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1	THE HEARING RESUMED ON FRIDAY, 19TH JANUARY 2018 AS
2	FOLLOWS:
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4	MR. McDOWELL: Chairman, before we resume the
5	examination of this witness, and in the hope that it 10:0
6	may shorten things, I want to remind the Tribunal that
7	I was asked, on foot of case law authority, to state
8	what it was that I objected to and what case I was
9	making in relation to the letter and its use and the
10	like, and to outline to the Tribunal the case I was
11	making. And I did so as best I could. Now I did
12	so, I hope so.
13	CHAIRMAN: Well, you might have to refresh my memory,
14	Mr. McDowell.
15	MR. McDOWELL: As best I could. But I was asked to do 10:0
16	it orally, and I did so as best I could.
17	CHAIRMAN: Yes.
18	MR. McDOWELL: Now, yesterday the Tribunal received
19	evidence from Ms. Annmarie Ryan, when I asked her did
20	she accept what Mr. Justice O'Higgins had said, that
21	the aspersions cast on Sergeant McCabe's motives were
22	wrong and unfair. She didn't answer the question, but
23	she did make a slightly more pertinent observation,
24	that the report had been accepted by the Commissioner
25	and by the Government. And this brings me to the point 10:
26	in relation to the cross-examination, the line of
27	cross-examination of her by Mr. Murphy, who appears,
28	and it's again we don't know whether we do know
29	that he is appearing for acting Commissioner Ó Cualáin.

1	former Commissioner O'Sullivan and various other	
2	personages in An Garda Síochána. But the question that	
3	arises is: Is the case now being made that contrary to	
4	the findings of Mr. Justice O'Higgins, the aspersions	
5	cast on Sergeant McCabe's motives were not wrongly made	10:0
6	and not unfair? In other words, is the case now being	
7	made that these were justifiable aspersions on his	
8	motivation, integrity and credibility? Because and	
9	the Tribunal will recall that his evidence was stated	
LO	to be never other than truthful, and even if prone to	10:0
L1	exaggeration on occasions, was the view.	
L2		
L3	Now, just to repeat what is in paragraph 3.4, which it	
L4	was stated that the Commissioner, and that was	
L5	Ms. O'Sullivan at the time, had accepted that:	10:0
L6		
L7	"some people wrongly and unfairly cast aspersions on	
L8	Sergeant McCabe's motives, others were ambivalent about	
L9	them. Sergeant McCabe acted out of genuine and	
20	legitimate concerns and the Commission unreservedly	10:0
21	accepts his bona fides. He has shown courage and acted	
22	with a genuine public service at considerable personal	
23	cost."	
24		
25	And so on. Now, the question that has to be asked here	10:0
26	is: Is Mr. Murphy pursuing the line of	
27	cross-examination with the last witness and with this	
28	witness on the basis that it was legitimate to question	

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Sergeant McCabe's motivation and that it was not unfair

and wrong, as was found by the Commission? Because if	
this is an appeal, in effect, against Mr. Justice	
O'Higgins's finding that those aspersions were wrong	
and unfair, that should be stated. If you are going to	
be asked to draw a different conclusion from 10	0:08
Mr. Justice O'Higgins, as I say it was legitimate to	
put all the materials in the in the 19-paragraph	
letter and the cross-examination and the subsequent	
written submission, and that was legitimate, that is	
one thing, and then I will know what issues I have to	0:08
deal with, with this witness when I cross-examine him,	
but if it is the case that the present Commissioner,	
Mr. Ó Cualáin, the acting Commissioner, is instructing	
counsel to say that it was not wrong or unfair to	
pursue this attack on my client's motivation, I'm	0:08
entitled to know that. And if the Tribunal is being	
asked to draw a different conclusion from Mr. Justice	
O'Higgins, I'm entitled to know that. Because all, to	
use a phrase that was used by Mr. Smyth, the witnesses	
will be gone by the time submissions are made and I $$ 10	0:08
want to know is that the case that is being made. And	
since the Tribunal cited case law asking me where I	
stood on various propositions, and rightly so, and I	
have no complaint about that, I am asking the Tribunal	
to put to Mr. Murphy does his present client, the	0:09
acting Commissioner, accept that finding by Mr. Justice	
O'Higgins, does his other present client, the former	
Commissioner, accept that Ms. O'Sullivan, accept	
that the aspersions on Sergeant McCabe's motives were	

1	wrong and unfair, and is he now suggesting that	
2	Mr. Justice O'Higgins, in dismissing those aspersions	
3	and upholding Sergeant McCabe's good faith, was wrong?	
4	I just want to know that before I have to cross-examine	
5	this witness and later in the day perhaps, before we	10:09
6	get to Ms. O'Sullivan. Because if this matter is being	
7	rerun and effectively on a basis that, all right,	
8	Mr. Justice O'Higgins may have said that but he was	
9	wrong in that respect, well, I am entitled to know	
10	that.	10:10
11	CHAIRMAN: All right. Mr. McDowell, do you mind if I	
12	try and tease this through with you a wee bit.	
13	MR. McDOWELL: Yes.	
14	CHAIRMAN: Yes. The first thing I do is I look at the	
15	terms of reference and I always do that, because there	10:10
16	is my jurisdiction, and that is it. So, as was sorted	
17	out a week ago, no false allegations of sexual abuse	
18	were relied on by Commissioner O'Sullivan. I think we	
19	are all agreed with that.	
20	MR. McDOWELL: Sorry, can I make one point about that,	10:10
21	Judge? Of course that is true	
22	CHAIRMAN: By Commissioner O'Sullivan.	
23	MR. McDOWELL: Yeah, of course that is true. But the	
24	letter of the 18th May proposed to put all of that	
25	material, not to prove that it was true but that it was ${\mbox{\scriptsize 1}}$	10:10
26	a background factor in relation to motivation.	
27	CHAIRMAN: Yes. I know, but the point of that is, and	
28	I have to I have all this in front of me and I look	
29	at it, the point of all of that is	

1 MR. McDOWELL: Perhaps, Chairman, I can shorten this by 2 saying I fully accept that no attempt was made to ask 3 -- or to suggest to Sergeant McCabe that he had abused Ms. D. 4 5 Yes. No, that is right. And on first blush 10:11 CHAIRMAN: 6 looking at this, that seemed to be what this is all 7 about, well, it's not any more, so we know that, that's 8 great. And then we have to say, of course these paragraphs are phrased in a very formalistic way but if 9 I can do a Hewston exercise, by which way I mean 10 10 · 11 11 Professor RVF Hewston and pick out the correct words, 12 so I am trying to investigate whether unjustified 13 grounds were inappropriately relied on by Commissioner 14 O'Sullivan to discredit Sergeant McCabe. Now, that is 15 a historic thing. I am looking back and seeing at the 10:12 16 time was any issue in relation to motivation correct or 17 incorrect. That is what I am looking at then. 18 MR. McDOWELL: Yes. 19 CHAIRMAN: So, I think under no circumstances can this 20 be an appeal from Mr. Justice O'Higgins, but the 10:12 question is: In the light of, I suppose, what 21 22 Commissioner O'Sullivan knew at the time were there 23 grounds which could appropriately be relied on to 24 discredit Sergeant Maurice McCabe at the Commission? 25 That is the question: Was there, at the time the 10.12 Commission going on, grounds which could be 26 27 appropriately relied on to discredit Sergeant Maurice In other words, to lessen his credit. 28 McCabe? I think 29 the use of the word discredit is perhaps unfortunate

because if they -- indeed, I got out a book on evidence 1 2 this morning just to be absolutely certain where I am standing on this, but, in other words, if it had said 3 to challenge the credibility of Sergeant McCabe, and 4 5 that is how I am reading it. 10:13 6 MR. McDOWELL: Yes. 7 So, were there at the time grounds on which CHAIRMAN: 8 you could legitimately challenge the credibility of Sergeant Maurice McCabe at the Commission of 9 Investigation; that is, it seems to me, what I am 10 10 · 13 11 actually looking into. That being the case, I go back 12 to the instance that I put to Ms. Ryan, if you say to 13 somebody you weren't wearing your glasses, could you 14 see properly? That is not challenging somebody's 15 credit, it's just testing the witness and the weight 10:13 16 that may be attached in the light of all the 17 circumstances. If you go to a situation then where two 18 people say completely different things about what was 19 said in a room or what they witnessed and you put to 20 them, look, consciously or unconsciously you are biased 10:14 against the person you are giving evidence against 21 22 because of something that happened in the past, 23 unrelated to this, the example I have given so far is 24 you slept with your best friend's girlfriend, that came 25 up in a particular case, it was part of the Gilligan 10.14 litigation in relation to one particular witness, that 26 27 can be done. Now, it may be that you are, for instance, misinstructed in relation to whether that 28 29 happened or not, it may never have happened, and that's

1	why the rule is that cross-examination as to credit is	
2	final. You can't call the girlfriend, the boyfriend,	
3	you can't call evidence from a hotel that they were	
4	once there.	
5	MR. McDOWELL: Yes.	10:14
6	CHAIRMAN: So, as I see it, this is not an appeal	
7	against what Mr. Justice O'Higgins found and I don't	
8	think that Ms. Ryan was being equivocal in what she	
9	said. I think what she said was, very clearly, that	
10	that is the report, I work for the Government, it's	10:15
11	accepted by the Government, it's a very good report.	
12	MR. McDOWELL: And by the Commissioner.	
13	CHAIRMAN: Yes. And by the Commissioner. Well, the	
14	people she works for. So, that's grand. I take that	
15	into account. But historically, was there a basis	10:15
16	legitimately upon which the creditworthiness of	
17	Sergeant McCabe could have been challenged at that	
18	time? That seems to me to be the issue.	
19	MR. McDOWELL: Well, Judge, if I might just say it goes	
20	further than just simply that. It goes to what	10:15
21	Mr. Justice O'Higgins said at page 973 in book	
22	Volume 2A.	
23	CHAIRMAN: Oh, sorry, I thought you were referring to	
24	his report now.	
25	MR. McDOWELL: No, no.	10:15
26	CHAIRMAN: If we can put it on the screen.	
27	MR. McDOWELL: On the screen. At line 4, Mr. Justice	
28	O'Higgins said, in relation to what was being done to	
29	Sergeant McCabe he said:	

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2	"Certainly there is no doubt that the integrity of the	
3	witness is being impugned in no uncertain terms.	
4	Secondly, in relation to the inquiry it seems to me	
5	that the case is being made that I cannot accept the	0:16
6	evidence of your client. This is the case is being	
7	made."	
8	CHAIRMAN: Yes.	
9	MR. McDOWELL: So you know, Judge, to slide back from	
10	all of this and say oh, there was questions about	0:16
11	credibility and reliability, that is not what this case	
12	was	
13	CHAIRMAN: No, I'm sticking with forget about	
14	reliability, that happens to everybody.	
15	MR. McDOWELL: Yes.	0:16
16	CHAIRMAN: It's the background fact that makes the	
17	person less reliable; in other words, less worthy of	
18	credit. And I think, you know, lots of people don't	
19	read their evidence books and actually don't know that	
20	distinction. I think I do.	0:16
21	MR. McDOWELL: I fully accept that. And I think I do	
22	too, Judge. And I think I made the point to	
23	Mr. Justice O'Higgins at length on the day about	
24	difference between credibility and reliability.	
25	CHAIRMAN: Yes, I think you were right. And frankly I 1	0:17
26	think his ruling on the matter indicates that he	
27	actually knew where he was standing as well.	
28	MR. McDOWELL: Yes, exactly.	
29	CHAIRMAN: He wasn't floundering around.	

MR. MCDOWELL: He wasn't at all. And therefore, his
statement that he understood what was happening before
him, was that Sergeant McCabe's integrity is being
impugned in no uncertain terms, and in relation to the
inquiry it seems to me that the case is being made 10:17
"that I cannot accept the evidence of your client",
that is the case that was being made. And that was
said in front of Mr. Smyth and said in front of every
other witness. And Judge, I am saying it goes further
than mere reliability; it was that because he was a man 10:17
of no integrity or of diminished integrity his evidence
could not be relied upon.
CHAIRMAN: Yes. Now, Mr. McDowell, just to take this a
bit furtherer, I am sorry this is taking so long, but I
think the point you have raised is important and I $_{10:18}$
would like to try and resolve it. If you go a bit
further and you say, okay, Sergeant McCabe is a witness
to only three things, we have the list of those three
things - was the man released early? was another man
given station bail by him? was he the one who had 10:18
custody of the computer or was it somebody else? -
questions as to where you are tipping in those
circumstances can bring in creditworthiness.
MR. McDOWELL: Of course they can, Judge.
CHAIRMAN: And I think Mr. Justice O'Higgins said that 10:18
and said it as clearly as a textbook would say it.
Now, whether anyone was listening was another matter.
And then the issue that I have to ask is: Okay, if
that is so, then what is the issue? Like, is it you

1 slept with your best friend's girlfriend, in other 2 words, the external thing to this which brings in 3 something else? Now, that is why paragraph 19 of the letter, I suppose, became important, because it would 4 5 be a bad thing, as Ms. Leader said yesterday, to make a 10:19 6 complaint about a person with a view essentially to 7 twisting their arm so that you could get something that 8 you wanted done. 9 MR. McDOWELL: Yes. But is that all that there is in it? 10 10 · 19 11 mean, is there -- because that is what was actually put 12 to him. 13 MR. McDOWELL: Yes. CHAIRMAN: Now, on the other hand, having a grudge in 14 15 consequence of, let us say, a perfectly legitimate and 10:19 16 reasonable point of view by Sergeant McCabe and perhaps 17 the Gardaí simply following the DPP's directions and 18 saying we won't do that, that's what Mr. Justice 19 O'Higgins ruled was in the case, and that, to my mind at the moment, listening to this, would not seem to 20 10:19 raise a difficulty, provided, of course, it's in 21 22 relation to things where Sergeant McCabe and somebody 23 else have different points of view as to what happened. 24 MR. McDOWELL: Well, Judge, going back, if I may, to 25 day 1, Mr. Gillane told everybody present a number of 10.20 26 things. He said, firstly, that the core documents had 27 been circulated for private use, they were not a Book of Evidence and they were not a Statement of Claim; in 28

other words, their contents was not being asserted by

1 anybody as being true, and least of all by the 2 Commission. 3 CHAIRMAN: Mm-hmm. MR. McDOWELL: Secondly, on day 1, Mr. Gillane also set 4 5 out that if any witness was to criticise any other 10:20 6 witness, and this must surely apply to their counsel as 7 well, that two things had to happen; firstly, they had 8 to seek permission to do that, and secondly, they had to provide all the facts to the person who they were 9 10 seeking to impugn. 10.21 11 CHAIRMAN: Yes, like a Notice for Particulars, give 12 full and detailed particulars on the facts and 13 circumstances upon which you rely to whatever. 14 MR. McDOWELL: Exactly. And we know that the following 15 day, in absolute disregard of those two injunctions, 10:21 16 counsel for the Commissioner began his attack on 17 Sergeant McCabe's integrity and credibility and 18 motivation without notice, not only to poor Ms. Ryan, 19 who should have been told about it, but even to Chief 20 Superintendent Rooney, to whom the whole matter came as 10:21 a surprise and he didn't know that this matter was 21 22 going to be raised at all. 23 CHAIRMAN: Yes. 24 MR. McDOWELL: And, Judge, the third thing that is 25 important about that second day is: In case there was 10 · 21 26 any doubt whatsoever, on behalf of Sergeant McCabe it 27 was stated at length that he was making no charge 28 against anybody else, that he was not there as an 29 accuser, that he had no intention of criticising

1	anybody else unless he was invited by the Commission to	
2	do so, that he was a witness of fact and that that was	
3	how he saw himself.	
4	CHAIRMAN: Yes. And I suppose the other factor is the	
5	terms of reference themselves, Mr. McDowell.	0:22
6	MR. McDOWELL: Yes.	
7	CHAIRMAN: Which I constantly look back on, and I mean	
8	that is presumably what was in the Commission's mind	
9	too.	
10	MR. McDOWELL: So where I am, Judge, is: I appreciate	0:22
11	that what Mr. Murphy is saying and it's erecting a	
12	man of straws so you can have an argument with him, he	
13	is saying, oh, in the core documents there were	
14	unfounded things said about senior Gardaí and,	
15	therefore, he was entitled to attack Sergeant McCabe's 10	0:22
16	motivation, integrity and credibility in order to	
17	diffuse or discredit or whatever phrase you want to	
18	use.	
19	CHAIRMAN: Let the air out of the tyre, yes.	
20	MR. McDOWELL: Let the air out of the tyres, in respect 10	0:23
21	of allegations which Sergeant McCabe was not making,	
22	was not called to make and were not within the were	
23	not within the terms of reference.	
24	CHAIRMAN: Sure, I get you, Mr. McDowell, and that was	
25	the second thing I wanted to raise with you. The first ${}_{10}$	0:23
26	is obviously the, you are complaining to Clancy in	
27	order to get what you sorry, complaining about	
28	Superintendent Clancy in order to get what you want as	
29	opposed to you are complaining to Clancy for a	

1	reasonable reason which a reasonable person might hold.	
2	MR. McDOWELL: Yes.	
3	CHAIRMAN: Which is the second thing. But when we go	
4	to this document here, which is this document here, and	
5	I appreciate what you say about, it's not a Book of	23
6	Evidence, etcetera, but the invitation to Ms. Lieder to	
7	deploy it hasn't been taken yet, but you never know. I	
8	am trying to keep this on	
9	MR. McDOWELL: It was referred to by Mr. Murphy.	
10	CHAIRMAN: I know it was, that is why I would ask your 10:	24
11	help for this particular one.	
12	MR. McDOWELL: Elliptically it was referred to by	
13	Mr. Murphy presumably as a basis for suggesting that he	
14	had grounds to attack Sergeant McCabe.	
15	CHAIRMAN: Possibly.	24
16	MR. McDOWELL: But the Tribunal's attention was drawn	
17	to various documents which were referred to in a list	
18	in that document.	
19	CHAIRMAN: Yes.	
20	MR. McDOWELL: Now, the point I'm making is very	24
21	simple, and that is: Either the case is being made	
22	now	
23	CHAIRMAN: I appreciate that point fully, but just	
24	let's deal with this document for a minute, if we	
25	might. Because it's been handed in to me and I 10:	24
26	actually took the trouble to find out where it was in	
27	the papers and I would have come across this before.	
28	But this document by Sergeant McCabe, it says "Brief	
29	Proven Facts Pertaining to My Complaints". It says he	

was victimised and it said he was forced to resign his position due to lack of standards and accountability, and it goes on to say that senior officers are supporting corruption to save themselves, etcetera. But just even that, now first of all I suppose I ask 10:25 myself was that part of anything that the Commission was looking into? And the second thing is, if it was any part of anything the Commission was looking into, was it a case of Sergeant McCabe knowing himself, in other words being able to give evidence as a prescient 10 : 25 witness, I was there, I saw the following, that the particular incident or state of mind he is comparing about, he has evidence about. So the first thing was: was any of this before the Commission? And the second thing is: Was Sergeant McCabe in a position to give 10:25 evidence to say that, for instance, senior officers were in some way corrupt? MR. McDOWELL: Well, the answer to the first question No, it was not before the Commission, and was being dragged in. And it was dragged in, in evidence 10:26 by the Commissioner's counsel saying that all of these things are hurtful or unfounded or whatever against Sergeant McCabe. Those points were to be made against But Sergeant McCabe was not there to make that case, nor was it the Commission's case that that was 10.26 So this was, as I say, a straw man put up there outside the terms of reference and Sergeant McCabe --Sergeant McCabe never -- it was made very clear on day 2 when this started that he was a witness of fact only,

