15:39
6			CHAIRMAN: It's not a crime to bring up Paul Williams.	
7			I appreciate that.	
8		Α.	Superintendent O'Reilly brought up the name first.	
9			CHAIRMAN: You think it was?	
10		Α.	Yeah, that is my recollection.	15:39
11			CHAIRMAN: That is how you feel it was. All right.	
12		Α.	Yes.	
13	467	Q.	MR. O'HIGGINS: He indicates in his statement:	
14				
15			"He said to me we were thinking about Paul Williams.	15:40
16			He asked me did I know him, to which I replied yes, I	
17			did. He asked what I thought of him and I said I would	
18			have had dealings with him over the years from	
19			investigations."	
20		Α.	Yeah.	15:40
21	468	Q.	Do you recall that?	
22		Α.	I do. I recall it, yeah. I recall John told me he	
23			knew him and he had had previous dealings with him on	
24			several occasions.	
25	469	Q.	And he said he said to you, "I found him to be okay"?	15:40
26		Α.	Yes.	
27	470	Q.	You asked him "Did I have a number for him?" And John	
28			O'Reilly says he checked his phone and he had, and he	
29			believes he gave you Paul Williams' number at that	

1 point? 2 Yes. Α. 3 471 You'd agree with that? Ο. 4 Yes, I would agree with that. Α. 5 Then John O'Reilly says that you said you were 472 Right. Q. 15:40 6 going to speak with your daughter to see if she wanted 7 to talk with Paul Williams and, if she did, he asked 8 you would -- sorry, excuse me, you asked John O'Reilly would John O'Reilly make a call, check with Paul 9 Williams would he take a call from your daughter or 10 15:41 11 from you, do you remember that? 12 My recollection was that I would run it by Ms. D, I Α. asked John would he run it by Paul Williams and if the 13 two of them were in agreement, fine, let them arrange 14 15 to meet up and she could give her interview. 15:41 And John O'Reilly says that you asked him to make 16 473 Ο. 17 contact with Paul Williams and he did so on your behalf? 18 19 That's my recollection, yeah. Α. 20 Now, just for your own benefit then, in terms 474 0. Right. 15:41 21 of your own statement, I think that we might have page 22 1637 up on screen, please, to assist the witness. **CHAIRMAN:** What volume are we in there? 23 On the screen here. 24 Α. 25 CHAIRMAN: It's on the screen, but it may help to have 15:42 26 it it in front of you. 27 MR. O'HIGGINS: I understand it is Volume 6. 28 I have 7 and 10. Α. **CHAIRMAN:** 6 should be in the box there. Is it on top? 29

1 A. I have it now.

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2	475	Q.	MR. O'HIGGINS: Just while you are looking at page	
3			1637, just before we move off John O'Reilly, you might	
4			confirm for me, Sergeant, can we take it, can the	
5			Tribunal take it that there's simply no sense on your $~~$ 15	5:43
6			part that John O'Reilly was sent to you by somebody	
7			with a view to smearing Maurice McCabe.	
8		Α.	Absolutely not, Chairman. I know John O'Reilly 25	
9			years, he was a good friend of mine. I genuinely	
10			believed the man was just trying to help, as I would do $_{15}$	5:43
11			in the circumstances if they were reversed.	
12	476	Q.	He wasn't, and you didn't get any sense that he was	
13			party to any smear campaign or that there was any smear	
14			campaign afoot at all?	
15		Α.	Definitely not, Chairman. He was there as a friend of $_{15}$	5:43
16			mine to offer the support when we needed it.	
17	477	Q.	well, can I ask you, in any of your discussions with	
18			journalists, Sergeant, did any journalist say they had	
19			been negatively briefed or spoken to in any way about	
20			Sergeant Maurice McCabe by any member of senior	5:43
21			management within An Garda Síochána?	
22		Α.	No, absolutely not, definitely not.	
23	478	Q.	Did any journalist indicate that they had been	
24			negatively briefed by former Commissioner Martin	
25			Callinan?	5:44
26		Α.	No.	
27	479	Q.	Did any journalist indicate they had been negatively	
28			briefed by the current Commissioner, Nóirín O'Sullivan?	
29		Α.	NO.	

1	480	Q.	Or by Superintendent David Taylor?	
2		Α.	No.	
3	481	Q.	Did any senior members of An Garda Síochána, whether	
4			the current Commissioner Nóirín O'Sullivan or the	
5			former Commissioner Martin Callinan, or	15:44
6			Superintendent David Taylor, contact you at any stage	
7			and negatively brief against Sergeant Maurice McCabe?	
8		Α.	I have never spoken to any of those people ever in my	
9			life about anything.	
10			MR. O'HIGGINS: Thanks very much.	15:44
11			MR. McDOWELL: Chairman, there are just two matters,	
12			one of which I forgot to put to the witnesses.	
13			CHAIRMAN: Mr. McDowell, I'm not going to stop you, so	
14			if there's things that were left out, we will that	
15			is fine.	15:45
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17			SERGEANT D WAS FURTHER CROSS-EXAMINED BY MR. MCDOWELL:	
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19	482	Q.	MR. MCDOWELL: Can I ask you to look at Volume 1, page	
20			107.	15:45
21			CHAIRMAN: Mr. Kavanagh, can you help? I wonder is it	
22			possible? You are closest.	
23		Α.	Sorry, what page are you in?	
24			MR. MCDOWELL: Page 107 in that volume.	
25		Α.	Yeah.	15:45
26	483	Q.	This is a statement made by your daughter	
27		Α.	Mm-hmm.	
28	484	Q.	to GSOC in July of 2014?	
29		Α.	Yes.	