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1	Mr. Gillane said he was a peripheral witness of fact in	
2	relation to that module, but it was made clear that he	
3	was not going to use the Tribunal to attack anybody	
4	else, that he was only there to answer questions of	
5	fact from counsel for the Tribunal or anybody else who	10:27
6	asked them about it. So, I'm just saying, we now come	
7	to the point, Judge, that	
8	CHAIRMAN: And I am trying to come to that point and I	
9	do appreciate where you stand, Mr. McDowell, on this.	
10	It is helpful.	10:27
11	MR. MCDOWELL: The point is, if we are to have an	
12	extensive debate now about whether it was	
13	notwithstanding all of that, notwithstanding that	
14	Mr. Justice O'Higgins has found that these were	
15	unwarranted imputations on his motivation,	10:27
16	notwithstanding that it was stated that no witness	
17	could criticise others without giving advance knowledge	
18	and seeking permission to do so, notwithstanding that	
19	it was stated on behalf of Sergeant McCabe that he was	
20	offering no criticism against others and was solely	10:27
21	confining himself to answer questions of fact, the	
22	question we now are facing is, whether Mr. Murphy is	
23	saying that in the face of all of that, that it was	
24	legitimate to question Sergeant McCabe's integrity,	
25	his	10:28
26	CHAIRMAN: His motivation.	
27	MR. McDOWELL: his motivation and his credibility.	
28	And in my respectful submission, if that is the case he	
29	is making, it's going to lengthen this Tribunal very	

1	substantially because we will have to
2	CHAIRMAN: Don't tell me that.
3	MR. McDOWELL: That is what I am saying, Judge. But if
4	on the contrary what Ms. O'Sullivan said immediately
5	after the O'Higgins Commission report was published, 10:28
6	that she accepted it in full, and it says that the
7	attacks on his motivation were unfair and unjust, or
8	whatever it is, I have forgotten the exact
9	CHAIRMAN: Unwarranted. Anyway, I have marked it.
10	"Some people wrongly and unfairly cast aspersions on 10:29
11	his motives and others were ambivalent." And, "He is a
12	man of integrity who the public can trust." And in
13	fact that comes in part from Assistant Commissioner
14	Byrne, who said that he is a man who is a highly
15	efficient sergeant, competent. Which is 10:29
16	MR. McDOWELL: The question is, Mr. Justice O'Higgins
17	found that the imputations on his motivation were wrong
18	and unfair, and either that's accepted by the
19	Commissioner now, that is Commissioner Ó Cualáin, and
20	Ms. O'Sullivan, the former Commissioner, or it's not 10:29
21	accepted by them.
22	CHAIRMAN: All right.
23	MR. MCDOWELL: That is the point.
24	CHAIRMAN: All right. Let me have a brief dialogue
25	with Mr. Murphy and see where we stand. Mr. Murphy, 10:29
26	can I just ask you the question in the following way:
27	Again, I am looking at paragraph E of the terms of
28	reference and I am saying to myself, I am supposed to
29	investigate whether unjustified grounds were

1	inappropriately relied on by Commissioner O'Sullivan to	
2	challenge the credibility of Sergeant McCabe at the	
3	Commission. That is really it. And the two things	
4	MR. MURPHY: I agree.	
5	CHAIRMAN: that it seems to me that could possibly	10:30
6	come into the mix here, here is, firstly, Mr. Justice	
7	O'Higgins held that he had a grudge.	
8	MR. McDOWELL: No, he didn't	
9	CHAIRMAN: Hang on. I have to put my mouth into gear	
10	as well as my brain. That he may have had a grievance,	10:30
11	real or perceived, in consequence of the failure to	
12	circulate the DPP letter. Now, that's one thing, and	
13	he said I have heard enough evidence about that, in	
14	saying that. Whether there is a distortion of that by	
15	effectively claiming that he was blackmailing a senior	10:30
16	officer. And then the second thing, which has been	
17	introduced yesterday, is the brief proven facts	
18	pertaining to my complaint. Now, Mr. Murphy, given	
19	that I'm now on an inquiry as to whether inappropriate	
20	grounds were relied on to challenge the credit of	10:31
21	Sergeant McCabe, maybe you'd tell me what the position	
22	you feel in relation to this is now.	
23	MR. MURPHY: Certainly, Judge. The first point I would	
24	like to make, Chairman, is I agree with your assessment	
25	of the terms of reference. Secondly, I agree with your	10:31
26	indication that what you have to look at is the	
27	position as it applied at the time when the	
28	Commissioner gave instructions. Third, I agree that	
29	this is not an appeal from the O'Higgins Commission and	

T	I have been at pains to rely upon the findings of the	
2	Commission, the matters which are fully accepted by my	
3	client. Fourth, in terms of the public statement, the	
4	opening of Mr. McDowell's address to you was one which	
5	was somewhat surprising, given the fact that the	10:31
6	Commissioner's position in relation to the report is in	
7	the public domain and is in the public statement of the	
8	26th May of 2016, and in the course of which the	
9	Commissioner said:	
10		10:32
11	"As Garda Commissioner"	
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13	And I quote.	
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15	" having fully accepted the findings of the report it	10:32
16	falls to me to move swiftly to implement its	
17	recommendations."	
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19	That is a public matter, known to Mr. McDowell for at	
20	least 12 months.	10:32
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22	Fifth, in relation to the issues as you have indicated	
23	quite correctly, Mr. Justice O'Higgins clearly	
24	indicated that he would allow cross-examination and he	
25	did; secondly, as the proven facts document indicates,	10:32
26	there were a number of different issues which he	
27	considered. He considered them because Sergeant McCabe	
28	put them forward. Sixth, Sergeant McCabe gave evidence	
29	in every single module of the Commission, it is	

completely fantastical to suggest that he was not a He was the accuser. And all the way through that process he was cross-examined not just by my client, but my other persons and also by the Commission, by Mr. Gillane on behalf of the Commission 10:33 and by the Judge. And the Court has seen the fruit of that inquiry in the outcome as contained in his report. So we would say that in this situation you have correctly indicated what you have to look at is the basis upon which it was -- was there merit as terms of 10:33 reference -- in terms of giving instructions to say that this evidence could be tested. The Commissioner has indicated that she believed that the evidence had to be tested and was advised that had to be done by independent counsel. What you have to decide is 10:33 whether that in any way falls foul of the terms of reference that you have to deal with and address in this case.

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I want to make it absolutely clear that it is untenable 10:33 to suggest that Mr. McCabe was not alleging anything about anybody, precisely because the I reason I sought to introduce this in the conclusions of the report, which I am not seeking to appeal, the Commission, Mr. Justice O'Higgins, rejected the allegations which 10:33 it characterised in paragraphs 3.5 and 3.6 as being hurtful, unfounded and unsupported by evidence. Now that result was only achieved because the process of testing by the Commission took place. So we say that

if one puts oneself back at the very beginning on the	
day when instructions were given, looking at all of the	
situations, Mr. McDowell is seeking to characterise	
Mr. McCabe as some kind of curious bystander when in	
fact on the record, before the first day when the	10:34
Commission sat, he had made these accusations and	
persisted in making them and when offered a chance to	
withdraw some of them by the Commission didn't so and	
then was ruled against. And I use all of this to	
demonstrate in support of this submission that it was	10:34
legitimate and reasonable for the Commissioner to seek	
to challenge and test the evidence and to allow the	
Commission do its work to resolve, as this witness has	
said, this long-standing difficulty with independent	
oversight with all the persons legally represented,	10:34
that that was reasonable, it was legitimate. And the	
result is not one I seek to change or vary in any way	
but I do say the result proves the efficacy of the	
process whereby we now have a situation where	
Mr. McDowell accepts some of the report, we accept all	10:35
of the report, and that is not something that has ever	
been hidden by my client.	
CHAIRMAN: Okay. Mr. Murphy, just two things arising	
out of that submission, and thank you for it. Firstly,	
you will be familiar with the passage in the New	10:35
Testament which ends "Which of these did his father's	
will?" I think you know what I am referring to.	
MR. MURPHY: Yes.	

CHAIRMAN: In other words, you can say one thing and do

something different. So, it's all very well to issue a ringing declaration but that doesn't necessarily mean that you are going to follow through on it, (a) -- now, I am not saying that it wasn't done, but it doesn't necessarily mean that you are going to follow through 10:35 on it, it doesn't necessarily mean that that actually So I appreciate what you say as to is your position. what the Commissioner has said in relation to this, but you'll appreciate as well that I have to look at things on the basis of whatever facts are before me. 10:35 saying no more than that and that is all I am saying. In that regard I think it is important MR. MURPHY: that you have identified the temporal focus of your inquiry. 10:36

CHAIRMAN: Yes.

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And that perhaps addresses that issue. MR. MURPHY: CHAIRMAN: And that is the second thing I was going to ask you about. The temporal focus of the inquiry is really this, it seems to boil down to this question: At the time when the O'Higgins Commission was going on were there grounds to challenge the creditworthiness of Sergeant McCabe, and what were the grounds to be relied on to challenge the creditworthiness of Sergeant McCabe? Now, you haven't addressed, and this is not --I am not saying this rhetorically, Mr. Murphy, I am saying I appreciate your help in relation to the second thing, because I have been trying to identify, we have ruled out false allegations of sexual abuse, they are Nobody ever intended to do that. What about, gone.

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1	then, this whole issue as to blackmail or near	
2	blackmail, that I am going to complain about you unless	
3	you release the DPP's letter to certain parties? And	
4	then I suppose the other thing was, well, don't you	
5	shoot from the hip and make all kinds of wild	: 37
6	allegations which can't be supported and that,	
7	therefore, undermines the credibility of anything you	
8	say because, in those circumstances, you may not be as	
9	sober a witness as you apparently are at first blush.	
10	So what are the things that the Commissioner was	: 37
11	relying on then that you say are legitimate?	
12	MR. MURPHY: I think the transcript indicates	
13	throughout the course of all of the cross-examinations	
14	that Mr. Justice O'Higgins proceeded on the basis that	
15	the parties were entitled to cross-examine Sergeant 10	: 37
16	McCabe and to establish that he had a grievance.	
17	Secondly, in terms of the issue of blackmail, that is a	
18	complete misnomer and I was going to address you on	
19	that also separately, arising from a question that was	
20	raised yesterday towards the end of cross-examination. 10	: 38
21	Judge, I wonder if you possibly could be shown page	
22	1507 and this is contained in book 3, part 2, if that	
23	could be put on the screen for your attention, please.	
24	CHAIRMAN: Yes.	
25	MR. MURPHY: I wonder, please, if it could be scrolled 10	: 38
26	down to line 24. Thank you. And again, Judge, in the	
27	spirit of constructive engagement, if I could associate	
28	myself with this comment from Mr. McDowell,	
29	Mr. McDowell on this day 5 said:	

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2	"In the spirit of agreement can we say, that completely	
3	misrepresents your understanding of the meeting. He	
4	was not saying that he was making a complaint against	
5	Superintendent Clancy for the purpose blackmailing 10:38	Э
6	Superintendent Clancy to change his mind."	
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8	And over the next page, page 1508, the Judge says:	
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10	"Well no, I have never heard the word blackmailing 10:39	Э
11	until"	
12	MR. McDOWELL: Sorry, the witness said that.	
13	MR. MURPHY: I think it is the Judge, he is addressing	
14	the Judge, you will from 13	
15	MR. McDOWELL: No, it was the witness who said it. 10:39	Э
16	MR. MURPHY: I beg your pardon. And then:	
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18	"Q. No, but I mean to force him. The gist of that	
19	last sentence is he was making a complaint solely	
20	motivated to force this man to change his mind, is that 10:39	Э
21	right?	
22	A. Yes, and I still believe that"	
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24	And then Mr. Smyth says, this is line 23:	
25	10:39	Э
26	"The question that was I think the superintendent	
27	puts it eloquently, indeed the difference is between	
28	the words "to" and "against" and certainly I put the	
29	question, I used the word "against" and I have to	

1 accept that the report was made to Superintendent 2 Clancy to force him to allow Sergeant McCabe to have the full directions." 3 4 5 So the blackmail issue was raised in that context on 10:39 6 the basis that there wasn't any allegation of blackmail and that the "to" and "against" issue was a mistake. 7 8 And you have statements from witnesses, who will be called to give evidence next week, who have said in 9 their statements it was a mistake. That is a matter to 10:40 10 11 be investigated by you. So, insofar as the matter was 12 being put, there were issues on that front. The second 13 point, Judge, is that --Mr. Smyth no doubt at the time when he made 14 CHAIRMAN: the submission perhaps -- well, perhaps "no doubt" is 15 10:40 16 the wrong word to use, but I'm just thinking as to when 17 this thing was formulated. Certainly for the first 18 number of days he seemed to think that. 19 MR. MURPHY: And that is a matter for you to assess, The second point is that --20 10:40 21 CHAIRMAN: I mean to wrongly think that. 22 And that is a matter for you to assess. MR. MURPHY: 23 Judge, in over all terms. In terms of the issue of 24 credibility, one thing has been missed by my friend, 25 Mr. McDowell, which is that in terms of the allegations 10:40 26 of corruption and improper practice by senior officers, 27 the persons accused of that were entitled to say that that is incredible, that is not credible. 28

CHAIRMAN: Absolutely.

MR. MURPHY: And ultimately that is the nature of the finding that the Chairman came to. He didn't say that Mr. McCabe was lying. He appears to have made a formulation that said look, he was mistaken or he had no evidence, but in basic simple terms the allegation 10:41 that Commissioner Callinan was guilty of corruption in relation to the promotion of Superintendent Clancy had no foundation, it was incredible. And the Judge took the view he was not going to say that Mr. McCabe lied but he took the view he hadn't any basis to say that 10 · 41 whatsoever and it was deeply hurtful. And I posit the question on this basis, then and now: On the first day of the Commission's hearing what was the position of the five senior officers - and there were five, according to Mr. Justice O'Higgins - who found 10:41 themselves accused of serious corruption and malpractice? Were they to simply stand back and say nothing? Were they not entitled to defend their good name and reputation? Of course they were. Mr. Justice O'Higgins in everything he did was scrupulously 10:41 careful to protect the reputation of those people and ultimately his finding demonstrated that the process of testing as to credibility, as to foundation, as to the existence of evidence, as to whether there was a grudge or a grievance behind the whole matter was something 10 · 41 that he explored. His findings are a separate matter, but they are the product of that procession of testing which we say was legitimate and, sir, you may ultimately conclude was necessary. Because how else

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2	evidence and former Commissioner O'Sullivan will give	
3	evidence about the situation that confronted them at	
4	the time when instructions were given, and allied to	
5	that the evidence that you have will relate also to the	10:42
6	fact there was independent advice saying that this was	
7	the way that it had to be done to find the truth.	
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9	So in those circumstances, we say there are several	
10	bases for that presentation. Insofar as the terms of	10:42
11	reference are concerned, as I have mentioned earlier,	
12	term of reference J, which I think Ms. Leader	
13	inadvertently referred to as the Department of Justice	
14	matter, it is actually not, and J says, and I quote:	
15		10:42
16	"The investigation by An Garda Síochána and the	
17	Minister for Justice and Equality of complaints made by	
18	Sergeant Maurice McCabe in relation to matters A to I."	
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20	So clearly Mr. Justice O'Higgins said I am going to	10:43
21	investigate that. And in the document Brief Proven	
22	Facts in Module 1, you will see, Chairman, at	
23	bullet-point 6, that in addition to the whole issue	
24	concerning traffic and other matters in Bailieboro, it	
25	says:	10:43
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27	"Supporting corruption to save themselves."	
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29	And the second bullet-point:	

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"Failed to investigate hijacking, false imprisonment and sexual assault."

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Which is the Kingscourt incident. And for the reasons 10:43 I mentioned yesterday in the cross-examination there was a link made between these ground level issues, the management in the middle and the Commissioner at the top. And that pyramid was the pyramid of accusation from Sergeant McCabe and from no one else. And that is 10:43 what was being investigated. So in those circumstances, it will be our submission that what was done by the Commissioner was reasonable, it was done independent advice, it allowed the process to be tested, it wasn't done out of any malice or spite or 10:43 lack of care for Sergeant McCabe. But the end result was an independent assessment and hopefully finality to these matters which have progressed for some cases seven or eight years at cost to all those people who found themselves the subject-matter of that stressful 10:44 situation. And that is the evidence you have so far and there will be more to come. All right. Let's go back to CHAIRMAN: cross-examination as to credit, if you don't mind. appreciate we have been at this now 45 minutes, even 10.44 still it may I suppose help matters. The distinction is this, and I am quoting from Professor Cross and Ms. Wilkinson's book:

1	"Cross-examination to the issue is designed to elicit	
2	statements concerning the facts in issue or relevant to	
3	the issue which are favourable to the cross-examiner's	
4	case."	
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6	So that is about facts. For instance, did you see it?	
7	Were you wearing your glasses? Aren't you half blind?	
8	Weren't you half asleep? Were you drunk on the	
9	occasion? That is cross-examination in general as to	
10	the facts. I think both of us will accept that because	10:44
11	that is just the	
12	MR. MURPHY: Yes. To assist, Chairman, to add to your	
13	list: Were you guilty of corruption? Did you know	
14	about matters	
15	CHAIRMAN: We will go on to that. And then the second	10:45
16	matter is:	
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18	"Cross-examination as to credit, as its name implies,	
19	is designed to suggest that the witness is not the kind	
20	of person whose evidence can be regarded as	10:45
21	trustworthy."	
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23	So at the time when the Commission was taking place,	
24	was it the case that the Commissioner felt that she was	
25	entitled to ask questions of Sergeant McCabe so as to	10:45
26	demonstrate he was the kind of person whose evidence	
27	would not be regarded as trustworthy?	
28	MR. MURPHY: She was entitled to put the case that she	
29	didn't helieve that her predecessor or the five senior	

1	officers were guilty of corruption and that there was	
2	no foundation to that allegation being made by Sergeant	
3	McCabe. So, to that extent that is a classic conflict.	
4	CHAIRMAN: Isn't that a matter of fact?	
5	MR. MURPHY: It's a question of fact, but it is also a	10:45
6	question of the credibility of what is being said.	
7	CHAIRMAN: Well, the way to test it perhaps,	
8	Mr. Murphy, is to say this: If it's a court case and	
9	so-and-so says, well, there was corruption, and	
10	somebody else denies it, if the person denying it is	10:46
11	entitled to call evidence in relation to things being	
12	done properly, well then it's not cross-examination as	
13	to credit, it's cross-examination on an issue. And	
14	what I am interested in and what the Oireachtas has	
15	told me to be interested in is cross-examination as to	10:46
16	credit, which is different. Which is the allegation	
17	put that the witness is not a person worthy of being	
18	trusted in a court and then the matter is then has to	
19	be left at that. Because a witness, or even if the	
20	witness is the plaintiff or the defendant, is not	10:46
21	entitled to call evidence in relation to that because	
22	it's outside what is being inquired into.	
23	MR. MURPHY: But insofar as the questions are asked,	
24	the primary focus of your inquiry, in our submission,	
25	is not to review the cross-examination but the	10:46
26	instruction that was given by the Commissioner. And	
27	that's the temporal focus that is centre stage in what	
28	you have to assess. Insofar as others may invite you	
29	to consider that you should look at every question	

1	asked during the course of the process and suggest that	
2	somehow that question wasn't a good question, this	
3	question wasn't a good question, is that front and	
4	centre part of what you have to assess vis-á-vis the	
5	Commissioner? Because again, you have narrowed your	10:47
6	focus to the former Commissioner O'Sullivan. And the	
7	evidence will indicate that she gave an instruction but	
8	there is no evidence that she was saying I want this	
9	question asked, I want that question asked. And that's	
10	a matter which you will have to assess.	10:47
11	CHAIRMAN: So, if you boil it down to cross-examination	
12	as to credit was confined to two things: Was there a	
13	grievance or perceived grievance, real or imagined?	
14	And secondly, isn't it the case that perhaps you, in	
15	making statements about other people, including senior $_{ extstyle 1}$	10:47
16	officers, tend to exaggerate things or to overuse words	
17	that are perhaps more appropriately used elsewhere? Is	
18	that it?	
19	MR. MURPHY: Yes, and in paragraph 3.3 of the report	
20	CHAIRMAN: Is that a yes or is that yes, I understand	10:48
21	the question?	
22	MR. MURPHY: No, it's a yes, but just in terms of the	
23	approach, paragraph 3.3 of the report also focused on	
24	this quotation:	
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26	"Some of the complaints have been upheld in this	
27	report, especially in respect of the quality of the	
28	investigations examined by this commission. Other	
29	complaints made by him have proven to be overstated or	

1 exaggerated. Some were unfounded, and some have been 2 withdrawn." 3 So, there is a whole variety of different points that 4 5 are assessed by the Commission, but they are all 10:48 legitimate lines of inquiry. And at the time when the 6 instruction was given, we say it was reasonable to do 7 8 that, it was not unjustified to do that. CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Murphy. I don't know whether 9 that helps, Mr. McDowell. 10 10 · 48 11 MR. McDOWELL: It doesn't really, Chairman, because 12 it's based upon a radical misconception on the part of 13 Mr. Murphy, who was not present and did not understand 14 that it was made very clear at every single opportunity 15 that this was not an adversarial hearing, that Sergeant 10:49 McCabe was not an accuser. And his use of the phrase 16 now that he was the accuser is wholly unwarranted and 17 18 misunderstands precisely what was happening at that 19 He was not the accuser. He was not coming to sustain a case. He was there as a witness under the 10:49 20 Commissions of Investigation Act. And his own counsel 21 22 said he was not there to make any criticism about 23 anybody else save to give factual evidence. And what 24 Mr. Murphy is trying to do now is he is trying to 25 mischaracterise the entire nature of the O'Higgins 10 · 49 Commission as an adversarial enterprise in which 26 27 Sergeant McCabe was the accuser, and he is saying that 28 I have got the wrong end of the stick in denying that. 29 I was there, the transcript clearly -- the transcript

clearly -- No, no, the transcript clearly indicates the exact opposite; that it was emphasised again and again and again that this was not an adversarial process. And it was also emphasised that Sergeant McCabe was there as a witness of fact and for the purpose of 10:50 trying to persuade the Commissioner's counsel at the time not to pursue this line of questioning, it was emphasised that he was not going to criticise anybody else unless he was asked to do so by the Commission. And I put that in the context, Judge, of the statement 10:50 by Mr. Gillane that he would not be allowed to criticise anybody else unless he sought permission in advance and gave a written account of what he proposed to put to any witness that he proposed to criticise. So it's simply wrong to say that he was the accuser, 10:51 and it's wrong to say that he came to that Tribunal as an accuser. He came as a witness, because that is the way the Commission of Investigations Act operates. And he was only allowed to cross-examine for the purpose of defending his own Re Haughey rights. That is the only basis on which he was entitled to participate by way of cross-examination. And then he was warned, as was Mr. Smyth, that no criticism could be made of witnesses unless there was permission from the Tribunal to do so. So, that's the first thing. 10:51

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And the second thing is that the issue -- Mr. Justice O'Higgins found at the end of the Commission that the aspersions on Sergeant McCabe's motivations were unfair

1	and wrong. And the Commissioner then, Nóirín	
2	O'Sullivan, said she accepted that completely. Now we	
3	are hearing a very different story, and you are asked	
4	now to say you are being asked to say, well, maybe	
5	it was reasonable of her to cast these aspersions then	10:52
6	knowing what she knew, but now she accepts that it was	
7	wrong and unfair to do so. Well, with respect, that's	
8	a bit I was going to say theological a distinction,	
9	but maybe - and I don't want to be unfair to my former	
10	teachers - Jesuitical a distinction, if I may say so.	10:52
11	Either Sergeant McCabe was unfairly and wrongly	
12	impugned as to his motivation and his good faith or he	
13	was not, and his integrity. And it has to be	
14	understood here, Judge, that constantly the effort is	
15	being made to slide away from the integrity charge on	10:53
16	the basis that it was a mistake. It was repeated, it	
17	was stated to be done all the way through, and on the	
18	second-last day, following a meeting at which, on the	
19	face of it, there was a discussion as to whether it	
20	should be the mala fides should be withdrawn, it was	10:53
21	stated to be an error, an excess of language. But the	
22	quote I gave you, Judge, of Mr. Justice O'Higgins	
23	saying that he understood that his integrity was in	
24	issue and he was not a witness to be believed, was	
25	there.	10:53
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And the second point, Judge, is this --

CHAIRMAN: This is the third point.

MR. McDOWELL: Sorry, the third point. The third point

is, going back to your own terms of reference, you are being asked to inquire whether unjustified grounds were used to impugn his credibility. And we know that the grounds that were set out in the 19-paragraph letter are unjustified. We know that the grounds that were 10:54 set out in the submission of the 11th June are unjustified. We know that on day 3 Sergeant McCabe was asked to accept that he was motivated -- in cross-examination, that he was motivated in his complaints against Superintendent Clancy by this 10:54 improper motive to coerce him to change his mind, and we also know that it was only after all of those events and after Sergeant McCabe contradicted the claim about what he had said at the meeting in Mullingar, and gave a tape to the Commissioner of that meeting, that it was 10:55 at that stage that it was agreed that he had not made he had not made those admissions.

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And, Judge, one last postscript to this: The rules laid down on day 1 were that if any witness was to be criticised the factual basis should be put to them in writing. That was done in the 19-paragraph letter. All of the grounds that were to be put to Sergeant McCabe in that letter are were set out there. It was not suggested that he had a mere grievance against An Garda Síochána. The charge that was put against him was effectively that he was only making these complaints because he was trying to force a disclosure to Ms. D's family of the DPP's direction. And that was

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1	wrong and unjustified. And I just want I still say,	
2	Judge, I am entitled to clarity as to whether	
3	Mr. Murphy now, even now accepts on behalf of his	
4	clients that it was unfair and wrong to impugn Sergeant	
5	McCabe's motivation. If he can't even say that he	10:56
6	accepts it now, then, as I said, the distinction as to	
7	whether it's the view held now or the view held then is	
8	somewhat Jesuitical.	
9	CHAIRMAN: All right. Well, thank you both for your	
10	submissions. This has taken an hour, and are we any	10:57
11	clearer? Well, I suppose I can only say what is in my	
12	mind, as I am the one doing the inquiry. I might first	
13	of all say, I don't understand the adjective	
14	Jesuitical, I was never taught by the Jesuits, so I	
15	have nothing against them at all, at all.	10:57
16	MR. McDOWELL: Nor I.	
17	CHAIRMAN: Cross-examination on facts is about	
18	witnesses' perception of the facts, their ability to	
19	fully absorb the facts, any impediment in terms of	
20	understanding the facts and any impediment due to	10:57
21	passage of time, mental illness, drunkenness, or any	
22	other factor which might impede correct memory of the	
23	facts. Cross-examination as to credit is	
24	cross-examination which is designed to suggest that a	
25	witness is not the kind of person whose evidence can be	10:57
26	regarded as trustworthy, and, according to the	
27	textbooks, can include questions suggesting the witness	
28	has made statements inconsistent with his testimony	
29	before, that he has a criminal record, that he is	

biased or has been guilty of disreputable conduct such as to suggest that he is a liar. Now, insofar as cross-examination as to credit arises in this, it seems to me it arises on the face of what I have heard. in two respects. Firstly, that there was a grievance and 10:58 that the perception of the witness in relation to certain facts might be influenced by that grievance, which was of course nothing to do with child sexual abuse, the accusation thereof levelled against Sergeant McCabe, but was instead to do with his reaction when 10:58 the letter from the Director of Public Prosecutions was not circulated to him and to the family of the girl making the accusation. Now, whether there was a grievance, whether it was real or perceived, I don't know, but that was allowed by Mr. Justice O'Higgins. 10:59

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Secondly, adumbrated today on foot of the document which is headed "Brief Proven Facts Pertaining to My Complaint" is the idea that Sergeant McCabe is a person who uses language inappropriately and exaggerates.

That, it seems to me, is more on the issue of fact as opposed to the issue of credit, because it's only in circumstances where Sergeant McCabe actually knows something about that, that there could be any deployment of that issue in relation to exaggeration or 10:59 in relation to the loose use of language.

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Now, we are in a position after the number of days that have already been spent on this where at least we have

т.			ruled out allegations of sexual abuse and I am	
2			proceeding now on the basis of looking at the	
3			transcript and hearing the evidence of the witness in	
4			order to determine whether (a) there was any	
5			cross-examination as to credit, or threat thereof, and	11:00
6			whether the grounds which were proposed to be put or	
7			which were actually put were inappropriate. And that	
8			is the basis upon which I'm proceeding and that is	
9			really as much as I can say at this point, and thank	
10			you both for your submissions.	11:00
11			MR. MURPHY: Thank you, Chairman.	
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13			CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT FERGUS HEALY WAS THEN DIRECTLY	
14			EXAMINED BY MS. LEADER, AS FOLLOWS:	
15	1	Q.	MS. LEADER: Yesterday evening, we were going through	11:00
16			the cross-examination of Sergeant McCabe and	
17			essentially I think we were all agreed it was being put	
18			to him that the complaints that were being made by him	
19			against Superintendent Clancy were so as to force or	
20			put pressure or to blackmail the garda authorities into	11:01
21			circulating the DPP's directions?	
22		Α.	From the transcript?	
23	2	Q.	Yes.	
24		Α.	Yes.	
25	3	Q.	And that was on day 3?	11:01
26		Α.	Yes.	
27	4	Q.	When Sergeant McCabe was being questioned in	
28			relation questioned by counsel for the Commissioner?	
29		Δ	Vac	

5 Q. 1 Okay. Now, if we can just turn to your notes of that 2 day, which are at page -- the typed version is at page 3821 of the materials. It's the 18th, Chief 3 Superintendent. And if we go down to the very bottom 4 5 of your notes, you will see you have recorded there: 11:01 6 "DPP documents --" 7 8 9 And a space. 10 11:02 11 "-- critical issue is the only reason that I wanted to 12 put pressure to get the DPP's directions from 13 Superintendent Clancy." well --14 Α. 15 Is that what it says? Q. 11:02 16 Yes, that's right, yes. Α. 17 Yes, yes. So we are all in agreement that that is 7 Q. 18 actually what was being put to --19 Well, that is what I noted at the time. Α. 20 Yes. And the transcript would seem to record that as 8 Q. 11:02 well. 21 22 Yes. Α. 23 Now, just alongside that there is a phone number which 9 Q. 24 is redacted from our circulated materials. 25 Yes. Α. 11:02 26 10 Is that Sergeant Martin's phone number? Q. 27 Α. Yes, yes. 11 Q. If you could tell us what exchange took place in 28

relation to Sergeant Martin?

1	Α.	I think at that particular time Sergeant Martin's name	
2		was mentioned in the proceedings and I'm not 100	
3		percent sure but I think it was Superintendent	
4		Cunningham was either articulating to me that this	
5		person was important with respect to what had happened	11:03
6		and he basically gave me these details that are in the	
7		note, and in the course of that, I had a I rang	
8		Sergeant Martin, just to tell her that she may be	
9		required at the Commission. And, after that, I never	
10		had any contact with her at all. Mr. Hegarty, who was	11:03
11		a solicitor, who was at the proceedings, had approached	
12		me and had mentioned to me that I had contacted him	
13		contacted her and I just at that stage realised that he	
14		was her representative and I took a backward step from	
15		there, I had no more contact with her.	11:03
16	12 Q.	And to be clear and fair to Sergeant Martin, I think	
17		it's been established, and correct me if I am wrong,	

- it's been established, and correct me if I am wrong,
  that no details of what had happened in the Commission
  that day were shared with her?
- 20 A. Oh, no, no. It was just a call to put her on notice
  21 per se. After that, there was no detail whatsoever
  22 discussed at all with her.
- 23 13 Q. Okay. She was never asked to comment --
- 24 A. No.
- 25 14 Q. -- in any way in relation to what had been put forward 11:04 at the Commission?
- 27 A. I had no conversations with her on that front at all.
- It was just bay way of a courtesy call of a
- notification. Whether it was going to arise or not, I

Т			had no control over that at all. And then, as I said,	
2			when it became clear to me that there was a separate	
3			legal representative acting on her behalf, I didn't	
4			engage any further.	
5	15	Q.	Now, I think that's where matters were left on the	11:04
6			Monday evening, which was the 18th May, is that	
7			correct?	
8		Α.	Yes, I think so, yeah.	
9	16	Q.	I think then the Commission recommenced the next day,	
10			and I think there were witnesses recalled, if I'm	11:05
11			correct, at the request of Mr. Smyth, in order to deal	
12			with Sergeant McCabe's evidence?	
13		Α.	I think so, yes, I don't know where we are.	
14	17	Q.	I will take you to it. It's day 4, the 19th, and it	
15			would appear that Chief Superintendent Colm Rooney, at	11:05
16			page 1104, it's the index to the transcript of day 4 of	
17			the proceedings sorry, it's Volume 2, part B. But	
18			it should come up on the screen there. It may be	
19			easier for you. Yes. So Chief Superintendent Colm	
20			Rooney was called and Superintendent Cunningham. And	11:06
21			if we could turn to page 1105, just the very beginning,	
22			it would appear that they were recalled at the request	
23			of counsel for the Garda Commissioner, you will see	
24			Mr. Gillane's opening words there?	
25		Α.	Yes.	11:06
26	18	Q.	Now, I think Chief Superintendent Rooney commenced and	
27			finished his evidence in relation to a matter other	
28			than paragraph 19 of that letter of the 18th May?	
29		Α.	Sorry, could you repeat that?	

1	19	Q.	Chief Superintendent Rooney gave evidence in relation	
2			to a meeting he had with Sergeant McCabe which	
3			concerned a paragraph other than paragraph 19 of the	
4			letter of the 18th of May?	
5		Α.	Okay, okay.	11:07
6	20	Q.	And then Superintendent Cunningham got into the witness	
7			box, but before paragraph 19 was actually dealt with,	
8			he was stood down as there were technical difficulties	
9			that day?	
10		Α.	Yes.	11:07
11	21	Q.	And I think, I am surmising this from the transcript,	
12			but that related to the circulation of his report of	
13			September 2008 and Sergeant McCabe's tape of the	
14			meeting?	
15		Α.	Em, sorry, could you repeat that? I beg your pardon.	11:07
16	22	Q.	Well, he didn't complete his evidence that day.	
17		Α.	Okay, I take it from	
18	23	Q.	Yes.	
19		Α.	I don't recall this, but	
20	24	Q.	It would appear that the reason he didn't do that	11:07
21			and I will go to page 1133, it might refresh your	
22			memory, Chief Superintendent.	
23		Α.	1133?	
24	25	Q.	Yes. What Mr. Gillane says, who was counsel for the	
25			Commission:	11:08
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27			"In relation to the current position and the	
28			circulation of some documents there, it may be	
29			appropriate to stand this witness down just for present	

1 purposes and will have to be recalled hopefully later 2 today. The document circulated just put us on enquiry in relation to some other matters." 3 4 5 So it would appear there was a difficulty in relation 6 to circulation of documents. 7 Okay. I take it -- yes. Α. 8 26 It would appear from the transcript. Ο. 9 Yes, yes. Α. Now, I think in actual fact, Superintendent 10 27 Q. 11 · 08 11 Cunningham wasn't recalled until later on in June, 12 isn't that correct? 13 I think it was the 24th June. Α. The 24th of June? 14 28 Q. 15 Day 5. Α. 11:08 16 Yes, the Commission stood down for a while and 29 Q. 17 recommenced on day 5, which was 24th June. 18 Okay. Α. 19 30 And in the meantime, submissions in relation to the Q. 20 incomplete Module 1 were prepared by the Commissioner? 11:08 21 Yes. Α. 22 Now, in relation to those submissions, as one would 31 Q. 23 expect, they were prepared by counsel, isn't that 24 correct?

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And I think the routine which was followed, and if we

could turn to page 1374 in relation to -- yes, it's the

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That's correct, yeah.

same volume, at the very back.

	33	Q.	MS. Ryan emailed you the draft submissions in the	
2			beginning of June?	
3		Α.	Yes.	
4	34	Q.	And she said:	
5				11:09
6			"Please see below email from counsel with draft	
7			submissions attached. I intend forwarding same to our	
8			witnesses for their comments and you might please	
9			confirm this is in order. Also, can you please provide	
10			me with email addresses"	11:09
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12			For various people.	
13		Α.	Yes.	
14	35	Q.	And in relation to what counsel has said, and that is	
15			further down in the same page, 1374, they enclose the	11:09
16			draft submissions, they ask that they be reviewed by	
17			the clients, and they also ask that they be circulated,	
18			I think, really, in relation to all of the clients.	
19		Α.	Yes.	
20	36	Q.	Now, at the very end, there is a paragraph:	11:10
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22			"As discussed with"	
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24			I presume it's Mr. Smyth?	
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26			" I understand the plan is to deliver these	
27			submissions as being final, i.e. not in draft form,	
28			with a note on the cover letter reserving our right to	
29			deliver supplemental submissions to deal with anything	

- which comes up in the remainder of the evidence for the
- 2 module."
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 37 Q. Is that right? And I think that seems to be a fairly
- 5 sensible thing to do because the evidence hadn't been

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- finished at that time. And then your email, I think,
- 7 back is on page 1379, I think it's -- the date -- I
- 8 think it appears as -- it's 1372 is when you sent it on
- 9 the 5th of June, it was retrieved from somebody's
- 10 email. If you see it?
- 11 A. That is a receipt for an email on 5th of June.
- 12 38 Q. Yes.
- 13 A. At 10:09am.
- 14 39 Q. And you sent, I think -- I'm not sure about the email
- on 1373, which seems to be an email from you?
- 16 A. Em, yes, that appears --
- 17 40 Q. It's from you, is it?
- 18 A. Well, it's --
- 19 41 Q. Yes.
- 20 A. On page 1373, at the bottom, yes.
- 21 42 Q. It seems to be an email from you?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 43 Q. And you will see, you go down through the various --
- 24 A. Paragraphs.
- 25 44 Q. -- paragraphs, and if you would turn then to paragraph
- 70 in relation to paragraph 70 of the submissions --
- 27 A. Yes.
- 28 45 Q. -- you see here, your comment in relation to that is:

"Yet to be confirmed until evidence is heard." 1 2 Yes. Α. 3 46 0. Okav. So if we could turn to paragraph 70 of the 4 submissions. 5 On page? Α. 11:12 6 47 Q. which is on page 1452. I don't want to go through 7 everything in the submissions, Chief Superintendent. 8 Yes. Α. If we would first of all maybe look at paragraph 69. 9 48 Q. 10 Α. Yes. 11 · 12 11 49 "Sergeant McCabe --" this is the submissions that were Q. 12 to be sent in and were eventually sent in. 13 Α. Yes. "Sergeant McCabe then made a series of complaints 14 50 Q. against other officers in Bailieboro Station, including 11:12 15 16 Superintendent Clancy against whom he alleged a lack of 17 support. Chief Superintendent Rooney appointed 18 Superintendent Cunningham to investigate these 19 complaints. Superintendent Cunningham attempted to 20 meet Sergeant McCabe to discuss the complaints and 11:13 21 finally did so on 25th August 2008. On this occasion, 22 Superintendent Cunningham was accompanied by Sergeant Martin." 23 24 Yes. Α. 25 "70. It is understood that Superintendent Cunningham 51 0. 11 · 13 will give evidence that Sergeant McCabe said at that 26

meeting that the complaint which he had made alleging

lack of support, as referred to in the preceding

paragraph, was a bid by him to have the full DPP

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- directions conveyed to him and the complaining party.
- 2 This is recorded in a report of the meeting prepared

- 3 jointly by Sergeant Martin and Superintendent
- 4 Cunningham."
- 5 A. Mm-hmm.
- 6 52 Q. So that seems --
- 7 A. That was the position then.
- 8 53 Q. That was the position then?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 54 Q. You had said we have to he wait until it's confirmed,
- but in any event, that never happened, is that correct?
- 12 A. Yeah, well, that was my position at that time.
- 13 55 Q. Yes, yes.
- 14 A. Yeah.
- 15 56 Q. And those submissions were submitted --
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 57 Q. -- on behalf of the Commissioner and other senior
- guards prior to the completion of the evidence in
- 19 Module 1?
- 20 A. Of course, of course. Yes, that was the then-position. 11:14
- 21 58 Q. And they were signed off on, on behalf of the
- 22 Commissioner and the various parties?
- 23 A. Yeah, yeah.
- 24 59 Q. Now, just to put that particular part of the
- 25 submissions in context, it appeared, there is a series 11:14
- of paragraphs under a heading called "Other" isn't that
- correct? And that is at page 1451 of the materials.
- 28 A. Yes.
- 29 60 Q. Yes. And the conclusion of that part of the

1			submissions, which is at page 1453 of the	
2			submissions	
3		Α.	Yes.	
4	61	Q.	immediately following the paragraph which was	
5			incorrect, 71, it says:	11:14
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7			"It is submitted that these interactions are critical	
8			to the understanding of the behaviour of Sergeant	
9			McCabe and of the responses of the various officers to	
10			his complaints. Prior to this, the complaints he had	11:15
11			made were few in number and adequately dealt with.	
12			Thereafter, they multiplied and showed a tendency to	
13			exaggeration such as in relation to this incident which	
14			was recognised by, amongst others, Assistant	
15			Commissioner Byrne and Chief Superintendent McGinn."	11:15
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17			Then at paragraph 72 it says:	
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19			"These issues will be relevant to subsequent modules	
20			where they can be considered again. However, in	11:15
21			relation to this specific module, it is submitted that	
22			Sergeant McCabe's disaffection motivated him to contact	
23			Ms. Browne"	
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25			who was the bus driver, the complainant in relation to	11:15
26			the Kingscourt matter.	
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28			" to encourage a complaint to GSOC and to include it	
29			in his brief proven facts pertaining to my complaint	

Τ			document."	
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3			Is that correct?	
4		Α.	That's correct, yeah.	
5	62	Q.	And that brief proven facts was document 31, which is	11:15
6			the document referred to earlier on this morning here	
7			in oral submissions?	
8		Α.	Yesterday. That's correct, yeah.	
9	63	Q.	So just in relation to I want to go back briefly to	
10			what the Commissioner had actually authorised in her	11:16
11			conversation with you of the 14th May?	
12		Α.	Yes.	
13	64	Q.	If you understand?	
14		Α.	Yes.	
15	65	Q.	And was it the position that the Commissioner had	11:16
16			authorised the position that the reason the issue to	
17			be explored, if I can put it that way, was that	
18			Sergeant McCabe was making his complaints so as to put	
19			pressure on or to force or to put it at its very	
20			highest, perhaps, blackmail senior garda management to	11:16
21			distribute the complaints, or was it a different matter	
22			that she had authorised on 14th May, that and this	
23			may be recorded in your brief note of what happened,	
24			that Sergeant McCabe somehow changed after the	
25			investigation the unpleasantness, put it that way, with	11:17
26			the Ds, the non-circulation and the decision not to	
27			circulate to the Ds the DPP's directions, and somehow	
28			turned into somebody who complained about everything?	
29			Which do you know what Commissioner O'Sullivan	

Α.	From my recollection, the issue I went to the
	Commissioner with was based on the consultations that
	had taken place on the 12th and 13th May, and the
	question that was being asked by counsel at those
	consultations was, what was the triggering factor with 11:1
	respect to the issues and how all of this started. And
	the material that was in those consultations
	resulted in a decision. And based on, as I said, the
	other document that was referred to in the core
	booklet, it was my understanding that counsel, having
	read into the case or into the brief, that the
	Commissioner was approving the motivation with respect
	Α.