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485 Q. Could I just draw your attention to, about four lines
 down from the top:

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"within the last two weeks Paul williams contacted me 4 and said that Alan Shatter had asked to meet me. 5 Paul 15:46 6 Williams told me that my case had been known by a few 7 people in senior ranks in the Gardaí and Government for 8 some time. I met Alan Shatter in the Merrion Hotel on 9 Tuesday 17th June. He wanted to speak about my case 10 and told me he was speaking before the Dáil on Thursday 15:46 11 and wanted to mention my case to see if it could be 12 fitted into the new investigation that had been conducted in cases in the Cavan-Monaghan area." 13 14 Α. Mm-hmm. 15 That is 2014 now. CHAIRMAN: 15:46 MR. McDOWELL: Sorry, that's July '14. 16 17 CHAIRMAN: Yes. **MR. McDOWELL:** Now, there's Mr. Williams apparently 18 486 Q. 19 telling your daughter that the case had been known 20 about by a few people in senior ranks in An Garda 15:47 21 Síochána and the Government. Was that news to you? 22 I would have presumed all along that the initial case Α. in 2006 would have been well known in the guards. 23 24 I see. At senior rank level? 487 Ο. 25 Α. well, what senior rank I would've have known --15:47 26 certainly at superintendent rank, yeah, I would have 27 know that. 28 And in Government? 488 Q. Well, I know Ms. D had meetings with Micheál Martin and 29 Α.

1			she had been in contact with Séan Guerin, so at that	
2			stage I imagine it would have been common knowledge.	
3	489	Q.	She is attributing this remark to Paul Williams; he was	
4			telling her that senior Gardaí and people in Government	
5			knew about, were aware of the case. Was that news to $15:4$	47
6			you?	
7		Α.	Mr. Williams will have to I didn't speak to him	
8			about that.	
9	490	Q.	I see.	
10		Α.	I can't confirm who knew about it or didn't know about 15:4	47
11			it.	
12	491	Q.	Can I ask you just to go to the next page?	
13		Α.	Yeah.	
14	492	Q.	Which is a manuscript note of the interview with Ms. D	
15			that day 15:4	48
16		Α.	Yes.	
17	493	Q.	by two of the GSOC officers. I took this was an	
18			interview in a hotel in the southeast?	
19		Α.	Yes.	
20	494	Q.	Do you see there are two areas blacked out there? 15:4	48
21		Α.	Yes.	
22	495	Q.	But immediately below the second is:	
23				
24			"Inspector John O'Reilly told her father Maurice McCabe	
25			would go to the local secondary school and watch the 15:4	48
26			young ones coming out of the school."	
27				
28			Have you anything to say about that?	
29		Α.	No, I don't recall ever saying that.	

1	496	Q.	She's not merely attributing it to you, but she is	
2			saying that it was Inspector John O'Reilly who gave you	
3			that information?	
4		Α.	No, I don't recall that. I definitely didn't speak to	
5			John O'Reilly about that.	15:48
6	497	Q.	She could hardly have invented that, could she?	
7		Α.	I certainly didn't discuss that with my daughter.	
8	498	Q.	Because she went on at the top of the next page, 109,	
9			to deal with the Monaghan whisper	
10		Α.	Yeah.	15:49
11	499	Q.	that you and I discussed?	
12		Α.	Yes.	
13	500	Q.	And I'm just saying, this is an attribution of that	
14			particular slur to Inspector John O'Reilly telling you	
15			that this had happened and that he was hanging around	15:49
16			the secondary school watching the young ones coming	
17			out?	
18		Α.	I certainly never said that, Chairman. That is not	
19			true.	
20	501	Q.	Not true?	15:49
21		Α.	It's not true that I didn't say it.	
22	502	Q.	Can't think why Ms. D would have said it if it wasn't	
23			true?	
24		Α.	I didn't tell her.	
25			CHAIRMAN: Just hang on, just to leave John O'Reilly	15:49
26			out of that for the moment, Mr. McDowell, because I may	
27			be making a mistake. And just as you turn over the	
28			page: "Father told her that another"	
29			MR. MCDOWELL: That is the Clones.	

I know that. But she doesn't mention that 1 CHAIRMAN: 2 it had anything to do with --3 MR. McDOWELL: Inspector John O'Reilly. CHAIRMAN: No, just hang on a second. This being told 4 to her by her father because reportedly of what John 5 15:50 6 O'Reilly said to her. 7 **MR. McDOWELL:** No, I am looking at the previous page, 8 Judae. 9 CHAIRMAN: Okay. MR. McDOWELL: Under the second redaction. 10 15:50 11 I don't know if the context reports it. CHAIRMAN: 12 Sorry, I don't know if the context supports that. It supports the first one, certainly. 13 14 MR. MCDOWELL: NO. I mean, I didn't put it to this witness that Inspector O'Reilly had told him. 15 15:50 16 CHAIRMAN: Sorry --17 **MR. MCDOWELL:** He said he heard a whisper from somewhere else. I didn't challenge him on that. 18 19 And that was from a retired garda in Clones. CHAIRMAN: 20 MR. McDOWELL: Yes. 15:50 21 As opposed to Superintendent O'Reilly. CHAIRMAN: 22 MR. MCDOWELL: Yes. 23 But Detective Superintendent O'Reilly is the person who 503 Q. 24 is being attributed by your daughter as the source of 25 telling you that Maurice McCabe would go to the local 15:50 26 secondary school --27 **MR. O'HIGGINS:** Chairman, could I say, I think, with 28 respect, this is something, if it was going to be 29 raised at all, should have been raised with the