14 66 Q. All of the issues. So it was in as general a way as that?

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to all the issues.

- A. Yes. And it was left to counsel, because counsel were briefing, were advising that they had to explore this whole area and it was my understanding that that is what was being instructed.
- 20 67 Q. So do I understand you, Chief Superintendent, that the position was the Commissioner wasn't authorising any specific rationale for the questioning in relation to motivation, it was just question in relation to motivation?
- A. No. I think it was a case that what had come out of
  the consultations and what the understanding of counsel
  was at that particular time, and based -- they had
  sought the instructions to pursue the motive and the
  credibility issue and they were recommending that to

1			the Commissioner, based on what they had I suppose	
2			the information that they had obtained from the various	
3			consultations that had taken place, and that they were	
4			recommending this. And I spoke to the Commissioner to	
5			basically give her the what had unfolded, as such,	11:19
6			and that what was required and she agreed that, based	
7			on what counsel were advising, that it was necessary to	
8			explore this area, then that she was willing she was	
9			inclined to give the instructions to that effect.	
10	68	Q.	Okay. Right. Thank you, Chief Superintendent.	11:20
11			CHAIRMAN: Ms. Leader, just on that point, if you don't	
12			mind me intervening here. Ms. Leader put a very stark	
13			choice to you and I will put it in even more simple	
14			terms: Was it that, did the Commissioner know that	
15			someone was saying, perhaps mistakenly, that Sergeant	11:20
16			McCabe had engaged in blackmail in order to get the	
17			letter from the DPP circulated?	
18		Α.	No.	
19			CHAIRMAN: She didn't?	
20		Α.	It wasn't engaging in blackmail, it was my from my	11:20
21			understanding	
22			CHAIRMAN: Look, was the letter mentioned at all, the	
23			circulation?	
24		Α.	No, that letter at that stage wasn't even constructed.	
25			CHAIRMAN: What did the Commissioner know?	11:20
26		Α.	Well, she knew what I had told her.	
27			CHAIRMAN: Which was what?	
28		Α.	Which was that, based on what the what had come out	

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of the consultations, which was when the trigger

1		question was asked here by counsel, the replies that	
2		they got vis-á-vis the refusal to give the DPP's	
3		directions, was at that stage deemed to be the linchpin	
4		that started all of these issues and that all the	
5		issues arose after that matter and that	11:21
6		CHAIRMAN: So, of the questions that Ms. Leader put to	
7		you, it's number two; that Sergeant McCabe had a grudge	
8		in consequence of the non-circulation of the DPP	
9		letter?	
10	Α.	I think the consensus	11:21
11		CHAIRMAN: Forget about the consensus at the meeting,	
12		or whatever	
13	Α.	Sorry.	
14		CHAIRMAN: what I really need to know is what the	
15		Commissioner know. Did anyone explain that to her?	11:21
16	Α.	I explained to the Commissioner that the refusals had	
17		been had taken place at superintendent level and at	
18		chief superintendent level and that the sequence of	
19		complaints followed on from that, and that counsel were	
20		of the view that they had to explore the whole area of	11:22
21		motive and the credibility of what Sergeant McCabe was	
22		saying, and they were advising that, and on the basis	
23		of that, the Commissioner was inclined to instruct	
24		counsel to go ahead along those lines.	
25		CHAIRMAN: And she never knew about what is said now to	11:22
26		be mistaken?	
27	Α.	No.	
28		CHAIRMAN: That Sergeant McCabe was blackmailing senior	
29		officers, making a complaint against Superintendent	

_		crancy in order to twist in a aim to get the retter from	
2		the DPP circulated about the dismissal of the D case?	
3	Α.	No. That letter wasn't even constructed at that stage.	
4		The letter was constructed over the weekend of the 15th	
5		May, and the decision on the 15th, on the afternoon of	11:22
6		the 15th, had been taken, had been reconfirm at that	
7		stage and the issue of the notice and the notifications	
8		to the various parties concerned was raised within the	
9		Commission and that letter then was formulated on the	
10		basis of over the weekend, I should say, and the	11:23
11		first the first draft of that paragraph that I	
12		recollect appeared on the Saturday evening.	
13		CHAIRMAN: Yes. No, I know all of that. So you are	
14		saying that it's just another matter, and according	
15		to this book that I am reading:	11:23
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17		"It is Contrary to professional etiquette for an	
18		advocate to put disparaging questions to a witness	
19		unless his instructions give him reasonable grounds	
20		supposing they are justified."	11:23
21			
22		So the case that you are making to the Commissioner	
23		over the phone is that senior officers had said to you,	
24		all of this began with the non-circulation of the	
25		letter and is due a grudge?	11:23
26	Α.	What they were saying the grudge word was never used	
27		as such.	
28		CHAIRMAN: Well, I am trying to summarise what is	
29	Α.	Yes, sorry. Yes, exactly, that is the point. The	

Т			point is that I think counsel was at pains, and I	
2			distinctly remember him asking that question over and	
3			over again: What was the trigger point here for the	
4			start of all this? We have to go back to the basics,	
5			what started all of this? And the DPP direction and	11:24
6			the refusal to impart that was the starting point. It	
7			was the spark that lit the fuse, as far as	
8			CHAIRMAN: As far as the instructions being given to	
9			counsel	
10		Α.	Yes.	11:24
11			CHAIRMAN: in terms of fact.	
12		Α.	Yes.	
13			CHAIRMAN: As opposed to and it's nothing to do with	
14			legal advice, these were the facts that counsel were	
15			being given because they have to have before putting a	11:24
16			question as to credit. Okay, I understand. Thank you,	
17			Ms. Leader.	
18	69	Q.	MS. LEADER: So I think matters were left there. The	
19			submissions were completed, and I think if we can go,	
20			perhaps, to page 4072, and it's just one page from that	11:25
21			particular volume, so maybe the screen would be more	
22			convenient.	
23		Α.	It's in a different volume, is it?	
24	70	Q.	It's just one page I will be referring to, Chief	
25			Superintendent. If we go halfway down that page, it	11:25
26			would appear from that, that on the 19th June 2015 a	
27			transcript was circulated of the meeting in Mullingar	
28			which had taken place on 25th August 2008?	
29		Α.	Right. Okay.	

- 1 71 Q. Am I correct in that?
- 2 A. I think so, yes.
- 3 72 Q. Yes. So I think the sequence of events is, you then --
- 4 prior to hearings recommencing, the transcript is
- 5 circulated -- 11:25
- 6 A. Became available.
- 7 73 Q. -- to you?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 74 Q. Yes. Do you remember reading that or any feedback from
- 10 it?

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- 11 A. I can't remember reading it. I know that I obviously
- did read it, I am not disputing that. I don't recall,
- you know what I mean, even its content now, I couldn't
- 14 tell you what was in it.
- 15 75 Q. Do you recall, was there any discussion around the
- 16 contents of that transcript at the time?
- 17 A. I can't recall, honestly, with my hand on my heart, I
- 18 can't recall what was discussed about it. It was -- I
- 19 suppose I know that certainly the -- one of the parties
- was very anxious to get access to the transcript, that
- 21 was Superintendent Cunningham.
- 22 76 Q. As soon as it became available?
- 23 A. Yes. And that's it. I can't remember any more than
- 24 that.
- 25 77 Q. Okay.
- A. Sorry, I can't be any more helpful.
- 27 78 Q. I think in fairness to you, Chief Superintendent, your
- time may have been taken up with preparing for the next
- 29 module --

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 79 Q. -- that was coming down the line?
- 3 A. Yes
- 4 80 Q. So maybe from your point of view, Module 1, the
- 5 submissions had been done --
- 6 A. Yes, I was moving on.
- 7 81 Q. -- the majority of the evidence heard?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 82 Q. But insofar as the major issue which arose in Module 1
- 10 was the Commissioner's instructions and that letter of

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- 11 the 18th May --
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 83 Q. -- it may be that there might have been some interest
- in listening -- or looking at that transcript and
- seeing where matters stayed as a result of that,
- particularly in view of Sergeant McCabe's very firm
- 17 reply to the questions he was being asked on the 18th
- 18 May?
- 19 A. Well, I can't remember at that particular time, you
- 20 know, and obviously subsequent to that and now, knowing 11:28
- 21 what I know, you know, that the matter was a mistake.
- 22 At what stage it came to my notice for the first time,
- I can't exactly remember. But I would have been
- 24 present on the hearings, on day 5, when it was uttered
- 25 there and obviously I would have been made aware of it
- at that stage.
- 27 84 Q. Okay. Do you remember any sense of surprise on day 5
- when it emerged?
- A. Well, I had realised the content of the paragraph

Т			itself had a completely different meaning when the	
2			mistake issue was read, you know, that it's hard to	
3			believe that such a small word could make such a huge	
4			difference to the whole tenet of what was in the	
5			document, but it did, and I think Superintendent	11:28
6			Cunningham, in his evidence, cleared the issue up; he	
7			was in a position to advise the Commission at that	
8			particular time what the actual true meaning of what	
9			had happened in Mullingar, what the facts were in	
10			relation to that.	11:29
11	85	Q.	Maybe we will turn to the transcript of day 5, and it's	
12			in Volume 2C. It commences at page 14 we are on to	
13			the 24th June 2015 at this stage.	
14			CHAIRMAN: What page are we on?	
15			MS. LEADER: 1464, sir.	11:29
16	86	Q.	And it would appear that it was, actually Mr. Justice	
17			O'Higgins took it upon himself to correct the letter	
18			or set out what he had discovered in relation to the	
19			transcript?	
20		Α.	Yes.	11:30
21	87	Q.	So there was no question really of a witness correcting	
22			the situation?	
23		Α.	Okay, sorry.	
24	88	Q.	It was Mr. Justice O'Higgins	
25		Α.	It was corrected on that day, sorry, yeah.	11:30
26	89	Q.	corrected the mistake?	
27		Α.	That's right.	
28	90	Q.	Now, I understand you are going back in time and you	
29			haven't seen these documents	

Τ		Α.	Yes.	
2	91	Q.	in a long time, so if we just look at what	
3			Mr. Justice O'Higgins says on day 5 at page 1464, he	
4			says:	
5				11:30
6			"There is a statement furnished by the Chief State	
7			Solicitor's Office dated 18th May and at paragraph	
8			19"	
9				
10			And he goes through what it says in paragraph 19, and	11:30
11			if you turn over the page at line 14:	
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13			"On first flush this appears to us to be incorrect. I	
14			am not saying definitively but on first flush it seems	
15			to be incorrect. It seems to be incorrect for the	11:30
16			following reasons: It does not appear that	
17			Superintendent Cunningham was not appointed to	
18			investigate a complaint against Superintendent Clancy,	
19			the meeting was not about complaints against	
20			Superintendent Clancy but concerned a request to him."	11:31
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22		Α.	Yes.	
23	92	Q.	So essentially he cleared it up by saying what the	
24			meeting	
25		Α.	Yes.	11:31
26	93	Q.	concerned.	
27		Α.	And when you think of it logically, it would have been	
28			impossible for Superintendent Cunningham, or inspector	
29			as he was then at the time, to be investigating	

1 Superintendent Clancy, a superior officer. 2 94 Q. Then he says: 3 "The meeting was not a complaint about complaints 4 5 against Superintendent Clancy but concerned a request 11:31 No complaints were made about him." 6 to him. 7 Yes. Α. 8 95 "Neither in the report of Superintendent Cunningham --" Q. 9 So it's Mr. Justice O'Higgins who had access to 10 11:31 11 Superintendent Cunningham's report, refers to it there 12 again, that Superintendent Cunningham never said it in 13 his report? 14 Α. Yes. "-- nor in his note of the meeting --" 15 96 Q. 11:31 16 17 And that is the note, the handwritten note of the 18 meeting. 19 20 "-- is there reference to a complaint about 11:31 21 Superintendent Clancy. Neither is there such a 22 contention supported by the transcript of the recording 23 of the meeting." 24 Okay. Α. Yes. And just in relation to something you just said 25 97 Ο. 11:32 there, Chief Superintendent, in retrospect maybe that 26 27 it should have been obvious along because there was never going to be a position where a superintendent was 28 29 investigating a complaint against one of his superiors?

- 1 A. Yeah, it should have been obvious, but I don't know, it
- was missed, and I think it was corrected on that day.
- 3 98 Q. Yes.
- 4 A. And I think it's important, as well, that the
- 5 contributors to the paragraph concerned, as I said

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- 6 yesterday in my evidence, were the two parties
- 7 concerned. It was one or either of the two of them.
- 8 So I took it that it was fact at that time, but it was
- 9 corrected on that day.
- 10 99 Q. And then superintendent Cunningham was recalled to the
- 11 witness-box to give evidence after that.
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 100 Q. He commences his evidence at page 1470.
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 101 Q. And during that, it is during that exchange that he
- 16 corrects paragraph 19 of the letter of the 18th May?
- 17 A. Okay, yes.
- 18 102 Q. And in relation to the extract of the transcripts that
- 19 Mr. Murphy brought to the Tribunal's attention this
- 20 morning, it was during that exchange that the blackmail 11:33
- 21 contention was taken out of the mix --
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 103 Q. -- it would appear?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 104 Q. You are happy with that?
- 26 A. Yes. It was accepted by all that it was a genuine
- error and I think the documents, including the tape,
- 28 supported that.
- 29 105 Q. And it would appear that what was intended, if it be a

Т			mistake or if and that is a matter for the Chairman	
2			to decide, but that it would appear what Superintendent	
3			Cunningham's case was, if he had one, was that the	
4			DPP's directions weren't circulated to the Ds, and this	
5			caused a change in Sergeant McCabe, no doubt a change	11:34
6			following on the investigation, the unpleasantness with	
7			the Ds and the directions not being made available to	
8			the Ds; would that be fair? And if I bring you, maybe	
9			it might be of assistance to you, to the transcript,	
10			it's at page 1497. Yes.	11:34
11		Α.	Yes.	
12	106	Q.	And if I go down to maybe line 5. Superintendent	
13			Cunningham is in the witness box being questioned by	
14			Mr. Smyth:	
15				11:35
16			"The question I am asking you is this: That again it	
17			seems evident that at all times he"	
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19			Being Sergeant McCabe.	
20				11:35
21			" was anxious to get these directions shown to both	
22			the D family as well as having the directions, the full	
23			directions divulged to himself.	
24			A. Yes, Judge.	
25			Q. That couldn't be done for obvious reason, is that	11:35
26			correct?	
27			A. That is correct, Judge.	
28			Q. Was there a change in Sergeant McCabe, did you	
29			find follow that?	

1			MR. JUSTICE O'HIGGINS: Following what? Following the	
2			refusal by you to give him the direction?	
3			A. Yes, Judge.	
4			Q. What did you interpret that change to be?"	
5				11:35
6			And this, it would appear from the transcript, to be	
7			the position with regard to Superintendent Cunningham.	
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9			"Well, Judge, I had known Sergeant Maurice McCabe for	
10			years, 15, maybe 20 years, I'd say even to this day	11:36
11			that I haven't had a cross word with Mr. Maurice	
12			McCabe. In fact, the opposite. I would respectfully	
13			suggest that I fully have supported him in everything	
14			he did. I have ample incidents that I can write with	
15			that. I was now meeting him, a man I had known for	11:36
16			years, he was taping me, he was if you see the	
17			questions put to me "Noel, let's talk off the record".	
18			Maurice knows me well, I don't know off the record."	
19				
20			And he continues on that way.	11:36
21		Α.	Yes.	
22	107	Q.	And then he is asked:	
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24			"Q. What way did his behaviour change towards you?	
25			A. His attitude to me changed, Judge. He said it	11:36
26			himself even in conversations, that he didn't trust	
27			anybody any more. It had impacted on his life. It	
28			affected him."	
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1 So, going back again to your note of the 14th May that 2 you made either before or after your conversation with the Commissioner in relation to her instructions, the 3 words "Maurice changed" appeared there as well? 4 5 Yes, yes. Α. 11:37 6 108 So was this -- what I am asking you, Chief Q. 7 Superintendent, was this what Superintendent Cunningham 8 was trying to explore in relation to motivation? Well, it's my understanding that the phrase in relation 9 Α. to my notes of the 14th had come out of the --10 11:37 11 109 Yes. Q. -- consultations on the 12th and 13th. 12 Α. 13 110 Q. Yes. 14 Α. And certainly that was the instructions or the 15 situation arising out of those consultations and my 11:37 16 note on the 14th refers to those consultations. 17 issue here then obviously relates to something that 18 happened within --19 111 Yes. Q. -- the Commission itself, and you know, what 20 Α. 11:38 21 Superintendent Cunningham says here is in response to a 22 direct question from the Judge, so --23 From counsel. 112 Q. 24 Or from counsel, sorry. Α. For the Commissioner. Yes. 25 113 0. 11:38 So you know, from my recollection, I know that 26 Α. 27 both officers at the consultations were asked, and I think it was superintendent --28

I think maybe we won't go into --

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- 1 A. Okay, sorry, it's privileged.
- 2 115 Q. -- what people said. What I am trying to get to the
- 3 bottom of, Chief Superintendent Healy, and I may be
- 4 repeating myself somewhat, but did Commissioner
- 5 O'Sullivan authorise the questioning of Sergeant McCabe 11:38
- 6 that he had made a complaint against Superintendent
- 7 Clancy so as to somehow force the issue of the DPP's
- 8 directions?
- 9 A. No, I think it was in relation to all the complaints
- 10 that were, I suppose at that particular time -- you
- see, you have to remember as well that the Commissioner

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- 12 would have had prior and other knowledge of all of
- these issues going back for a number of years.
- 14 116 Q. Yes.
- A. So it wasn't as though I was coming to this, you know,
- as a new item, it was an issue that was ongoing. And
- it was my understanding that, you know, that what I was
- seeking from the Commissioner was the instructions to
- 19 proceed along the lines of motive and credibility based
- on what counsel had understood, which was from the
- consultations and, as I said, from the material that
- they had read in the core booklet.
- 23 117 Q. So, as far as you were concerned, what happened on the
- 24 18th, on the Monday, in relation to the complaints
- 25 which at that stage were against Superintendent Clancy
- and the issue of forcing the DPP's directions, that was
- all authorised by the Commissioner, as far as you were
- 28 concerned?
- 29 A. Sorry, could you repeat that?

- 1 118 Q. The exchange on the Monday, the 18th May --
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 119 Q. -- where the issue of the letter was first before the
- 4 Commission, if I can put it that way, okay?
- 5 A. Yes, on the 18th, yes.
- 6 120 Q. And Chief Superintendent Rooney's evidence continued.

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- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 121 Q. Superintendent Cunningham gave evidence.
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 122 Q. Sergeant McCabe gave evidence and was cross-examined on 11:40
- the contents of the letter, if you understand?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 123 Q. So at that time, that, all of what happened on that
- day, didn't cause you to go back to the Commissioner
- and tell the Commissioner, look, what you have
- 16 authorised, counsel have gone beyond that?
- 17 A. You see, that was a matter for counsel, as far as I was
- concerned. They were dealing with what was going on in
- the Commission. They were managing the evidence, and
- that -- you know what I mean, unless I was specifically 11:41
- asked to go back to the Commissioner from counsel, I
- saw that as my role. I wasn't instructed to go back.
- I gave the instructions that the Commissioner had
- relayed to me, I gave -- I relayed them to counsel, and
- it was a matter then for counsel to conduct the
- 26 proceedings inside in the Commission.
- 27 124 Q. Yes. Now, I understand that, Chief Superintendent, but
- in fairness, you had been asked specifically to take
- 29 instructions from the Commissioner in relation to the

- 1 issue of motivation, which you did on the 14th? 2 Yeah. Α. 3 125 0. And on the 15th, the matter was clarified, maybe not 4 directly on the instructions from Mr. Justice 5 O'Higgins, but certainly he was pointing matters in 11:42 that direction on the 15th? 6 7 Yeah. Α. 8 126 So directly following that, on the 18th the exchange 0. 9 that took place, none of that caused you to go back to 10 the Commissioner and say counsel has gone beyond what 11 · 42 11 you have authorised on the 14th and 15th? 12 No, you see, I didn't do -- I didn't go back to that Α. 13 Commissioner with that issue, if that is the answer to I didn't do that. I didn't see it as my 14 the question. 15 role either. 11:42 16 Well, I suppose that is the answer, really, chief 127 Q. 17 superintendent, that you were a very senior member of 18 the Guards --19 It wasn't my role either. This was a matter for Α. counsel to deal with within the confines of the 20 11:42 Commission itself. And they were dealing with it, as 21 22 far as I was concerned, and the issues that they were 23 dealing with obviously, you know what I mean, is a 24 matter for them. And I didn't go back to the Commissioner after that, I didn't see it that I had to 25 go back to the Commissioner, unless I was instructed to 26
- 29 128 Q. I don't think I can bring it much further than that.

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go back to get further clarification again, which I

Was Commissioner O'Sullivan informed at some stage of 1 2 what had transpired on day 5, can you remember? 3 had to have been told sometime but I was just wondering when vou told her? 4 5 I can't remember specifically. Look, I know I would Α. 11:43 have been in contact with the Commissioner regularly on 6 7 I may have called her on that night, I the phone. can't remember specifically now at this point. 8 CHAIRMAN: By day 5 you are referring to the clear-up 9 of the issue? 10 11:43 11 MS. LEADER: The clear-up of the issue, yes. All I can say in relation to that, specifically I can't 12 Α. 13 remember, but I would have been in regular contact with 14 the Commissioner on what was going on in the 15 Commission, and I would have discussed those issues. 11:43 16 Some days because the Commissioner has a busy schedule, I couldn't, I wasn't in a position to contact her and 17 18 maybe it might run for three or four days and then I'd 19 speak to her, you know what I mean, based on her 20 availability. But I don't have a specific recollection 11:44 of going back about this matter. 21 22 129 Okay. Q. 23 I think it was cleared up with the Commission and --Α. 24 Yes. So do I take it from that, Chief Superintendent, 130 Q. 25 that there was no sense of a catastrophe or a big 11 · 44 mistake having been made or something having gone very 26

Well, obviously the implications of the paragraph

itself had a completely different meaning and at some

badly wrong?

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2			about it.	
3	131	Q.	Yes.	
4		Α.	But I would have explained that this was a genuine	
5			error that had occurred and it had been explained to	11:44
6			the Commission what had happened. And I think the	
7			CHAIRMAN: You have no specific recollection of that	
8			conversation at all?	
9		Α.	I don't, I don't, sorry.	
10			CHAIRMAN: You just think in the ordinary course of	11:45
11			events you must have done something like that?	
12		Α.	Yes. I don't have a I don't have a specific memory	
13			of actually discussing this particular issue. In fact,	
14			I have no memory of it at all, to tell you the truth.	
15	132	Q.	MS. LEADER: Just for completeness' sake, if we go back	11:45
16			to your notes of the day of the 24th of June, which	
17			appear in typed version at page 3834 of the materials.	
18		Α.	The 24th June?	
19	133	Q.	Yes. That was day 5. If we just scroll down a little	
20			part. Sorry, scroll up, sorry, Mr. Kavanagh. Yes. So	11:45
21			you have noted, it would appear, just under the	
22			brackets "Commission of Investigation", if you will	
23			read out that paragraph for me, please.	
24		Α.	"Para 19 of submission to the Commission by the CSSO,	
25			word "against" instead of the word "to", transcript	11:46
26			verified the Commission on page 10."	
27				
28			Sorry:	

stage I would have spoken to her about it and told her

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Т			the commission of investigation. Para 19 - of the	
2			submission to the Commission by, CSSO. Word "against"	
3			is instead of word "to", transcript verified by	
4			Commission. Page 10."	
5				11:46
6			I don't know what the significance	
7	134	Q.	I think there is another relevant paragraph just	
8			immediately underneath that.	
9		Α.	"Reason for investigation was to investigate complaint	
10			against alleged made about and not Mick Clancy against	11:46
11			should it be to."	
12	135	Q.	"To". So it would appear you noted what happened, for	
13			what it's worth, in your notes?	
14		Α.	Yeah. The significance of the word "to" and "from"	
15			sorry, "to" and "against", was clear at that hearing.	11:47
16			I was there, that is what I wrote down at the	
17			particular time.	
18			CHAIRMAN: So did anybody apologise to Sergeant McCabe	
19			and say, yes, oh, I am sorry, on the Monday, the	
20			following question was asked:	11:47
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22			"In the course of that meeting, Sergeant, you advised	
23			Superintendent Cunningham that the only reason you made	
24			complaints against Superintendent Clancy was to force	
25			him to allow you to have the full authority directions	11:47
26			conveyed to you."	
27			And he answered: "That is absolutely false."	
28			Well, he was telling the truth about that.	
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Т			CHAIRMAN: And an arregation had been put to him in the	
2			wrong. Did anybody clear it up from his point of view	
3			and say, sorry and I have seen it happen loads of	
4			time in court, someone comes along and says 'what I	
5			said two days ago, by the way, was wrong and I	11:47
6			apologise', just that?	
7		Α.	Certainly, I don't I have no recollection of an	
8			apology being forwarded to him. I didn't utter an	
9			apology at that particular time. That is as far as I	
10			can put it.	11:48
11			CHAIRMAN: Yes. No, I am not saying you should have	
12			done it, but	
13		Α.	No, no, I am just	
14			CHAIRMAN: it would be normal for counsel to do it,	
15			perhaps.	11:48
16		Α.	I understand, I understand, Judge. But	
17	136	Q.	MS. LEADER: Just following on the Chairman's question.	
18			Was any thought given at that stage to filing amended	
19			submissions in relation to what had been part of the	
20			Commissioner's submissions in relation to other matters	11:48
21			in relation to Module 1?	
22		Α.	I wasn't aware of amending the submission. The	
23			thought at that stage, I was moving on to the next	
24			module and preparing for that. And I suppose the	
25			submission is a fairly hefty document itself, I may not	11:48
26			have realised the significance myself, that the	
27			document should have been amended, because I was	
28			focusing on what was coming next.	
29	137	Q.	Coming ahead. You see, perhaps we may might not be	

1			here today if	
2		Α.	Of course.	
3	138	Q.	some remedial action, and obviously we can't put	
4			ourselves back to 2015, but was there any thought given	
5			to fixing the mistake in the submissions or, as the	11:4
6			Chairman has suggested, by making it clear that it was	
7			a mistake and apologising to Sergeant McCabe about it?	
8		Α.	Well, was any thought given to it? I don't recollect	
9			whether there was thought given to it or not, but	
10			certainly, now, you know what I mean, have to apologise	11:5
11			for it. It would be completely wrong not to.	
12	139	Q.	Yes. But at the time	
13		Α.	At the time, look, the submissions were done and	
14			dusted. We were moving on. I was moving on. My mind	
15			was focusing on, you know, the issues that I had to	11:5
16			deal with with the Commission and the pressure that we	
17			were under to ensure that we were in a better place	
18			dealing with the next module coming as opposed to when	
19			we started the previous one.	
20	140	Q.	Okay. If I could turn, then, to your notes of the 3rd	11:5
21			July 2015, to the very and at the typed version at	
22			page 3851. If you just go down to the very end of that	
23			page, you see there is a reference there to:	
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25			"Colm Ó Mongáin, 'This Week', spoke with the	11:5
26			Commissioner, 6:40 p.m. on 4th July 2015."	
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28			And I think at that stage it was actually Mr. Burke and	

not Mr. -- Mr. Burke from RTÉ, not Mr. Ó Mongáin, had

2 on in the Commission. 3 Okay. The press queries come into the Press Office, Α. 4 so... 5 141 Yes. Well, maybe you could assist us in what you spoke 11:51 Q. 6 with the Commissioner about on the 4th July 2015. Em, I think, I'm not sure now, there was -- I am trying 7 Α. 8 to recollect. I don't want to say something that is 9 not correct. I can assist you. Maybe this would refresh your 10 142 Q. 11:52 11 memory. If we turn to page 2016 of the materials. 12 Sorry, now, on? Α. 13 Sorry, it's Volume 3. Sorry, Chief Superintendent. 143 Q. 14 Α. 2016? 15 144 2016. Yes. And you see there is a press query from Q. 11:52 16 Mr. Burke of RTÉ emailed to Mr. McLindon, and there is a reference to: 17 18 19 "First of all, RTÉ understands that Sergeant McCabe has 20 contacted Garda Headquarters to request that he be 11:52 released from the new role leading up the Traffic Unit 21 22 at Mullingar. What is your response to this and your 23 understanding of the circumstances behind Sergeant 24 McCabe's decision?" 25 11:53 26 That related to workplace issues. 27 Mm-hmm. Α. 28 145 And the fallout in relation to what had been put to Q. 29 Sergeant McCabe at the Commission?

raised a press query in relation to what had been going

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1		Α.	Yeah.	
2	146	Q.	Yes. And the second thing is:	
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4			"Secondly, and separate to the above, RTÉ's 'This Week'	
5			understands that at a recent session of Justice Kevin	11:53
6			O'Higgins' inquiry, counsel for the Garda Commissioner	
7			raised questions over the motivation of Sergeant McCabe	
8			for bringing certain matters regarding alleged Garda	
9			misconduct to attention. Does this amount to the view	
10			of the Garda Commissioner in terms of her view as to	11:53
11			why Sergeant McCabe raised these issues in the first	
12			instance?"	
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14			So that's the press query on the 4th July. So it would	
15				11:53
16			appears to reference the 4th at the very bottom of the	
17			page, Chief Superintendent.	
18		Α.	Yes.	
19	147	Q.	Yes.	
20		Α.	I suppose in relation to	11:54
21	148	Q.	It says: "Spoke with the Commissioner, 6:40 p.m.,	
22			4/7/2015."	
23		Α.	well, I suppose	
24	149	Q.	And then there is a reference to Colm Ó Mongáin of	
25			'This Week'.	11:54
26		Α.	I suppose I have a recollection I can't remember in	
27			what context it is about Sergeant McCabe making	
28			writing a report to the Commissioner in relation to	
29			Mullingar and about the fact that he wasn't happy to	

- 1 continue working there any more, and based on what I 2 now know --Yes. 3 150 Q. -- in relation to the 11th and the issues that were 4 Α. 5 going on, but at that time I didn't realise the 11:54 6 significance of that. 7 151 Okay. Q. 8 Secondly, in relation to -- a second point. The issues Α. of motivation was still active in the Commission. 9 10 Yes, yes. 152 Q. 11:55 11 Right? you know what I mean, it was still an active Α. 12 instruction. There was a mistake made in this 13 document. Now, have we moved on from that or are we 14 still talking about that issue? 15 Well, I am asking you really what that conversation was 11:55 153 Q. 16 about, if you can remember, Chief Superintendent? 17 I can't remember, you know, I can't remember. Α. 18 154 Okay. Well, maybe if I make --Q. 19 I just have a brief note that I spoke to her, you know. Α. 20 It doesn't spark a memory to me as to what I discussed 21 with her. It's probably in response to a call; it 22 could have been from her, I could have rang her, I don't know. 23 24 Okay. Well, I just put it as a suggestion to 155
- 27 156 Q. Yes.

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you that --

A. -- it was our concern always that the Commission's hearings were in complete privacy, and commenting on

Just in relation to the press queries --

what was going on within the hearings was something 2 that we were not engaging in at all. 3 157 Q. Well, I just don't want to be unfair to you, because there is a --4 5 Yeah, as far as I am concerned. Α. 11:56 6 158 -- reasonably contemporaneous note at page 2022, which Q. 7 perhaps might help you to remember what you spoke to the Commissioner about. And that is at Volume 3. 8 9 Sorry, 2022, yes. Α. 2022. 10 159 Q. 11:56 11 Yes. Α. 12 Maybe if we could read out the -- if you could 160 Ο. 13 read out the email. "Please see the attached email received from Colm 14 Α. 15 Smyth, Senior Counsel, by way of update as discussed. 11:57 16 On Saturday evening, following our telephone 17 conversation, I spoke with Superintendent John Ferris, 18 PRO, and sought a copy of the question posed by RTÉ and 19 the response issued by An Garda Síochána. Following 20 our conversation. I contacted the CSSO and discussed 11:57 same with Ms. Annmarie Ryan therein, who brought the 21 22 items raised to the attention of the Commission of Investigation. The Commission, Mr. David O'Hagan, 23 24 solicitor, therein, has responded by way of general 25 letter to all parties and has instructed all witnesses 11:57 be advised accordingly. I am currently arranging same 26 27 on our side. Forwarded for your attention." 28

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1	And I think that relates to a concern that there was
2	the confidentiality of the Commission and the privacy
3	issue was being breached with press queries being
4	raised with respect to what was going on in the
5	Commission, was my understanding.

- 6 161 Q. All right. So was the conversation with the
  7 Commissioner, so, along the lines of, how was this
  8 getting into the press or was it along the lines of,
  9 what is going on down at the Commission?
- No, it was along the lines of, how is this going to the 11:58 10 Α. 11 press? And I think, you know, the Commissioner was 12 reverting back to counsel by way -- you know, advice as 13 to how we would deal with these issues. And it's my 14 understanding that, you know, there was a concern that 15 there was matters being reported which -- there was a 11:58 16 concern that I had, because it was completely and 17 utterly private and I was very conscious of the issues 18 that were being discussed within the confines of the 19 private hearing itself and the fact that the issues 20 were now arising in the national media, that was mainly 11:58 21 my concern.
- 22 well, your answer is -- may be of some 162 Q. Okay. 23 importance, Chief Superintendent, because if the 24 Commissioner was asking you what is going on down at 25 the Commission, it would suggest that she may not have been aware of the exchange on the 18th and the 26 27 recalling of Superintendent Cunningham and the mistake in the letter, but if it was how is this all getting 28 29 into the press? It may be that she knew all about that

- but was concerned about it getting into the public
- 2 domain. Can you cast any light on that?
- 3 A. I think on the 6th July when this email was written,
- 4 you know, I would have spoken to the Commissioner
- 5 several times in that intervening period. The
- 6 Commissioner would have been brought up to date with

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- 7 what is happening regularly. And the main concern
- 8 really was that, you know, this was a private hearing,
- 9 and every day that I went to the private hearing, you
- 10 know, in fairness to Judge O'Higgins, he was at pains
- to say that, you know, and there were several times
- during the hearing that he remonstrated with people in
- the room and reminded them of the fact that it was a
- private hearing, and I think that was a concern that
- was certainly one of mine, and that's how, you know
- 16 what I mean, how we were dealing with it.
- 17 163 Q. Yes. Because if we actually look at counsel's letter,
- 18 which is dated 6th July --
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 164 Q. -- and obviously counsel will deal with this, but --
- 21 and it's just over --
- 22 A. 2024, yes.
- 23 165 Q. You have it in front of you. But I think it's fair to
- say it doesn't deal with the issue of leaks in any way
- or publicity or what is getting into the public domain? 12:00
- 26 A. Yes.
- 27 166 Q. Is that fair?
- 28 A. Oh, yeah, well that letter is --
- 29 167 Q. Yes.

- A. I don't think that letter is linked to this issue, to tell you the truth, to that query.
- 3 168 Q. So when -- yes, if you would assist me because --
- 4 A. My understanding --
- 5 169 Q. -- I am working backwards.
- A. My understanding of that letter of 6th July from counsel is that they were the thoughts of counsel put on paper and circulated.
- 9 170 Q. Yes.
- 10 A. I don't think they are linked to this particular issue 12:01

  11 here, the press query issue. They just -- there may be 12 issues in tandem, is my understanding.

- 13 171 Q. Yes.
- A. But they are not directly linked there. In my view,
  that letter of 6th July, when I read that it was -- my 12:01
  understanding of it was that that was counsel's -obviously whatever was in his mind at that particular
- time when he put pen to paper and he articulated it in that way and that was it.
- 20 172 Q. Okay.
- A. So, as I said, my concern really here was -- about the press queries, was about the fact that this matter was finding itself in the public domain.
- 24 173 Q. Okay. So if there is -- there is nothing to be read
  25 out of the fact that the email chain is as follows:
  26 We have an email from Ms. Ryan to you, saying, "Dear
  27 Fergus, further to --"
- 28 A. Sorry, where are we here?
- 29 174 Q. Sorry page 2022.

1 Α. Yes. 2 "I attach letter from Mr. Smyth dated 6th inst. setting 175 Q. 3 out his views on issues to date and, in particular, Sergeant McCabe's motivation for bringing the 4 5 complaints in the first place." 12:02 6 Yes. Α. 7 176 And then we have, about ten minutes later, an email Q. 8 from you to the Commissioner --9 Yes. Α. -- saying: 10 177 Q. 12.02 11 12 "Commissioner, please see the attached email received 13 from Colm Smyth by way of update as discussed." 14 15 But that had nothing to do with the press --12:02 16 I don't think it did, no. Α. 17 All right. And then you go on and say: 178 Q. 18 19 "On Saturday evening following our telephone 20 conversation." 12:02 21 22 And you have read that email out already. 23 Yes. Α. 24 And that letter from Mr. Smyth, which will be got to by 179 Q. 25 Mr. Smyth, but --12:03 26 Yes. Α. 27 180 -- it deals with the -- if we just go to the second Q. paragraph, what he says is: "It is becoming 28 increasingly --" it's at page 2024 of the materials. 29

- 1 A. I have it here, yes.
- 2 181 Q. "It is becoming increasingly obvious as the module
- 3 hearings proceed that Sergeant Maurice McCabe has a
- 4 strong motivation to denigrate the character and
- 5 reputation of Chief Superintendent Clancy and
- 6 Superintendent Cunningham."