1 previous witness. I'm not sure how this witness could 2 assist one way or the other in the issue. 3 CHAIRMAN: No, I appreciate that, Mr. O'Higgins, and of course you are right, but the reality is, if one sticks 4 rigidly to the rules of procedure, yes, there would be 5 15:51 6 less chaos, but we're not at chaos yet. But secondly, I don't want the day to go through without people 7 8 having the right, including yourself, to mention matters that are important to them and I think that 9 fairness dictates that we should clear this up, and it 10 15:51 11 will only take a minute, and of course you will be 12 entitled to come back on it if you wish. MR. O'HIGGINS: Well, Chairman, it's been -- this 13 14 witness is being questioned about matters which don't appear to have any connection with him, one way or the 15 15:51 16 other. 17 MR. McDOWELL: what? MR. O'HIGGINS: In that way I don't think it can 18 19 assist. 20 Sorry, his daughter indicates --MR. McDOWELL: 15:51 21 **CHAIRMAN:** Hang on a second, I beg your pardon. It may 22 be that if you just take out Volume 1 at 108, 109, 23 Mr. O'Higgins. **MR. O'HIGGINS:** I have it open. 24 I think that is the point. And appreciating 15:52 25 CHAIRMAN: this is hearsay for a start, now I am not bound by the 26 27 rule of hearsay, and sometimes it operates unfairly, 28 but it's only a guestion and guestion could be answered 29 positively or negatively. If it is answered

1 negatively, it is hard for me to go much further than 2 that, but I will consider any evidence as it comes up. 3 It is with that caveat, Mr. O'Higgins. MR. O'HIGGINS: May it please you, Chairman. 4 5 So the first thing is, you don't believe CHAIRMAN: 15:52 6 that you ever told your daughter that John O'Reilly 7 said to you that there was another allegation in 8 Clones. You do, however, believe that a garda who is 9 retired in Clones said that to you, you regarded it only as a whisper, which I understand you to say is a 10 15:52 11 pejorative term; in other words, rumors are just like 12 rumours, it is a feather flying in the wind. You did mention that at home. 13 14 Α. I did. 15 Now, the other thing was, as to whether or CHAIRMAN: 15:52 not you mentioned that another girl -- yeah, well, 16 17 that's it. You're not attributing the question of the girl in Clones to Superintendent John O'Reilly? 18 19 Absolutely not, no. Α. CHAIRMAN: All right. 20 15:53 21 **MR. MCDOWELL:** Well, first of all, Judge, I did say 22 that I had forgotten to put the matter. 23 CHAIRMAN: No, I know you did, Mr. McDowell. MR. McDOWELL: Quite clearly, if Ms. D wants to come 24 back and deal with it, I am very happy, if 25 15:53 26 Mr. O'Higgins would prefer that. 27 504 But I'm just asking how it would be that your daughter Q. 28 would tell GSOC that you had told her that John 29 O'Reilly had said that Sergeant McCabe hung around the

1 secondary school waiting for the young ones to come 2 out? 3 I don't know. I didn't tell her that. Α. You didn't say that? 4 CHAIRMAN: 5 Α. NO. 15:53 6 CHAIRMAN: That's fine. I'm just taking it down. 7 Sorry, Chairman. No, I didn't. No. Α. 8 **MR. McDOWELL:** That at all. That is the only point I 9 want to make. **MR. MCGUINNESS:** I have nothing further for the 10 15:54 11 witness. 12 **CHAIRMAN:** Did you want to go over that again? 13 **MR. McGUINNESS:** No, I have nothing further for the 14 witness. 15 CHAIRMAN: I appreciate. And, Mr. O'Higgins, did you 15:54 16 want to say something? 17 MR. O'HIGGINS: No. Chairman. 18 CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much for your help. 19 20 THE WITNESS THEN WITHDREW 15:54 21 22 MR. MCGUINNESS: Chairman, just one matter arising out 23 of some of Mr. McDowell's questions earlier which he 24 put to this witness. He was entitled to put them, 25 obviously. But in the context of his suggestion that 15:54 26 somebody rang Ms. Brophy and asked that the letter be 27 sent by registered post, I think he seemed to be 28 suggesting that it was Ms. D who had done that. 29 MR. MCDOWELL: No, I wasn't. I was suggesting it

wasn't Ms. D and it was highly unlikely that Ms. D
 would --

3 MR. MCGUINNESS: Yes. We have obviously checked Ms. Brophy's contact notes and her incident report and 4 5 her emails and the discussion about sending the letter 15:55 6 by registered post was with the superintendent, and 7 it's outlined in her email of the 16th May 2014 at page 8 316, and it's Ms. Brophy's email to her supervisor, Ms. Ward, which recounts the agreement with the 9 superintendent in her phone call to send the letter and 15:55 10 11 the amended report by registered post. CHAIRMAN: Well, that would make sense to me, 12 13 Mr. McGuinness. Thank vou. 14 **MR. McDOWELL:** Judge, the remarks about the 15 superintendent not knowing about it appear in the same 15:55 context, would they not? 16 17 CHAIRMAN: Well, these are nuances, and I hope I get the main bits right, Mr. McDowell. I think we have one 18 19 more witness, but just before we go back on that, 20 there's just one matter I would like to mention. In 15:56 21 the interests of ensuring the privacy and safety of 22 Ms. D, we did have a hearing in the President's Room about two months ago with a view to discussing what was 23 24 within and without the terms of reference. That 25 transcript hasn't been published because essentially it 15:56 26 has so many names and facts. If it were to be highly 27 redacted, would anyone have any objection to that being 28 put on the website? 29 MR. McDOWELL: I have no objection.