- 8 And the letter goes on to explain why he thinks that is
- 9 the case.
- 10 A. Yes, that is my understanding of the letter, you know,
- that he put his thoughts on paper, and it just came
- 12 back from the solicitor -- from the State solicitor,
- and I sent it to the Commissioner.
- 14 182 Q. And did you have any discussion with the Commissioner
- about it?

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- 16 A. No, I don't think so. I can't remember.
- 17 183 Q. Okay. Did you have any discussion with counsel about
- 18 it?
- 19 A. No. I wouldn't --
- 20 184 Q. And did you ask counsel for that letter?
- 21 A. No.
- 22 185 Q. Was it a surprise to you when Ms. Ryan sent it?
- 23 A. As far as I know, my understanding of it was that it
- 24 was a letter that was circulated, you know, that -- I
- don't think it's linked to the -- directly linked to
- the press query.
- 27 186 Q. Press query?
- 28 A. Yes.
- 29 187 Q. That is your impression of it, in any event?

- 1 A. Yes, yes.
- 2 188 Q. And if I could just go back a little bit in time.
- There is a reference in the Commissioner's diary on the

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- 4 21st May 2017 to a meeting with counsel --
- 5 A. '15, I think.
- J A. 13, I CHIIK.
- 6 189 Q. Sorry?
- 7 A. 2015.
- 8 190 Q. Sorry. I beg your pardon. Thank you. 2015.
- 9 "4:30 p.m., a meeting with counsel, Colm Smyth, and
- 10 Chief Superintendent Healy, Commissioner's office."
- 11 A. That's correct.
- 12 191 Q. First of all, maybe you could confirm whether or not
- that meeting actually happened?
- 14 A. Oh, yeah, that meeting took place. I was present for
- 15 that meeting.
- 16 192 Q. And in relation to -- or at that meeting, were the
- instructions of the 14th, which was the Thursday
- 18 evening, discussed in any way?
- 19 A. Was which discussed?
- 20 193 Q. The Commissioner's instructions that she relayed to you 12:05
- to be given to counsel?
- A. No, the meeting was a meet-and-greet meeting. Both
- parties had never met each other, and it was a meeting
- 24 arranged -- I suggested that the Commissioner would
- 25 meet counsel, and the Commissioner thought it was a
- 26 good idea, so we arranged a meeting, and it was done so
- 27 to -- after court. I think Mr. Smyth was on his way
- 28 home from court, and he just called in to basically
- introduced himself to the Commissioner, and it was a

1 meet-and-greet meeting. They had a cup of tea, they 2 exchanged niceties and they had a general discussion 3 about the Commission and the way things were 4 progressing. Okay. And when you say 'general discussion', I suppose 12:06 5 194 Q. 6 maybe the highlight event of the Commission at that 7 stage was the panic, I suppose, of the 15th --8 Yeah, yeah. Α. -- 15th of May. Was that discussed? 9 195 Q. No, it was discussed in the sense that, do you know 10 Α. 12:06 11 what I mean, we had an issue on day 2, and we, you know 12 what I mean, got over that issue, and it was, you know what I mean -- I think there was an understanding 13 14 between both parties what had happened, and it was just mentioned by way of, I suppose, to say that we had now 15 12:06 16 moved on from that point, and it wasn't discussed in 17 detail, day 2 itself wasn't discussed in detail.

Commission, and the Commissioner had an equal concern as well, that the allegations of corruption were a very serious issue for her, and I think if the allegations of corruption -- Mr. Smyth's concerns were that the allegations of corruption wouldn't stick, was the term

corruption were the main factors here in this

was -- Mr. Smyth's main concerns at that meeting were

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that the issues of corruption, the allegations of

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used, I think, and that if -- obviously, the issues of malpractice and all of that, you know what I mean,

those matters, we could deal with, but the issues of

corruption were the -- was the main concern that

Т			Mr. Smyth had about the overall manner in which the	
2			Commission was running.	
3	196	Q.	Was the issue of motivation discussed?	
4		Α.	I can't remember in detail. I don't think it was. I	
5			think the main concern was, just a general	12:07
6			introduction, it was about how the Commission itself	
7			was progressing, that he was happy with the way things	
8			were progressing, and that the main concern was that he	
9			the issues of corruption were the main issues for	
10			him, and he was conveying that to the Commissioner, and	12:08
11			the Commissioner was saying, yes, that she had equal	
12			concerns herself about the corruption issues and the	
13			seriousness of them for the organisation.	
14	197	Q.	So insofar as I understand it, the corruption issue and	
15			the motivation issue are somewhat interlinked	12:08
16		Α.	Yes.	
17	198	Q.	one would expect, insofar as it seems to be it was	
18			necessary to go down the road of exploring	
19			motivation	
20		Α.	Yes.	12:08
21	199	Q.	because of the serious issues that were raised by	
22			Sergeant McCabe, one of those serious issues being	
23			corruption, maybe one would expect the issue of	
24			motivation to have come up somehow, if corruption was	
25			coming up at that meeting?	12:09
26		Α.	There was never it's my recollection there was never	
27			a discussion about the motivation issue or the	
28			instructions about it. The instructions had been	
29			given. The understanding, you know what I mean, was	

1			mutual, and the main concern was that the that the	
2			corruption finding if there was corruption findings	
3			reached by the Commission, that it was a serious matter	
4			for the organisation, and the Commissioner had a	
5			concern about that, a real concern about that. And	12:09
6			Mr. Smyth Mr. Smyth was of equal view, that, you	
7			know what I mean, the most serious issue here is the	
8			corruption issue, and he was conveying to the	
9			Commissioner the corruption matter was something that	
10			everybody had to be seriously concerned about. That	12:09
11			was my understanding of the meeting.	
12	200	Q.	Was it just the three of you who were at that meeting?	
13		Α.	That's all, it was just three of us. It was we were	
14			in the room, in the Commissioner's office. We were	
15			sitting around together and having a cup of tea and a	12:10
16			biscuit and just discussing that. It lasted 15/20	
17			minutes, and Mr. Smyth then left and I they	
18			exchanged niceties at the end and the Commissioner	
19			wished him a safe trip home and I brought Mr. Smyth	
20			out, and that was it.	12:10
21	201	Q.	Okay. And there were no notes recorded of the meeting?	
22		Α.	No, it was just it was a a meet-and-greet-type	
23			meeting for the purpose of introducing themselves to	
24			each other, more or less. That is what it was, that is	
25			what it was.	12:10
26	202	Q.	And were counsel's advices of the 15th, the email	
27			advices, were they discussed in any way?	
28		Α.	No, not to my recollection. We had moved on from that.	

I think it was an overall general discussion, as I

2	203	Q.	Okay. Right. I think the Commission moved on with its	
3			work and dealt with other modules, and I think Sergeant	
4			McCabe was called as a witness in relation to all of	
5			those modules, is that correct?	12:11
6		Α.	Yes.	
7			CHAIRMAN: Can I just ask one question, just arising	
8			out of that. I'm at a loss to know why Annmarie Ryan	
9			wasn't there.	
10		Α.	This was never a formal meeting.	12:11
11			CHAIRMAN: No, I appreciate it's not a formal meeting,	
12			but neither is it a glass of champagne at a racecourse.	
13		Α.	I understand that, yes.	
14			CHAIRMAN: You know, I mean, it's inevitable, you are	
15			my client and I am coming to meet you. Instructions	12:11
16			come from the solicitor. The solicitor had been	
17			begging for a consultation.	
18		Α.	Yes.	
19			CHAIRMAN: But she is never allowed to see the Garda	
20			Commissioner until the Garda Commissioner is actually	12:12
21			there to give evidence. I just I don't understand	
22			that.	
23		Α.	Well, I suppose Ms. Ryan was pushing for a	
24			consultation, yes, and I conveyed that to the	
25			Commissioner. At the weekend concerned, the	12:12
26			Commissioner was unavailable. The meeting on the 21st	
27			was something that I had suggested to the Commissioner	
28			as a way of meeting Mr. Smyth. It was nothing more	
29			than that T meant it in a sense that it was you	

alluded to.

1			know, it would be no harm to meet Mr. Smyth, and that	
2			you, Mr. Smyth, could meet her, because they had never	
3			met before, and I suggested it to the Commissioner.	
4			The Commissioner thought it was a good idea. Maybe, in	
5			hindsight, it mightn't have been, but at that time it	12:12
6			was meant	
7			CHAIRMAN: Well, I am not certainly, there is	
8			nothing loaded in that question in the sense that you	
9			had some kind of subterranean motivation in relation to	
10			it, but you know what the rules are.	12:13
11		Α.	Well, I suppose, there was nothing sinister in	
12			CHAIRMAN: No, no, I appreciate that, I appreciate	
13			that, but it may not it may not have been the best	
14			idea.	
15		Α.	It may not, in hindsight, as I said, been the best	12:13
16			idea, but nevertheless, Judge, it did take place. I	
17			can only give account as to what happened.	
18			CHAIRMAN: That's fine. Don't worry about it. We	
19			should move on.	
20	204	Q.	MS. LEADER: Was there any reason there was no	12:13
21			reference to it included in your statement to the	
22			Tribunal?	
23		Α.	Well, I when I put my statement in, you know what I	
24			mean, I didn't remember it, to tell you the truth, at	
25			that particular time. I was trying to remember	12:13
26			everything in relation to this Commission, and, as you	
27			can see, it's fairly extensive, and I was trying to	
28			read myself back into all of the issues that and I	
29			was putting myself back two years here, and a lot of	

1			things had happened in the meantime. So that issue	
2			slipped my mind, and it wasn't a deliberate act in any	
3			way to mislead the Tribunal. I would be forthright in	
4			relation to that issue. There is absolutely no	
5			question that it didn't happen. It did happen.	12:14
6	205	Q.	If we could turn to Volume 4 of the materials, Chief	
7			Superintendent, page 2324. I think Mr. McLindon, who	
8			was at that time in charge of media matters in the	
9			Gardaí, is that correct? He was in your Press Office?	
10		Α.	Well, I know Mr. Lindon McLindon, yeah.	12:14
11	206	Q.	Yes. But just to explain to people what his role is,	
12			he dealt with press queries?	
13		Α.	Well, he is a director of communications for the Garda	
14			Síochána.	
15	207	Q.	Okay. I think he he told you on the 12th September	12:15
16			2015, he emailed both you and Mr. Ruane	
17		Α.	Sorry, now, which page are we on?	
18	208	Q.	Sorry, I beg your pardon. 2324 of Volume 4.	
19		Α.	Yes.	
20	209	Q.	He emailed both yourself and Mr. Ruane and said:	12:15
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22			"Just to let you know that I have received a query via	
23			phone call from Sunday Times inquiring on whether we	
24			have challenged some of the evidence of Sergeant	
25			McCabe. I have given standard line of no comment while	12:15
26			Commission ongoing.	
27			Regards,	
28			Andrew."	
29		Α.	Yes.	

And you emailed him back, and you said: 1 210 Q. 2 "We can't comment on the Commission's work as it's being heard in private." 3 As I said, that was my view all along, I said the 4 Α. 5 Commission was a private matter, and Mr. Justice 12:16 6 O'Higgins articulated that on numerous occasions, and I 7 was very, very conscious of that in my dealings. 8 in my private life, I wouldn't discuss it at all with anybody. 9 And I think in a consultation on 17th September, 10 211 Q. 12:16 11 Ms. Ryan's notes of it appear at page 2327 of the materials. 12 13 Yes. Α. 14 212 Ο. It would appear that you were present at that 15 consultation, and it says: 12:16 16 17 "Media leaks - recent article in Sunday Times by John 18 Mooney. Colm Smyth, SC, will raise this matter with 19 the Commission on Monday." 20 Α. Yes. 12:16 21 213 And I think that was -- well, was that done? Q. 22 Yes, I think it was, yes. Α. 23 214 Yes. 0. 24 I don't know, sir, if you want to break? It's quarter 25 past? 12.17 CHAIRMAN: We will go on for five more minutes. 26 27 MS. LEADER: Very well, yes. 28 215 I think the next thing of relevance to your evidence Q. 29 is, preparing for the appearance of the Commissioner,

1			Commissioner O'Sullivan	
2		Α.	Yes.	
3	216	Q.	at the Commission of Investigation?	
4		Α.	Yes.	
5	217	Q.	Now, Ms. Ryan said in her evidence that it wasn't	12:17
6			anticipated that the Commissioner would be giving	
7			evidence. I don't know if you can help the Tribunal in	
8			any way with regard to that?	
9		Α.	Well, it was it wasn't within our remit to decide	
10			what witnesses would or wouldn't be called, and I think	12:17
11			the Commission the question we had was, was the	
12			Commission going to call the Commissioner to give	
13			evidence. And obviously, in light of what had evolved	
14			within the Commission in the very early stages, we	
15			would have had a legitimate concern that the	12:18
16			Commissioner was going to appear at the Commission, for	
17			obvious reasons.	
18	218	Q.	I don't know if I quite follow what you are saying,	
19			Chief Superintendent.	
20		Α.	Okay. I think there was obviously, the	12:18
21			Commissioner's instructions were being challenged, and	
22			it was discussed inside in the Commission that the	
23			counsel for Sergeant McCabe wanted to wanted the	
24			Commissioner to be brought down to explain the view,	
25			the stance taken by the Garda Síochána, and that it	12:18
26			wouldn't be a pleasant experience for the Commissioner,	
27			and I think when those words were uttered, they rang	
28			alarm bells in my head that this was going to be	

another controversial appearance, if it were to take

Τ			place. I had serious concerns that we would have	
2			another eruption of what had happened on day 2 if the	
3			Commissioner was to come in and give evidence at that	
4			Commission, and it was a concern that I had on an	
5			ongoing basis, so it was completely outside our	12:19
6			discretion, and the Commission then decided that the	
7			Commissioner was to appear.	
8	219	Q.	Okay. Was there a sense of unease at the Commissioner	
9			having to appear at the Commission?	
10		Α.	Only for the reasons I alluded to, was that I had a	12:19
11			concern that the Commissioner was going to be it was	
12			going to be a very difficult experience for the	
13			Commissioner, based on what had been uttered inside in	
14			the Commission.	
15	220	Q.	And you are referring there to week one of the	12:19
16			Commission, is it?	
17		Α.	Yes, I think it was on day 1 or day 2 day 2 of the	
18			Commission.	
19	221	Q.	That we have gone through already?	
20		Α.	Yes, yes.	12:19
21	222	Q.	I think, in view of the upcoming appearance, a	
22			consultation was arranged on the 16th October with the	
23			Commissioner. That is on page 2337 of Volume 4, I	
24			think.	
25		Α.	2337.	12:20
26	223	Q.	Yes.	
27			CHAIRMAN: Maybe this is a good point at which to	
28			break, Ms. Leader. How long do you think you will be?	
29			MS. LEADER: I think about 40 minutes longer. This is	

1	the only big issue to be dealt with.
2	CHAIRMAN: I understand. Thanks. And Mr. McDowell? I
3	am just asking for an indication as to how long you
4	think you will be.
5	MR. McDOWELL: I would say it will be an hour, Judge, 12:20
6	or more than an hour.
7	CHAIRMAN: And is there anybody else that wants to ask
8	any questions? Something small. Ms. Gleeson, do you
9	want to ask any questions? At the moment you think
10	not, yes.
11	MR. MURPHY: Chairman, I think I will be about 15
12	minutes.
13	CHAIRMAN: I wasn't ignoring you, Mr. Murphy, I am
14	sorry. So, yes, we have all right. Well, you can
15	review where we are at in that respect. 12:20
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17	THE HEARING ADJOURNED FOR LUNCH.
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1			THE HEARING RESUMED, AS FOLLOWS, AFTER LUNCH:	
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3	224	Q.	MS. LEADER: Chief Superintendent Healy, we were at	
4			October 2015, and the consultation had been arranged	
5			with the Commissioner in advance of her giving evidence	13:24
6			at Mr. Justice O'Higgins' Commission?	
7		Α.	Yes.	
8	225	Q.	And I think a consultation actually took place on 20th	
9			October in the evening time, is that correct?	
10		Α.	That's correct, yeah. It was in the Bridewell Garda	13:24
11			station.	
12	226	Q.	And I think your notes of that consultation, you have	
13			your original ones in front of you, but the typed	
14			version appear at page 3919.	
15		Α.	Yes.	13:25
16	227	Q.	Now, as I understand from your evidence from before	
17			lunchtime, you were anxious to have a consultation	
18			before the Commissioner gave evidence so as you would	
19			be able to deal with the issues which had arisen on the	
20			first days of the Commission, those days being the	13:25
21			14th, 15th and 18th?	
22		Α.	Well, I was anxious about the Commissioner giving	
23			evidence. Whether I was anxious about a consultation,	
24			I wouldn't be too sure. But certainly there was a	
25			consultation, as there were with all witnesses that	13:25
26			were appearing before the Commission, and, as part of	
27			that process, the Commissioner was included in that.	
28	228	Q.	Okay. In any event, I suppose the issue of motivation	
29			seems to have featured in your notes, isn't that right?	

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 229 Q. And it may very well be --
- 3 A. Pardon?
- 4 230 Q. -- practically the only thing that appears in your
- 5 notes of the 21st of the 10th, which relate to the

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- 6 20th?
- 7 A. Well, that's my note, yeah.
- 8 231 Q. Yes. And if we just go through it there, the first
- 9 thing is -- who was at that consultation, can you
- 10 remember?
- 11 A. The legal team, including Ms. Ryan, myself, Inspector
- McNamara and the Commissioner, as far as I recall.
- 13 Yeah, I think that was it.
- 14 232 Q. Yes. I think that accords with Ms. Ryan's note,
- anyway.
- 16 A. Okay, thanks.
- 17 233 Q. And it happened in the evening time, and then the first
- thing you note is:
- 19 "Questions only as AC HRM."
- 20 A. Yes
- 21 234 Q. And I wonder could you elaborate on that just a little
- 22 bit, please?
- 23 A. Okay. I think the issue here was, the Commissioner, in
- her capacity as assistant commissioner HRM, which at
- 25 the time was the human resource management section --
- 26 235 Q. Yes.
- 27 A. -- in Garda HQ, had performed functions in that
- capacity, and these matters were now coming before the
- 29 Commission and it was in that sense that she was being

- brought in as a witness and that she was going to be questioned about it.
- 3 236 Q. Okay. I don't know, is there any particular reason why 4 the word "only" appears in that sentence?
- 5 A. Well, it was exclusively, that was her function of the Commission, in my understanding,
- 7 and I think that was explained at the consultation, by
- 8 counsel, that that's why she was being brought into the
- 9 Commission and it was only with respect to her
- performance as the assistant commissioner in charge of 13:27

  HRM at that time.
- 12 237 Q. And then we have the next line, if you would just read 13 it out, please, Chief Superintendent.
- 14 A. Yes. "If he goes to motivation?"
- And then, underneath, I have "privilege" written, the word "privilege".
- 17 238 Q. So who do you think the "he" was referring to there?
- A. Well, I think the issue here was -- it relates back to
  my previous evidence about the concerns about the
  Commissioner going in before the Commission itself and
  the issue of what had happened on day 2 being brought

- 22 up.
- 23 239 Q. Yes.
- 24 A. And it was -- she was there for a different purpose,
- obviously, and the issue here then was about the legal
- 26 privilege between client and solicitor with respect to
- the instructions and what took place around that. That
- is my understanding. Something to that effect. There
- was an option here to express a claim, a claim of

1			privilege within the Commission, if the evidence	
2			strayed into that area.	
3	240	Q.	Okay. Was there any suggestion that there'd be an	
4			objection if this course of questioning was pursued by	
5			counsel for Sergeant McCabe?	13:29
6		Α.	No, I can't remember, but certainly I think that was	
7			the opinion expressed at the meeting, that there was	
8			you know, if it strayed outside, the reason the	
9			Commissioner was being brought in as HRM, Assistant	
10			Commissioner, that the claim of privilege was an option	13:29
11			to exercise. That is my understanding and my	
12			recollection of it.	
13	241	Q.	So if we go to the next line:	
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15			"Deal with the matter to assist the Commission in their	13:29
16			work, get to the truth."	
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18			I wonder could you assist me there?	
19		Α.	I think that, again, is, you know, deal with the	
20			matter, that is what counsel was saying to the	13:29
21			Commissioner, and, you know, to assist them in doing	
22			what they have to do, and get to the truth of the issue	
23			here was, you know, the purpose of the Commission.	
24			That was my understanding.	
25	242	Q.	Was there any question being raised in the	13:30
26			Commissioner's by the Commissioner at the	
27			consultation, what exactly was the issue of motive at	
28			that stage and what exactly was the factual basis for	
29			the issue of motive?	