CHAIRMAN: Obviously it is a matter for me at the end 1 2 of the day, but there's no objection to it being 3 heavily redacted and put on the website, if necessary, so that nothing is identified. And vis-à-vis today. 4 the only thing that has been said that could possibly 5 15:56 6 be an identifying feature, obviously, is names, places where people are serving, it's obvious that Ms. D's 7 8 father is a member of An Garda Síochána. but the only other thing is the southeast, so if we could leave that 9 10 out, please, in press reports. I am sure the press 15:57 11 would responsibly behave in that regard. We have 12 always said southeast, which is everywhere from Dun Laoghaire to, I don't know, Cobh. So where are we 13 14 going now, Ms. Leader? MS. LEADER: The next witness, sir, is Mrs. D. 15 Her 15:57 statement is to be found in Volume 6, page 1659 of the 16 17 Tribunal materials. 18 19 MRS. D, HAVING BEEN SWORN, WAS DIRECTLY EXAMINED BY 20 MS. LEADER : 15:57 21 MS. LEADER: Mrs. D, could I bring you back to 2013? 505 Q. 22 We heard from Ms. D, your daughter, this morning, that 23 you encouraged her to go to counselling in around that I don't know if you would agree with that 24 time. statement or not. 25 15:58 26 Oh, I did. I did, yes. Α. 27 506 And was it totally your idea, that she go back to --Q. 28 Yes. Α. Go to counselling? 29 507 0.

1		Α.	Yes, absolutely. Absolutely.	
2	508	Q.	Was she enthusiastic about going to counselling?	
3		Α.	No, she wasn't. No.	
4	509	Q.	And did you make initial contact with Rian or can you	
5			remember?	15:59
6		Α.	Yeah, I believe it was I just looked through the	
7			phonebook and got the name and number there and I would	
8			have rang the offices to make the appointment.	
9	510	Q.	Can you remember whether you drove her to her first	
10			appointment?	15:59
11		Α.	I did. I drove her down and I think I walked her into	
12			the office.	
13	511	Q.	Okay.	
14		Α.	Into reception.	
15	512	Q.	And that was in Cavan, was it?	15:59
16		Α.	Ah-ha.	
17	513	Q.	Can you remember whether she attended one or two	
18			appointments in around July 2013?	
19		Α.	Since this started there's been talk of two	
20			appointments. So, I definitely know I took her to the	15:59
21			first, she may have attended two.	
22	514	Q.	Can you remember her mood after her first appointment?	
23		Α.	I can, surely, yeah. She was absolutely in a foul	
24			mood. Because, as I said, she didn't want to go to	
25			counselling at all and it was just to keep me happy.	16:00
26			And yeah, when she came out, she was like a demon,	
27			yeah. That's the best way I can describe it, yeah.	
28			She was in foul mood.	
29	515	Q.	And did she in any way tell you why she was in such a	

1			bad mood?	
2		Α.	Yeah. Because she said that the counsellor had made	
3			mention that she was going to have to make a referral,	
4			refer on something she had spoken about, and she said	
5			this has already been dealt with years ago and it's	16:00
6			over and done with and I don't want anything more	
7			referred or delved into or words to that effect.	
8	516	Q.	What did you understand that was to be referred	
9			onwards?	
10		Α.	What had happened to her back in 2006.	16:00
11	517	Q.	Okay. Did you at any stage talk to anybody else about	
12			attending at counselling, about your daughter attending	
13			at counselling?	
14		Α.	No, no, no.	
15	518	Q.	I think ultimately she returned to college then, is	16:01
16			that correct?	
17		Α.	Yeah, that's correct.	
18	519	Q.	And that was in September	
19		Α.	September '13.	
20	520	Q.	2013. Now if I can bring you then to January 2014,	16:01
21			can you remember from then onwards media people	
22			attending at your house?	
23		Α.	Yeah. I think it was maybe February time in '14, a	
24			knock came to the door and I went out to answer the	
25			door and a pregnant lady got out of the car. I	16:01
26			presumed she was looking for directions to I wasn't	
27			expecting any callers. And she came up to the door and	
28			I was obviously a bit thrown, because, as I say, I	
29			thought she was looking for directions and I think she	

1 introduced herself as Debbie McCann from the daily --2 whichever paper she's from. And instantly I was 3 horrified. I couldn't -- you know, I couldn't understand why anyone was at the door, number one. And 4 I thought to myself, what is she here for? And I had 5 16:02 6 no intention of speaking to anybody. So in hindsight I 7 feel I was a bit rude to the woman. As I say, I didn't 8 speak to her. She said something to me like, I know you have been going through a hard time, there's a bit 9 of rumours, she said something about the whistleblower, 16:02 10 11 and I just looked -- she wasn't directly in front of me, she was almost to the side of me and I just looked 12 to the side of her and that was all, I said we're not 13 14 speaking to anybody, and that was all the dealings I 15 had with her. 16:02 16 What did you understand her to be there for at that 521 Ο. 17 time? I presumed it was something to do with what Ms. D had 18 Α. 19 said or disclosed to us in 2006. I presumed, I didn't 20 ask her anything, absolutely anything. I presumed that 16:03 is what it was about. I presumed. 21 22 522 And was that because of other media attention Sergeant Q. 23 McCabe was receiving at that time? Why did you make 24 that presumption? well, when she said to me I know you have been through 25 Α. 16:03 26 a hard time with it, obviously there's another side to 27 the story, that's just what --Did you ask her how she gotten your name? 28 523 Q. 29 I wanted -- I didn't want to really have anything much Α.