- A. I can't remember the detail of the conversations. I'm just going on the note there. I can't remember any further than that, I'm sorry, Ms. Leader, sorry.
- 4 243 Q. Then we have:

6 "Judge take the view to allow what happens justice and defend Commissioner."

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I don't know if you could --

I think that is obviously something that counsel was 10 Α. 13:31 11 saying about the Judge takes the view to allow --12 whether or not to allow any requests, or whatever, you 13 know what I mean. That was the role in relation to 14 this, that if that matter arose and -- we were really 15 in the hands of the Judge as to what decisions they 13:31 16 were going to make. I think that's what counsel was 17 saying to the Commissioner at that time. And then the 18 Justice and Defence Committee, I'm not sure, I think 19 that is just a reference to that, maybe it was 20 mentioned at that meeting, or something like that, or 13:31 these issues might have come up at that meeting, 21 22 something to that effect, I don't know. speculating -- well, I suppose I am speculating as to 23 what was discussed, but I think it relates to something 24 25 that might have come up at that committee meeting. 13:31

- 26 244 Q. So it would appear it says "justice and defend
- 27 Commissioner", is it?
- 28 A. I think it is "defence committee".
- 29 245 Q. Sorry, I'm looking at the typed version.

- 1 A. Sorry, I beg your pardon.
- 2 246 Q. Your version is obviously the correct one, so if you
- 3 would read --
- 4 A. "Defence" is written here.
- 5 247 Q. Yes. It would appear to be "defence" in Ms. Ryan's

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- 6 notes as well.
- 7 A. I think, yes, yes, sorry. Sorry, I typed out those
- 8 notes and it's an error in the note.
- 9 248 Q. Yes. That is fine.
- 10 A. Yeah.
- 11 249 Q. And was there any discussion around what happened in
- relation to the misunderstanding, if it be a
- misunderstanding, in the letter of the 18th of May?
- 14 A. No, I just -- I don't recollect, again, what was
- discussed, but my memory of the issue was that it was
- an error that had been, at that stage, corrected -
- 17 well, not corrected, but it had been spotted, and that
- it was accepted that it was an error. That is my
- 19 understanding of the issue.
- 20 250 Q. Were transcripts available to the Commissioner in
- relation to Module 1 at that meeting? I think
- 22 Ms. Ryan --
- A. Module 1 yes?
- 24 251 Q. -- my understanding of what Ms. Ryan said was, she
- 25 brought transcripts to the second meeting with the
- 26 Commissioner, which happened --
- 27 A. Yeah.
- 28 252 Q. Or were there transcripts at that meeting?
- 29 A. Yeah, I think there was transcripts at the meeting

available. But the Commissioner got the transcript as

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- well, particularly for day 2 she got them.
- 3 253 Q. Yes.
- 4 A. Yeah.
- 5 254 Q. So she would have been aware from the transcript?
- 6 A. Yeah.
- 7 255 Q. And do you know when that happened?
- 8 A. Well, I sent them to the Commissioner's private
- 9 secretary the day I got them, so it would have been
- 10 maybe that evening or the following day, I'm not sure.
- It might have been the Monday. I can't exactly
- 12 remember from sitting here now, but it was a short time
- 13 after it.
- 14 256 Q. It might be an appropriate time. Just in relation to
- the routine with the transcripts, do you know what type 13:33
- of a system was set up in relation to the availability
- 17 of transcripts?
- 18 A. I think the transcripts were coming to the State
- solicitor and she was forwarding to me, them to me, and
- they were coming electronically and by hard copy, and
- at some occasion my email was clogged with these
- transcripts. I had a lot of emails in the system, in
- 23 addition to --
- 24 257 Q. Your normal emails?
- 25 A. -- my normal work, and these were voluminous files that 13:34
- were coming in as well. So that was the system,
- 27 really. It was on a day-to-day basis, as such. There
- 28 was no method or structure.
- 29 258 Q. So they were given to you on a day-to-day basis?

- 1 A. Yes. Sometimes I wouldn't get them for a couple of
- days, sometimes I'd get them the next day or that
- 3 evening.
- 4 259 Q. Okay.
- 5 A. Yeah.
- 6 260 Q. And did you give them to the Commissioner?
- 7 A. Yeah. I would have given the, what would you call it,

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- 8 the controversial ones to the Commissioner, yes.
- 9 261 Q. And did they include all of Module 1?
- 10 A. I would nearly say they did. I definitely gave -- I
- 11 checked to see was day 2 given to the Commissioner and
- it was, and I purposely checked that one. The other
- ones, I can't remember, you know. But I would say if
- there was anything controversial in them, they would
- have been sent to the private secretary --
- 16 262 Q. Okay.
- 17 A. -- who was Superintendent Walsh at the time.
- 18 263 Q. Now, I think there was a further consultation then on
- the 3rd of the 11th, is that correct?
- 20 A. That's right, yes.
- 21 264 Q. And the typewritten version appears at page 3945 of the
- 22 materials.
- 23 A. Which booklet is that?
- 24 265 Q. Sorry, the typed version.
- 25 A. I don't have the hard copies, sorry.
- 26 266 Q. No, it's on the screen, but you can work from your
- 27 hand -- your own --
- 28 A. I don't have them. They were on separate sheets.
- 29 267 Q. Yes.

- 1 A. Yeah, yeah.
- 2 268 Q. That is fine. I think it's Volume 7, sorry.
- 3 A. Volume 7.
- 4 269 Q. Page 3945.
- 5 A. 3945. Yes.
- 6 270 Q. Now, I think what first of all appears, just to the

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- 7 right, is "Malpractice cover up, etcetera"?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 271 Q. And I don't know if you could assist me in --
- 10 A. I think the consultation started with the legal team
- and the issue of -- Mr. Smyth started to speak at the
- consultation and he was outlining, you know, obviously,
- what was likely to happen and what the issues were that
- that had arisen in the course of the hearings to date,
- and the issue of malpractice obviously was something
- 16 that had been discussed at the consultation. And the
- 17 cover-up, I'm not 100% sure what that means, but I
- presume it means that there was a suggestion that there
- 19 might have been a cover-up.
- 20 272 Q. I should have asked you, Chief Superintendent, who was
- 21 at that consultation?
- 22 A. Em, the legal team, Ms. Ryan and myself and the
- Commissioner. Maybe Inspector McNamara might have been
- there as well, I'm not sure. I don't think so.
- 25 273 Q. We just see on the right-hand side -- the left-hand
- side, it says:
- 27 "Standing over allegation of motivation."
- 28 A. Yes.
- 29 274 Q. So if you could maybe expand on where that note came

1 out of, please. 2 I think that's what counsel had uttered to the Α. Commissioner, that the motivation issue was still a 3 live issue within the confines of the work of the 4 5 Commission, with respect to his brief here and his 13:38 6 case. 7 And what about the words "standing over"? You see, 275 Q. motivation seems to be there in my reading of that, and 8 it's your note, Chief Superintendent --9 10 Yes. Α. 13:38 11 276 -- so perhaps you could explain it, but it is an Q. 12 allegation of motivation. So I don't quite 13 understand --14 Α. Yeah. 15 -- what it means. 277 Q. 13:38 16 Look, it might be my use of language --Α. 17 278 Q. Yes. 18 -- in taking a note. It mightn't be the appropriate Α. 19 word that was uttered, or whatever. But my 20 understanding of it was that the motivation issue was 13:38 still a live issue for counsel at that particular 21 22 stage. 23 All right. 279 Q. 24 That is my understanding of what went on. Α. 25 And when you say it's a live issue, maybe perhaps it 280 Ο. 13:38 26 was something to be decided at that stage, whether

motivation?

Sergeant McCabe had a good motivation or a bad

well, that was matter for the Commission to decide.

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think the issue here was - it could be one or the 1 2 other, obviously - but it was a matter for the 3 Commission to make a decision on, and that was discussed at the meeting, that that was really a matter 4 5 for the Commission to make its mind up about that. 13:39 6 281 But presumably in order for the Commission to Q. make up its mind about it --7 8 Yes. Α. -- it had to be presented with some sort of evidence, 9 282 Q. either way, am I right about that? 10 13:39 11 Yeah, of course, yeah. Α. 12 283 Yes. Ο. 13 Yeah. Α. 14 284 Q. So it would appear from this that the suggestion is 15 maybe it wasn't good motivation in relation to Sergeant 13:39 16 McCabe? 17 No, mala fides was never suggested, it was never Α. 18 suggested, ever, as a motive, exclusively. 19 motivation for dealing with -- for making all of these 20 issues, and the particular concern was the corruption 13:39 allegations. 21 22 Well, you see in the very next line --285 Okay. Q. 23 Α. Yes. 24 -- it would appear that mala fides --286 Q. 25 Yeah. Α. 13:40 -- from reading this? 26 287 Ο.

And this is just totally on an ordinary reading of the

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              "(Mala fides) --"
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              Yes.
              "-- bad faith, would the Commissioner consider
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              withdrawing."
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              So if you could explain how that came up?
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                    I don't have the -- could I go to the original
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              copy of the actual note, please?
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                              It's at 3944.
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              MR. McDOWELL:
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              MS. LEADER: Thank you.
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              Now, if you see the way the note is written.
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              Yes.
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              Unfortunately, I typed the note, and that is obviously
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              a typing style on the computer.
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              You see the way that it is depicted in the actual
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              handwritten note is different? I wrote it all as one
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              line on the typed version, but you can see here that
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              it's written in lines underneath each other. And
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              obviously counsel had raised the matter that mala fides
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              had come up in some format in the Commission itself,
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              and I wrote the word "bad faith" beside that because
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              that was the meaning of that word. It was a legal
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              term. And it was my, basically, prompt as to what we
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              were talking about here; in other words, I was putting
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              it in layman's language what the issue was.
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              counsel was -- well, I suppose he was laying the ground
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              for the following day, as to what was likely to come up
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in the course of the Commissioner's evidence. And he
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              was saying that, you know what I mean, the issue could
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              be brought up, and that it is a matter that arose
              obviously on day 2 because it was within the confines
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              of the transcript. That's my understanding of it. And 13:42
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              I'd say counsel, in preparation for that consultation,
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              had been studying the transcripts on the day in
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              question.
              Well, I suppose --
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              In preparation for that meeting, I would say.
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              -- counsel can, I suppose, answer for themselves.
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              Yeah, sorry. Okay, yeah.
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              But just on a normal reading of that sentence --
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         Α.
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              -- it would appear that "(mala fides) bad faith".
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              And then the next line is:
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               "Would the Commissioner consider withdrawing?"
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              Yeah.
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              So it would appear to me that there was that issue?
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              Yes.
              And that it had to be taken back now?
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         Q.
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              And I can understand --
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              And you're saying something differently?
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         Q.
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              Exactly.
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         Α.
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              Yes.
         Q.
              And I can understand, reading that, at first glance you
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              could come to that interpretation, but it wasn't, it's
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- 1 my note-taking style, okay?
- 2 302 Q. Yes, okay.
- 3 A. And if I was to be correct about it, there should be a
- 4 line between the sentence "mala fides" and "bad faith",
- there should be a space line there, and then the next

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- 6 issue: "Would the Commissioner consider withdrawing?"
- 7 That is a separate issue. It's not linked to the same
- 8 issue. It's not a continuous sentence. That is my
- 9 point. The typed version that I typed at the time
- doesn't reflect my note.
- 11 303 Q. All right. So what was the Commissioner considering
- 12 withdrawing if it wasn't connected --
- 13 A. She might be asked would she consider withdrawing the
- 14 motivation issue, is my understanding.
- 15 304 Q. And then if we go to the next line?
- 16 A. Yes. That's: "Obviously, whistleblowers may not
- 17 always be right."
- 18 305 Q. Yes.
- 19 A. "But we must listen to them."
- 20 And I think, obviously, whistleblowers, they have a
- very important part, you know, in society and they
- are -- it is important that we listen to them. I think
- 23 that point was being made at that meeting. That is my
- 24 understanding.
- 25 306 Q. Do you think that was Commissioner O'Sullivan making
- 26 that point?
- 27 A. Well --
- 28 307 Q. Or do you know? Can you remember?
- 29 A. I can't remember. It could have been counsel or it

1 could have been Commissioner O'Sullivan. Then we see the next line, you will see: 2 308 Q. "But the matter of mala fides was --" is it? "-- a 3 matter for the Commission." 4 5 Yes. Α. 13:44 Or "is a matter for the Commission"? 6 309 Q. 7 "Is a matter for the Commission." Α. 8 310 "Is a matter for the Commission"? Q. Yes. And that was counsel's view here, and I 9 Α. distinctly remember that, that it was counsel's view 10 13 · 44 11 that if there was a finding of mala fides, that that 12 was a matter for the Commission to make that finding. But I suppose I will go back to this again, Chief 13 311 Yes. Q. 14 Superintendent, that that view can only be put out there if there is material to base that view on? 15 13:44 16 Yes. Α. 17 If you understand what I am saying? 312 Q. 18 I understand, yes, yes. 19 313 And the material that that view was being floated on --Q. 20 Α. Yes. 13:45 -- was coming from counsel instructed by the Garda 21 314 0. 22 Commissioner? 23 Yes. Α. 24 Do you understand? 315 Q. 25 Α. Yes. 13 · 45 26 316 So, I mean, really, was mala fides in the mix at this Ο. 27 stage, is what I am trying to get to the bottom of?

No, I think it was an issue where counsel was telling

the Commissioner what was likely to happen and that the

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finding of -- if there was a finding of mala fides, if 1 2 there was, that that was a matter for the Commission 3 and that they would make that decision, it was a matter for them, that is what he was relaying to the 4 5 Commissioner in the course of the conversations. And 13:45 6 that's my recollection of that meeting. 7 317 Okay. Well, maybe if we just go down another line and Q. 8 we see there, it seems to be in brackets: "Letter from --" 9 An Garda Síochána. 10 Α. 13 · 46 11 318 "-- AGS", sorry. "Via CSSO to the Commission." Q. 12 Do you know what that was about? I think that's about the letter of the 18th May, that 13 Α. 14 that was discussed as well, obviously. 15 319 Okay. Q. 13:46 16 This letter, the controversial letter that we're Α. 17 talking about, obviously that had come up as well in 18 the course of the consultation, that this issue might 19 arise as well, that the Commissioner may be questioned about that, is my understanding of that. 20 13:46 21 320 And if we just go across with that, we have "advices in Q. 22 writing"? And I think that refers to the letter of 15th 23 Yes. Α. 24 May. The email? 25 321 Q. 13:46 26 Yes. Α. 27 322 From counsel? Q. 28 Α. Yes. well, I suppose if we go back to the letter of the 18th 29 323

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1			May again.	
2		Α.	Yes.	
3	324	Q.	What was put forward in that letter, be it by mistake,	
4			misunderstanding, or specific instructions, or	
5			otherwise, it did put mala fides/bad faith	13:46
6		Α.	Yeah.	
7	325	Q.	right to the very front of Sergeant McCabe's	
8			complaints?	
9		Α.	Yes.	
10	326	Q.	Yes?	13:47
11		Α.	But I think it was at that time it was understood	
12			that that was a mistake and that that had been	
13			corrected and accepted in the Commission, and that	
14			matter obviously may come up in the course of	
15			cross-examination or questioning of the Commissioner,	13:47
16			and obviously counsel was, you know, preparing the	
17			Commissioner for that eventuality, is my understanding.	
18	327	Q.	Yes. So maybe, and this is a suggestion, Chief	
19			Superintendent, again, the suggestion to withdrawing	
20			the issue	13:47
21		Α.	Yeah.	
22	328	Q.	in relation to bad faith was connected in to the	
23			letter of the 18th May and maybe there was a suggestion	
24			there that there would be a formal acknowledgment by	
25			the Commissioner that bad faith was not an issue?	13:47
26		Α.	No, I think these were likelihoods that were these	
27			were issues that were likely to arise within the	
28			Commission, and counsel was preparing the Commissioner	
29			for eventualities that would arise. So I think my	

- 1 recollection of the (mala fides)/bad faith issue was,
- that counsel was saying -- was relaying this in the
- meeting to the Commissioner, that that had come up,
- 4 obviously, and obviously another issue then was that
- 5 the Commissioner could be asked would the Commissioner

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- 6 consider withdrawing, and not mala fides now, but on
- 7 the issue of motivation.
- 8 329 Q. On the issue of motivation.
- 9 A. That's what I'm saying. Because I could understand why
- somebody would read that and connect the two of them
- 11 together.
- 12 330 Q. Yes.
- 13 A. But that is my note-taking. If I was doing that now
- again, this minute, there would be a line between those
- two as separate bullet-points. That is the point I am
- making here.
- 17 331 Q. So I'm just a little bit confused, Chief
- 18 Superintendent.
- 19 A. Sorry.
- 20 332 Q. But at the outcome of that meeting, was mala fides
- 21 still floating around in the Commission --
- 22 A. No, the Commissioner never instructed on mala fides.
- 23 333 Q. Yes.
- 24 A. The Commissioner never instructed on that, and I'm
- 25 clear on that.
- 26 334 O. Yes.
- 27 A. There was never instructions with respect to bad faith
- or mala fides at all from the Commissioner.
- 29 335 Q. So the issue of motive was still floating?

1	Α.	Yes, yes. The motive issue was an issue, but it was a
2		matter for the Commission itself to decide whether or
3		not the motive came about as a result of mala fides or
4		bona fides. That was purely a matter for the
5		Commission.

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6 336 So, Chief Superintendent, was the position, so, is Q. that, look, this is what was going on in Bailieboro, 7 8 Cavan, at the time, and maybe Sergeant McCabe wasn't behaving very well in relation to the issue, the 9 aftermath of the D investigation, he was making 10 11 complaints, and, as I understand the position to be, 12 exaggeration, some not being upheld, and all the rest, 13 but we're not mentioning bad faith, but that is a 14 matter for you to deal with?

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I think it was always the Commissioner's view that the Α. 13:50 complaints were made, you know what I mean, that there were -- there was never an issue of mala fides or bad They were accepted that they were genuine faith here. complaints. The ultimate aim here was to get to the truth as to whether or not the complaints were correct. 13:50 was there evidence to show that they would be sustained? That was always a concern. And the ultimate aim here was to get to the truth of all of these issues, to listen, and to allow the people who were being accused as well an opportunity to deal with 13:50 the issues themselves and to put their versions forward, and then whatever the decision was of the Commission, that the Commissioner herself would deal with that, and, if there was consequences for any

- party, that they, in turn, that the Commissioner would have to deal with the fallout of that, and that was the ultimate aim of all of this.
- 4 337 Q. You see, I'm going to suggest to you, Chief

  Superintendent, that it is a somewhat artificial

  distinction to take away motive and bad faith and

  totally separate those two issues once you put motive

  into the mix?
- 9 A. Well, I'm guided by the legal advisers. It's a matter
  10 for the counsel to deal with that issue, and I have to 13:51
  11 be led by counsel in relation to the advices that are
  12 given, so I can't -- I don't have a view on that. It's
  13 not my role, as a liaison officer, to have a view on that.
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- 15 338 Q. Just, I suppose, for the sake of completeness, I should 13:52
  16 go through the rest of the notes. I think it says --
- 17 A. "Derek Byrne report to Fachtna Murphy, 30th January 2009."
- 19 339 Q. That referred to, was it a part of --
- A. I'm not sure what that might have been. That was to do 13:52
  with the Confidential Recipient, as far as I'm
  concerned, and that Assistant Commissioner Byrne had
  been appointed to deal with those complaints and that
  there was obviously some sort of report back to him,
  who at the time was the Commissioner, and the

Confidential Recipient was communicating directly with

the Commissioner, as was the protocol at the time.

28 340 Q. And the next?