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1 to say to her. I think I said something about, how do 2 you know where we live? Or something like that. And 3 she may have said she asked down the town or -- I didn't want to engage with her at all. 4 I'm sorry, is this reconstructed or do you 5 CHAIRMAN: 16:03 6 actually remember any of this? 7 Oh, I remember it vividly. Vividly. In fact, well Α. 8 actually, all I did ask her I think is something about when her baby was due and I think she was being induced 9 a few days after that, or something like that. 10 16:04 11 524 **MS. LEADER:** Ms. McCann may have been pregnant. Q. 12 Yes, indeed she was. Α. 13 525 So the extent of the inquiry you made with her was how 0. 14 did you know where our house was, am I correct in saying that? 15 16:04 I think I said how do you know where we live? 16 Yeah. Ι Α. 17 think that's all I said to her. Okay. And she said to you she got details downtown? 18 526 0. 19 Now whether she said that or whether I am presuming Α. that's what she said, I don't know. 20 Is that what I 16:04 21 said in the statement? I can't --22 527 And in relation to your name, for instance, did you ask Q. 23 her how she got details of your name? 24 I don't think I did. Because, as I said, I presumed Α. this lady was coming looking for directions and then 25 16:04 26 when she said she was from the paper she really threw 27 me, I didn't -- no, I didn't. I don't recall, no. 28 Okay. Did you make any inquiry as to how she knew that 528 Q. 29 your daughter had made a complaint --

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1		Α.	No.	
2	529	Q.	in relation to	
3		Α.	Absolutely not, no. No, no, no.	
4	530	Q.	How long do you think the whole encounter was?	
5		Α.	At the door? Oh gosh, not long. Not long. I can't	16:05
6			five minutes, maybe. I don't know. I can't I	
7			didn't I don't think it was that long. I do know, I	
8			did feel a bit rude because, as I say, she was very	
9			heavily pregnant and I didn't even invite her in. So,	
10			no.	16:05
11	531	Q.	Okay. Was that the extent of your conversation with	
12			Ms. McCann?	
13		Α.	Yeah. As far as I can remember, yeah.	
14	532	Q.	Did you meet her again or contact her again after that?	
15		Α.	No. No, no, no.	16:05
16	533	Q.	So that was Ms. McCann. And I think Ms. Yvonne Murray	
17			called as well, is that correct?	
18		Α.	Yeah. I have a vague recollection of this other girl,	
19			I think she's a big tall girl, that's all I I	
20			remember sort of having a cup of tea and a chat with	16:06
21			her maybe just in the lounge.	
22	534	Q.	And who was there at that time?	
23		Α.	Myself and Mr. D.	
24	535	Q.	Do you remember when that was?	
25		Α.	Oh, it would have been, I suppose it was around my	16:06
26			birthday time, it was around February, March.	
27	536	Q.	Do you think it was before or after Paul Williams	
28			attended at your house?	
29		Α.	Before. Before, because I know we had a party for me	

on the 8th March, which is the day Paul Williams 1 2 called, so it was -- yeah, it was. It would have been 3 a few days, I think, after Debbie McCann called. In relation to Ms. Murray, do you remember did you ask 4 537 **Q**. her how she knew to call at your house? 5 16:06 6 NO. I can't remember. I can't remember if she was one Α. 7 of the reporters, maybe, that had been speaking to 8 I can't. I just remember this big tall Mr. D. NO. girl in the house. That's all I remember. 9 And was that the -- what did you talk to her, when are 10 538 Q. 16:07 11 you having tea with her, about? 12 I suppose, we probably would have said that our Α. daughter was after going through a couple of years of a 13 14 very, very hard time and that all this Maurice McCabe stuff back in the papers again wasn't helping her. 15 16:07 Probably something along those lines. 16 17 Do you remember that or do you just think that is what 539 Ο. 18 you said to her? 19 Α. I think that's what -- yeah, I think I probably --20 veah. 16:07 21 If we could then deal with Mr. Williams calling to the 540 Q. 22 house. what's your memory of how that came about? 23 My memory of that is quite vague. As I say, it was Α. 24 around my party time or birthday time, and I suppose I 25 thought this is more of this saga, Maurice McCabe 16:08 thing. You know, it's just taken over so many 26 27 different things throughout our lives; Ms. D's 18th, 28 21st, my 50th, our silver anniversary, a lot of stuff 29 it's always there in the background. I remember

1			meeting him in the sitting room when he did come to	
2			interview Ms. D.	
3	541	Q.	Did you speak to him?	
4		Α.	Oh, I would have spoke, yeah, I'm sure I would have	
5			spoke to him and offered him a cup of tea and just a	16:08
6			general chitchat and he would have been slagging me	
7			about me birthday, but apart from that	
8	542	Q.	You didn't discuss anything in relation to Sergeant	
9			McCabe?	
10		Α.	No, absolutely not. No. No. Nothing.	16:09
11	543	Q.	Were you aware at that stage that he had come to your	
12			house by arrangement through	
13		Α.	Oh yes.	
14	544	Q.	a colleague of your husband's?	
15		Α.	Yes, yeah, yeah.	16:09
16	545	Q.	And do you remember the articles that appeared in the	
17			newspaper afterwards?	
18		Α.	Vaguely. Vaguely. To be honest, I didn't really read	
19			them, to be honest, I didn't.	
20	546	Q.	If I could bring to you May 2014 in relation to the	16:09
21			incorrect referral to the Gardaí. Your husband has	
22			told us earlier on today that Superintendent McGinn	
23			showed him the Tusla referral and he came home to speak	
24			to you about it?	
25		Α.	Yeah.	16:09
26	547	Q.	Do you remember that exchange with your husband?	
27		Α.	vividly. Vividly, yeah.	
28	548	Q.	Can you tell the Tribunal about that?	
29		Α.	As I say, Mr. D rang and said he needed to come home,	

1 he needed to talk to me about something. And he came 2 in and he -- I mean, I can't remember the whole, the 3 exact ins and outs, but the gist of the conversation was that he was after seeing this HSE referral or 4 report, or whatever, and that there was allegations on 5 16:10 6 it that he had never heard of before. And he told me 7 what they were supposed to be and I was absolutely 8 horrified. I was horrified on two accounts: I thought 9 to myself, God almighty, did this happen to Ms. D and did she not want to tell us about it; and then I 10 16:10 11 thought, there's no way in the world I can ring my 12 daughter and put those questions to her. So, then it was Mr. D said well, I'll have to ask her. And he rang 13 14 her. And I could tell, I could tell from the 15 conversation Mr. D was obviously extremely upset at 16:11 having to put these words to his daughter and I knew 16 17 from the tone of things back that Ms. D was as horrified as the rest of us were. That's all I can 18 19 tell you about their dealings. 20 Now insofar as Ms. Brophy, who was the counsellor in 549 Q. 16:11 21 Rian, has recorded that your daughter telephoned her in 22 order to inform her of the mistaken form, she doesn't 23 seem to have a clear memory of it. 24 Yeah. Α. 25 550 Q. Do you think it could have been you who telephoned Rian 16:11 26 at any time? 27 No, no, no, no, no. No. As I say, I was -- maybe Α. 28 unfairly, but I was leaving that with Mr. D. I was 29 leaving it that he was going to sort it out with Leo

1 McGinn and get it sorted. Oh, stupidly, I never even 2 thought and in hindsight I often wondered to myself why 3 I didn't lift the phone myself and have a word with Ms. Brophy. What a horrendous, horrendous error. 4 There was no, no, no -- I mean, obviously Ms. D was in 5 16:12 6 such a horrendous state, we were all in a horrendous 7 state, no wonder if she rang she couldn't recall. 8 You certainly didn't, you're happy with that? 551 0. 9 Yeah, absolutely. Absolutely. Α. Ms. Brophy also told the Tribunal that she wrote to 10 552 Q. 16:13 11 Ms. D on the 16th May apologising for the error. But she doesn't have a recall of seeing that letter? 12 13 Yeah, yeah. Α. It's at page 319 of the materials and it should be 14 553 Q. 15 produced in front of you on the screen. Do you 16:13 remember seeing that letter before --16 17 Α. NO. -- before you saw it during the course of the Tribunal? 18 554 Q. 19 No. No, I don't, no. Α. 20 Do you remember receiving any post for Ms. D around May 16:13 555 0. 21 2014 that may have been put aside? 22 I mean, if any post ever came for Ms. D NO. NO. NO. Α. 23 we would either forward it to her -- not either, we 24 would forward it to her and ring it and say there's 25 post and we're popping it down to you, so go and check 16:14 26 your post box. 27 556 There's no question that post could have been Q. Okav. 28 put aside for her so that it would be available to her 29 when she returned home for a weekend or something like

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 A. I can't say could it or did it. I mean, as I say, generally if post came but if post was put aside it would be put aside some place safe and she would receive it the minute she walked in the door, yeah. 557 Q. She would receive it? A. And if that ever happened it was always put on her pillow in her bedroom. 558 Q. So in relation to matters in May 2014, your dealings with it were your conversation with your husband, is that correct? A. Yeah. 	
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11 that correct?	
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12 A Voah	
12 A. Yeah.	
13 559 Q. And did you speak to Ms. D about the error at any time?	
14 A. I honestly don't think I did, because I was just too	
15 embarrassed to speak about it with her. 16:1	15
16 560 Q. And you don't remember seeing any post coming to her	
17 around that time?	
18 A. I don't, I don't, no.	
19 561 Q. And you hadn't seen that letter of the 16th May 2014	
20 prior to this Tribunal?	15
21 A. This letter of apology?	
22 562 Q. Yes.	
A. Not until at the disclosures.	
24 563 Q. Did you talk to anybody else besides your husband in	
25 relation to the Rian mistaken form?	15
A. No. No. Anybody that knows me knows I'm an	
27 extremely private person and my husband is all I ever	
28 speak to about any of this.	
29 564 Q. Did you talk to any of the journalists who had called	

to the house in April, just a few weeks earlier? 1 I mean, I spoke to the pregnant lady at 2 NO. NO. NO. Α. 3 the door but I never spoke about anything. 4 565 At the door. **Q**. Yeah. 5 Α. 16:16 6 566 Did you ever contact them again in relation to the Q. 7 matter? 8 No, no, no. Α. If I could bring you forward to April of 2015, 9 567 Q. Right. 10 do you remember any conversation you had with Kay 16:16 11 McLoughlin from Tusla or with your daughter? Oh yes. A letter came to the house and as we usually 12 Α. did, I rang Ms. D to say that the letter had come. We 13 14 knew it was from the HSE thing or whatever, and she obviously said -- I probably said will we post it down 15 16:16 or what will we do, and she obviously said open it up 16 and see what it's about. And it was 'A matter has come 17 to our attention, we need to speak to you' or words 18 19 that effect. Then Ms. D said to me, Mammy, you ring 20 and see what's that about. She was down in the 16:16 21 southeast, she was busy. You know, she had her college 22 and her work and all, and she wanted to try and find 23 out what it was about. So I rang, I can't remember who it was I spoke to, but obviously it was this Kay 24 25 McLoughlin lady, and I asked her, you know, could she 16:17 26 tell me anything about the matter. She said no, she 27 would have to speak with Ms. D. And I did say that you 28 will have to ring her, because she doesn't have any credit. 29

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1	568	Q.	Okay. I think that letter, if you just identify it, it	
2			should come up on the screen in front of you, page 1679	
3			of the materials. Were you surprised or was Ms. D	
4			surprised to be getting a letter from the Child and	
5			Family Agency, can you remember?	16:17
6		Α.	Yeah. A bit surprised, yeah, I suppose. When was	
7			that?	
8	569	Q.	It would appear to be April 2015 be May 2015, I beg	
9			your pardon.	
10		Α.	Yeah, yeah. Obviously surprised and obviously that's	16:18
11			why she said to me ring, Mammy, and see what that's	
12			about.	
13	570	Q.	In any way Ms. McLoughlin couldn't speak to you in	
14			relation to the matter?	
15		Α.	Mm-hmm.	16:18
16	571	Q.	Now, Mrs. D, if you just confirm in very general terms,	
17			have you spoken to other people, in particular other	
18			members of An Garda Síochána, besides your husband or	
19			journalists other than the people you've referred to	
20			here in your evidence today, in relation to your	16:18
21			daughter's complaint	
22		Α.	No .	
23	572	Q.	that she made in relation to Sergeant McCabe?	
24		Α.	No, no, no. Like I said before, I am an extremely,	
25			extremely private person. No.	16:19
26	573	Q.	Thank you very much. If you would answer any questions	
27			anybody else might have for you.	
28		Α.	Thank you.	
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1			MRS. D WAS CROSS-EXAMINED BY MR. MCDOWELL
2	574	Q.	MR. MCDOWELL: Mrs. D, Michael McDowell is my name. I
3			am one of Sergeant McCabe's counsel. Can I ask you to
4			look at page 1671 of the documents there?
5		Α.	Is this what you've up on screen? 16:19
6	575	Q.	Yeah. Well, in fact at the bottom of page 1670 the
7			Tribunal's investigators put a question, put a question
8			to you:
9			
10			"I have been advised that Ms. D stated the following in $_{16:19}$
11			her statement to GSOC dated 3rd July 2014:
12			Within the last two weeks Paul Williams contacted me
13			and said that Alan Shatter had asked to meet me. Paul
14			williams told me that my case had been known by a few
15			people in senior ranks in the Gardaí and government for $_{ m 16:20}$
16			some time."
17			
18			Then:
19			
20			"In this regard I have been asked whether my daughter, $_{ m 16:20}$
21			Ms. D, and/or Paul Williams told me about this. If
22			yes, I have been asked whether I had provide details
23			about whether I am aware to whom Paul Williams was
24			referring in respect of senior members of An Garda
25			Síochána and government, knowing of the case and 16:20
26			whether I know how Paul Williams came by this
27			information."
28			
29			And you gave the answer:

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2			"As I remember Ms. D saying that to me, I don't"	
3				
4			Sorry:	
5				16:20
6			"I remember Ms. D saying that to me. I don't know who	
7			Paul Williams was referring to or how he had this	
8			information."	
9				
10			Is that right?	16:20
11		Α.	I don't know it's not coming up on screen.	
12			CHAIRMAN: If you try and summarise the question and if	
13			you need to get it expanded and get the actual text.	
14	576	Q.	MR. MCDOWELL: The suggestion is that you told the	
15			Tribunal's investigators here that when Paul Williams	16:21
16			had referred to senior members of an Gardaí and members	
17			of the government being aware of the matter for some	
18			time, this is in 2014, they asked you did you recall	
19			discussing that or asking Ms. D about that, and you	
20			say: "I remember Ms. D saying that to me. I don't	16:21
21			know who Paul Williams was referring to or how he knew	
22			this information."	
23		Α.	I don't really understand your question.	
24	577	Q.	Did you say that?	
25			CHAIRMAN: Yeah, it's kind of a triple lock.	16:21
26			MR. MCDOWELL: Yeah.	
27			CHAIRMAN: Because Paul Williams is supposed to have	
28			told your daughter that senior members of the Gardaí	
29			and politicians knew about the 2006 allegation and then	

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1 your daughter is supposed to have told you that and 2 that is the question: Did she tell you and was it in 3 those terms? Do you get the point? Yeah. veah. And if I said I did in my statement, yeah, 4 Α. that would be correct, yeah. 5 16:22 6 MR. McDOWELL: That is all I wanted to confirm. 7 Yeah, yeah, yeah. Α. 8 That you did discuss that with Ms. D at the time? 578 0. 9 There's no trick in this. I just want your confirmation, Mrs. D, that the Paul Williams statement 10 16:22 11 that senior members of An Garda Síochána and members of 12 the government were aware, was something you actually did discuss with Ms. D at the time? 13 14 She would, yeah. She did mention it to me and I did Α. wonder how he would know, yeah. 15 16:22 Thanks that's all. 16 Yes. Thanks. 579 Ο. 17 CHAIRMAN: Was there any other questions? Not from me. 18 MR. McDOWELL: 19 CHAIRMAN: Was there any question then on behalf of 20 Alison O'Reilly? 16:23 21 MR. Ó MUIRCHEARTAIGH: NO. 22 CHAIRMAN: Fine. No, I beg your pardon. 23 24 MRS. D WAS CROSS-EXAMINED BY MR. MCGUINNESS: 25 580 Ο. MR. DONAL MCGUINNESS: Mrs. D, my name is Donal 16:23 26 McGuinness and I represent the Garda Commissioner and 27 certain other members of An Garda Síochána. Just a few 28 short questions. Can you cast your mind back to 2007 29 when your daughter and you were visiting Orla Curran,

1			social worker, for the purposes of assessing the	
1 2				
			allegations that were being made back in 2006. I	
3			appreciate it was a long time ago.	
4		Α.	Who were we attending?	
5	581	Q.	You attended at a meeting for the purposes of assessing 16:2	23
6			and dealing with Ms. D's complaints at the time with	
7			the HSE, and there was a clinical psychologist,	
8			Ms. O'Neill, and Orla Curran, social worker. It's not	
9			particularly important that you remember those	
10			individuals. I just want to clarify one thing with 16:2	24
11			you. And that was, that you brought to that meeting	
12			the statement that your daughter the statements,	
13			rather, that your daughter had made to the Gardaí. Do	
14			you recall that?	
15		Α.	I don't, to be honest, no. 16:2	24
16	582	Q.	I will just briefly refer you to a document. It's	
17			document 245.	
18		Α.	Where is that?	
19	583	Q.	It's a handwritten transcript and then if you see the	
20			blacked out portion there: "Mrs. D provided statements 16:2	24
21			she received from An Garda." Do you see that?	
22		Α.	Yeah.	
23	584	Q.	Now you mightn't recall, it's so long ago	
24	501	ч. А.	Yeah.	
25	585	Q.	but I just wanted to clarify that those statements 16:2	
26	202	ų.	had been given to you initially by Inspector Cunningham	.4
27 28			at the request of the HSE social workers who were	
28			involved in your daughter's case at the time and	
29			because the meeting had been arranged for the 7th	

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1 February 2007 Inspector Cunningham arranged for those 2 statements to be given to that meeting by you and that 3 is actually a record of you handing them over effectively to that meeting. But if you don't recall 4 5 that I'm not pressing you. 16:25 6 CHAIRMAN: Do you see the point Mr. McGuinness is 7 making there? 8 Not really. Α. CHAIRMAN: In the aftermath of the complaint -- and I 9 think we probably would be going into 2007 here, 10 16:25 wouldn't we? Yes, it is. It is February 2007 -- you 11 12 had a meeting with a clinical psychologist of the HSE and a social worker, HSE, and you came, armed is the 13 14 wrong word, but you came with the two statements your 15 daughter had made to the Garda Síochána and you gave 16:25 them to the HSE. That is the only question 16 17 Mr. McGuinness is asking you: Do you remember doing that? 18 19 I don't. I don't. Because I know that '05, '06, '07, Α. '08 were horrendous years for us. So, no, no. But I 20 16:26 21 mean, obviously if it says I did, I did. I just don't 22 remember it. 23 **MR. DONAL MCGUINNESS:** I understand that, Mrs. D. 586 Q. Just taking matters forward to 2013, do you agree with me or 24 25 would you confirm to the Tribunal that it was you who 16:26 26 encouraged your daughter --27 Absolutely, absolutely, yes. Α. 28 -- to go to the counsellor at that stage? 587 Q. 29 Unfortunately obviously, yeah. Α.

1	588	Q.	And that there was no one else suggesting she re-engage	
2			with the HSE at that stage?	
3		Α.	No, no, absolutely not. No, no, no.	
4	589	Q.	Could I just ask you to look at another document? It's	
5			page 1665. It's from your statement. And just three	16:26
6			lines from the bottom of your statement, four lines	
7			rather, this is in relation to an issue that there was	
8			some talk in Clones, some rumour about Maurice McCabe	
9			and a young girl, and then you said:	
10				16:27
11			"We were wondering was that in relation to Ms. D or	
12			another girl."	
13				
14			Do you see where you said that?	
15		Α.	Ah-ha.	16:27
16	590	Q.	Now, you mightn't remember too much about this	
17			conversation, but I am suggesting to you that the	
18			rumour that you were referring to coming from Clones	
19			must have been a very non-specific rumour, in that you	
20			and your husband were wondering	16:27
21		Α.	Yeah.	
22	591	Q.	whether or not it actually referred to your daughter	
23			or to another girl altogether?	
24		Α.	Yes. Yeah, yeah, yeah. It was just, whatever slight	
25			rumour, I don't know. And we didn't delve into it, no.	16:28
26	592	Q.	So, you agree with me, it was non-specific?	
27		Α.	Yes.	
28	593	Q.	Just a couple of other matters. In any of the	
29			discussions with journalists did they say that they had	

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1			been negatively briefed or spoken to in any way about	
2			Sergeant McCabe by any member of An Garda Síochána	
3			senior management?	
4		Α.	No, no, no.	
5	594	Q.	And did any senior members of An Garda Síochána,	16:28
6			including the former Commissioner Martin Callinan, the	
7			current Commissioner Nóirín O'Sullivan and/or David	
8			Taylor contact you at any stage and negatively brief	
9			you	
10		Α.	NO.	16:28
11	595	Q.	in respect of Sergeant McCabe?	
12		Α.	No, I have never spoken to any of those people.	
13	596	Q.	Thank you.	
14				
15			MS. LEADER: Nothing further, Chairman.	16:29
16			CHAIRMAN: So, that is it. Yeah. Thank you very much	
17			for being here.	
18			THE WITNESS THEN WITHDREW	
19			CHAIRMAN: Okay. Is that today's work done,	
20			Mr. McGuinness?	16:29
21			MR. MCGUINNESS: Yes, Chairman.	
22			CHAIRMAN: Yeah. So that is fine. And I think we're	
23			back to ten o'clock tomorrow and I'm sorry, more	
24			difficulties have arisen, but it will be on the website	
25			in relation to Wednesday. We will sort out what it is.	16:29
26			Thank you very much.	
27				
28			THE HEARING THEN ADJOURNED UNTIL TUESDAY, 18TH JULY	
29			<u>2017 AT 10:00AM</u>	

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