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29 A. "(Relinquished the gagging order). Correspondence

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3			Obviously there was another issue. Obviously the	
4			penalty points issue was I'm not sure was it before	
5			or after this, whatever it was, but it must have been	13:53
6			before, but there was a controversial issue with the	
7			previous commissioner and about this so-called gagging	
8			order that was in situ with respect to Sergeant McCabe	
9			and the controversies that surrounded all of that, and	
10			obviously that was flagged as a prospective issue that	13:53
11			could arise.	
12	341	Q.	I think, in any event, at the Commission that day, it	
13			appears Mr. Justice O'Higgins dealt with the matter of	
14			motivation?	
15		Α.	Yes. At the outset.	13:53
16	342	Q.	Yes. Were you surprised by that?	
17		Α.	Well	
18	343	Q.	Did it take you unawares?	
19		Α.	I was expecting I was expecting it to be another	
20			tense day, like it was on day 2. And Mr. Justice	13:54
21			O'Higgins commenced proceedings and he then sought	
22			clarification on these issues, and counsel just dealt	
23			with those issues, and you can see from the transcripts	
24			what arose in those proceedings. So I think when all	
25			of the consultations were completed then, I must say,	13:54
26			when the Commissioner gave her evidence, it was issues	
27			that it wasn't the day that I was expecting, it was	
28			a lot more placid, and it basically focused on the	
29			issues as to what she was there to talk about, which	

Т			was her capacity as Assistant Commissioner HRM and the	
2			decisions that she made at that time. And when it was	
3			over, you know, there was a sense of relief on my	
4			behalf that there hadn't been another flare-up of	
5			issues, that the matter had been resolved, I presume,	13:55
6			from the interaction between counsel and the Judge, and	
7			that was it.	
8	344	Q.	I think we've gone through that section of the	
9			transcript	
10		Α.	Yes.	13:55
11	345	Q.	with Ms. Ryan already. Just finally, you had cause	
12			to prepare a report in relation to these matters in	
13			2016?	
14		Α.	Yeah.	
15	346	Q.	Yes.	13:55
16		Α.	A year later.	
17	347	Q.	And I think that was after the O'Higgins Report was	
18			actually published?	
19		Α.	Yes. What number is that?	
20	348	Q.	I think it's Volume 8 at 4029.	13:55
21		Α.	An email?	
22	349	Q.	No, sorry, I will just get the correct reference for	
23			you. I think it's at page 4221.	
24		Α.	Pardon?	
25	350	Q.	4221 in Volume 8. No, sorry	13:57
26			CHAIRMAN: This is after the 6th May 2016? It must be.	
27			MS. LEADER: Yes, it's after it relates to the	
28			instructions issue again, Judge. Sorry, I have just	
29			lost the page. Yes. it's 4055. Sorry, Chief	

- 1 Superintendent.
- 2 A. No. Sorry, Ms. Leader.
- 3 351 Q. Yes.
- 4 A. It must be a different volume, is it?
- 5 352 Q. Yes, 4101. Sorry, it's the wrong volume of material.

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- 6 A. Sorry?
- 7 353 Q. 4101. I think this one is correct, Chief
- 8 Superintendent.
- 9 CHAIRMAN: Is this Volume 8? It is?
- 10 MS. LEADER: Yes.
- 11 A. No.
- 12 354 Q. 4101, it's a letter from the Chief State Solicitor's
- 13 Office forwarding us --
- 14 A. Sorry.
- 15 355 Q. -- a schedule of documents that had been referred to in 13:58
- 16 Inspector McNamara's report?
- 17 A. Yeah.
- 18 356 Q. And apparently there were materials prepared in May
- 19 2016 in relation to the issue of the Commissioner's
- 20 instructions the previous May?
- 21 A. Yeah.
- 22 357 Q. And it would appear that there are two letters sent by
- 23 you in relation to that matter?
- 24 A. Right.
- 25 358 Q. To the private secretary to the Garda Commissioner,
- 26 which appear at page 4104.
- 27 A. Yes.
- 28 359 Q. And you're relating to the -- it's an undated letter
- and it doesn't appear to be signed, but it may very

Т			werr have been. And it summarises the matter. Maybe	
2			if you could read it out, but I think it's your letter?	
3		Α.	The full letter? Okay.	
4	360	Q.	Well, "The first meeting with counsel"	
5		Α.	"The first meeting with counsel for the Garda	13:59
6			Commissioner took place on 11th May 2015. At the	
7			meeting matters, falling within the terms of reference	
8			of the Commission of Investigation were discussed. It	
9			was considered that urgent meetings were required with	
10			the various witnesses concerned that were presented by	13:59
11			the Commissioner's legal team. The Commissioner's	
12			instructions to counsel were to pursue the truth and to	
13			assist the Commission in investigating of the	
14			Commission of Investigation" sorry.	
15				13:59
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17			" to pursue the truth and to assist the Commission of	
18			Investigation to establish the facts. Meetings were	
19			scheduled on the 12th and 13th May 2015 and matters	
20			pertinent to each witness were discussed. During the	13:59
21			course of the meetings, counsel was at pains to	
22			establish the reasons/triggering factor for all of	
23			Sergeant McCabe's complaints."	
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25			Do you want me to read the rest of it?	14:00
26	361	Q.	Yes. And then in relation to the consultation, "In the	
27			course of consultations", I think?	
28		Α.	Sorry, you want me to continue, is it?	
29	362	Q.	Yes.	

"In the course of consultations, it transpired that the	
then-Inspector Cunningham had conducted an	
investigation wherein Sergeant McCabe had been	
involved. A meeting was held in Mullingar Garda	
Station with Inspector Cunningham and Sergeant McCabe	14:00
by appointment on the 25th August 2008. Inspector	
Cunningham was accompanied to the meeting by	
Sergeant Yvonne Martin. An ancillary but important	
issue arose at the meeting in Sergeant McCabe advised	
Inspector Cunningham that the only reason he made the	14:00
complaint to Superintendent Cunningham was to force him	
to allow Sergeant McCabe to have full DPP directions in	
respect of the said investigation conveyed to him.	
Notes were taken at the meeting and countersigned by	
Sergeant Martin and a detailed report of the meeting	14:00
was prepared by Superintendent Cunningham and its	
contents agreed with Sergeant Martin and forwarded to	
Chief Superintendent Rooney. In this regard and during	
the course of proceedings in pursuit of the truth and	
establishing the facts, while being fair and balanced	14:01
to all witnesses, a submission was made by counsel for	
the Garda Commissioner to introduce to the Commission	
of Investigation the reasoning for Sergeant McCabe's	
complaints in the first instance. Counsel for the	
Garda Commissioner was requested by the Commission of	14:01
Investigation to set out a chronology of the issues	
pursued to assist the Commission of Investigation in	
establishing the facts. This request was complied with	
on 18th May 2015 when a document was provided to the	

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Commission of Investigation which included references	
to the meeting in Mullingar and ancillary matters	
recorded by Inspector Cunningham and agreed by Sergeant	
Martin arising at that meeting. The Commission of	
Investigation instructed counsel for the Garda	14:01
Commissioner to provide to Sergeant McCabe's counsel,	
Mr. McDowell, with a copy of the document. Following	
further discussions, the Commission of Investigation	
proceedings adjourned. It transpired that the	
Commission of Investigation had been provided with [as	14:02
read] Sergeant McCabe with a tape recording of the	
meeting in Mullingar on 25th August 2008. The	
Commission of Investigation got a tape transcribed but	
declined to allow matters arising in relation to the	
ancillary issue concerning Sergeant McCabe to be	14:02
discussed at the hearings. A discussion ensued as to	
what were the exact instructions of the Garda	
Commissioner. A heated exchange took place at the	
Commission of Investigation in this regard. Arising	
from the document provided to the Commission of	14:02
Investigation, counsel for Sergeant McCabe argued that	
Sergeant McCabe's character was under attack. The	
proceedings adjourned to confirm instructions. Counsel	
sought instructions as to tab B. Consequently, the	
Commissioner's instructions were confirmed in line with	14:02
those advised at the commencement of the Commission of	
Investigation and there the matter rested. However, on	
day 29, 4th November 2015, Judge O'Higgins sought	
clarification on the Commissioner's instructions.	

Т			Mr. Colm Smyth, for the Garda Commissioner, clarified	
2			the position, which is contained in the transcript of	
3			day 29 of the hearings. It must be noted that counsel	
4			for the Garda Commissioner had no control of witnesses	
5			called to give evidence at the Commission of	14:03
6			Investigation. That was a power that was laid solely	
7			within the remit of the Commission of Investigation.	
8			In addition, permission had to be obtained from the	
9			Commission of Investigation to cross-examine	
10			witnesses."	14:03
11	363	Q.	And that was your summary of what happened?	
12		Α.	Yeah. And just, that report arose from a meeting that	
13			took place in May 2016, and at that time there was a	
14			series of	
15	364	Q.	I think there was a public	14:03
16		Α.	There was media outcry about the whole thing.	
17	365	Q.	Yes, media outcry in relation	
18		Α.	I remember I was brought to a meeting in Garda HQ with	
19			all the various players and I was supplied that	
20			report.	14:03
21	366	Q.	Okay. So that's your report in relation to the a	
22			summary of the instructions?	
23		Α.	Yes.	
24	367	Q.	And I think there are various back-up documents with	
25			that; there's a chronology in relation to what you have	14:04
26			been talking about here for the past day, during the	
27			proceedings?	
28		Α.	Yes.	
29	368	Q.	And it goes through the transcripts in detail in	

1		relation to the matter.	
2		CHAIRMAN: Well, was this prepared because of the media	
3		controversy or was it prepared because the report had	
4		been published and the Commissioner	
5		MS. LEADER: There was, I think, both of those.	14:04
6		CHAIRMAN: Two reasons?	
7		MS. LEADER: Two reasons - the report and a media	
8		controversy.	
9	Α.	Well, no, the Commission had to complete its work and	
10		then there was a series of newspaper articles that	14:04
11		arose, and the matter then found traction, and it's my	
12		understanding there was a significant media and	
13		political storm arose as a result of it and I was asked	
14		to attend a meeting in Garda HQ, and all the various	
15		senior managers of the organisation attended that	14:05
16		meeting, and I was asked to prepare a report based on	
17		that.	
18		CHAIRMAN: Just before you go on, if you don't mind,	
19		just if we go back to yes, well, it is actually that	
20		page. There may be some people wondering, one would	14:05
21		hope perhaps there were, as to what the complaint was	
22		to Superintendent Clancy. And that, of course, was in	
23		relation to what had happened in the courthouse, what	
24		had happened on the streets of Bailieboro and how he	
25		was getting on or not getting on with the D family, the	14:05
26		sergeant of the father was the sergeant with whom he	
27		to work.	
28	Α.	Yes.	

CHAIRMAN: It wasn't anything about any operational

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3		CHAIRMAN: It was all about the aftermath of how the D	
4		family reacted to the DPP's direction. It was nothing	
5		to do with any other officer misbehaving.	14:05
6	Α.	No. It was and I need to explain this, Judge, is	
7		that, when the controversies arose, I got a phone call	
8		to be in the Deputy Commissioner's office at two	
9		o'clock on a particular day, maybe the day before this,	
10		or whatever. And at that meeting I was there was a	14:06
11		number of parties. The meeting was chaired by the	
12		Deputy Commissioner. And I was basically grilled in	
13		relation to what had happened in the Commission. And I	
14		wrote the report then based on that for the	
15		Commissioner, of that meeting.	14:06
16		CHAIRMAN: Yes. But am I right in thinking the	
17		complaint to Chief Superintendent Clancy, about which	
18		Sergeant McCabe didn't want anything to be done, he	
19		didn't want anyone to be prosecuted, was, he had been	
20		traduced, I use the word again today, in the District	14:06
21		Court by Mrs. D.	
22	Α.	Yes.	
23		CHAIRMAN: He had been chased down the street by Ms. D,	
24		who'd made the complaint.	
25	Α.	Yes.	14:06
26		CHAIRMAN: And then he was supposed to have some kind	
27		of a working relationship with another sergeant in the	
28		general area, which of course was very difficult, and	

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matters.

A. No, no.

his idea was, look, if the DPP's letter saying there

Т			was never an assault, there was never a sexual assault,	
2			even if any of this is true, despite the credibility	
3			issues, if that letter had been circulated. So it was	
4			about what had happened vis-à-vis the D family and him.	
5		Α.	Yes.	14:07
6			CHAIRMAN: It was not about senior officers, or	
7			anything else like that.	
8		Α.	Yes, of course, of course.	
9			CHAIRMAN: That can easily be got wrong.	
10		Α.	Yeah.	14:07
11			CHAIRMAN: It's another detail that could be got wrong.	
12			And I'm not saying you got it wrong here	
13		Α.	Yes.	
14			CHAIRMAN: but it is open to misinterpretation, if	
15			you don't know the background.	14:07
16		Α.	Yes. Sorry.	
17			CHAIRMAN: No, I am not criticising you for that, you	
18			understand?	
19		Α.	Yeah, okay. Thank you, Judge.	
20	369	Q.	MS. LEADER: I suppose just one matter in relation to	14:07
21			that report. There's no reference to the	
22			Commissioner's actual instructions on the 14th May	
23			yes.	
24		Α.	well, the Commissioner was at the meeting the day	
25			before.	14:08
26	370	Q.	Yes.	
27		Α.	And I was conveying this report to, you know what I	
28			mean, give an account as to what had happened, and	
29			maybe it was a misunderstanding or it might have been	

1 an understanding between myself and the Commissioner 2 that she was aware of at that time. That she was aware of that? 3 371 Q. 4 But the Commissioner did attend the meeting that Α. 5 I was advised to attend on that day. 14:08 6 372 Now, included with that bundle of documentation that Q. the Tribunal received is a letter which you would 7 8 appear to have written to Ms. Ryan in May 2016. at page 4116 of the materials. You refer to -- did 9 10 that letter actually go to Ms. Ryan? Because there was 14:08 11 a report prepared, we know that. 12 I don't know. I presume it did, but I don't know. Α. Ι 13 can't -- I can't say for definite if it did or not. don't even know the context in which I wrote this 14 15 letter. 14:09 16 373 Okay. Q. 17 I can't remember. Α. 18 So essentially you were asking counsel to prepare a 374 Q. 19 report contextualising the Byrne/McGinn, which was the 20 Garda investigation --14:09 21 Yes. Α. 22 -- into Sergeant McCabe's complaints? 375 Q. 23 It may have arose as a result of that meeting, that I Α. 24 was asked to get this chronology put into order --25 376 Q. Yes. 14 . 09 26 -- to give some semblance of understanding to -- well, Α. 27 I can remember now actually, I think the report was to 28 go to the Minister, as the Minister at the time was 29 looking for a briefing from the Commissioner in respect

1 of what had gone on, and that's why the meeting was 2 called in Garda HQ, and it was to get a complete and 3 utter comprehension of what had gone on, and counsel's contribution was obviously to give some sort of 4 5 summation with respect to the issues itemised here, as 14:10 6 they would have had a very good knowledge of it, is my 7 understanding. 8 377 So there were -- three things were to be Q. considered: the Byrne/McGinn report, Mr. Guerin's 9 report and Mr. Justice O'Higgins' report? 10 14 · 10 11 Yes. Α. 12 And then if we go to the next page, there's a report, 378 0. 13 which I understand was prepared by you, Chief 14 Superintendent, re the O'Higgins Commission of 15 Investigation? 14:10 16 Yes. Α. 17 CHAIRMAN: What page are we on, Ms. Leader? 18 Sorry, Judge. MS. LEADER: 4117. 19 CHAIRMAN: It's down the way --20 MS. LEADER: Yes. 14:10 I think that is a draft of something, so... 21 Α. 22 It's a draft, is it? 379 Q. 23 Yeah, that's all. Α. 24 Because in the second paragraph, we see there that the 380 Q. 25 issue of complaints to and complaints against --14 · 10 26 Yeah. Α. 27 381 -- again gets mixed up? Q. 28 Α. Yes. 29 382 Q. We see:

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2			"At the meeting which was held in Mullingar Garda	
3			station on 29th August 2008."	
4		Α.	25th.	
5	383	Q.	25th, sorry. Yes.	14:11
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7			"Inspector Cunningham was accompanied to this meeting	
8			by Sergeant Martin. Inspector Cunningham advised	
9			counsel that an ancillary but important issue arose at	
10			the meeting in that Sergeant McCabe advised Inspector	14:11
11			Cunningham that the only reason he made the complaint	
12			against Superintendent Clancy was to force him to allow	
13			Sergeant McCabe to have the full DPP directions in	
14			respect of said investigation conveyed to him. Notes	
15			were taken."	14:11
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17			Etcetera. So I don't know if you can explain that?	
18		Α.	I think it might be explaining, you know what I mean,	
19			what had been portrayed at the Commission. I think	
20			that's I don't know. It was a draft letter. It	14:11
21			never went anywhere in the sense that it wasn't my	
22			final report, as such. It was just a draft, which was	
23			not direct. Like, I don't even	
24			CHAIRMAN: Do you do your own typing?	
25		Α.	Sometimes I do and sometimes I don't.	14:12
26			CHAIRMAN: Did you type this?	
27		Α.	I can't remember. I can't remember.	
28	384	Q.	MS. LEADER: I think the actual report that was	
29			submitted is the report that you read out in full	

1		Α.	Okay.	
2	385	Q.	at the beginning, and that gets it right?	
3		Α.	Right. Okay.	
4	386	Q.	Am I correct in saying	
5		Α.	Yeah.	14:12
6			CHAIRMAN: Was this I mean, again, we've had, sorry	
7			for interrupting, but we have had word I know word	
8			processing is great, and all the rest of it, and	
9			cutting and pasting	
10		Α.	Yeah.	14:12
11			CHAIRMAN: is great, but it can happen that you cut	
12			and paste something from somewhere else.	
13		Α.	It could, yeah.	
14			CHAIRMAN: And is that what happened here?	
15		Α.	I would think so. You can see there	14:12
16			CHAIRMAN: You think this is May 2016, do you?	
17		Α.	I think.	
18			CHAIRMAN: Well, you could have hardly sat down and	
19			typed this through yourself and made that mistake,	
20			could you?	14:12
21		Α.	I can't remember, Judge. You can see there even in my	
22			own notes, that I made mistakes in typing my own notes	
23			from my written notes, so, you know.	
24			CHAIRMAN: It looks like a very professionally typed	
25			piece of work. I mean, there's no capital-letter	14:13
26			disease happening, for instance.	
27		Α.	I can't explain, Judge, I can't explain.	
28			CHAIRMAN: Do you think you pasted it from something	
29			else?	

- 1 A. It is possible I did.
- 2 CHAIRMAN: I just, I don't recognise that actual
- wording as happening in other documents, that's the
- 4 only thing.
- 5 A. I can't remember, Judge. I possibly did. I can't

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- 6 remember.
- 7 CHAIRMAN: Yes.
- 8 A. It's a draft, it's only a draft. It's not a final
- 9 report, as such.
- 10 387 Q. MS. LEADER: And just in or around that time, Chief
- 11 Superintendent, it would appear that you emailed once
- 12 again the advice of counsel from the afternoon of the
- 13 15th May --
- 14 A. Okay, I would have attached that.
- 15 388 Q. -- to the Commissioner?
- 16 A. I would have attached that, of course.
- 17 389 Q. Yes.
- 18 A. Like, it'd really be -- up until then, those documents,
- the significance of them today, that was the
- realisation at that particular time, that these were
- 21 going to be very relevant documents that I had, the
- letter of the 15th May, my notes of the 15th May in my
- diary. All of these items were -- at that stage, I was
- relying on these to recollect what had happened at that
- 25 particular time.
- 26 390 O. Yes.
- 27 A. And at this stage, we were a year on here, and, you
- 28 know, the importance of all these documents were --
- they were very important to me, I can tell you, in the

1 situation that had then arisen, because I was going to 2 have to account for what was going on here. 3 391 0. Okay. And I think that email appears at page 4157 of 4 the materials. So we have counsel forwarding the email 5 on the 15th May 2015. 14:15 6 Yes. Α. 7 And then on the 17th May 2016 you forwarded it on to 392 0. 8 the Commissioner --9 Yes. Α. 10 -- as requested? 393 Q. 14:15 11 Yes. Α. 12 394 Okay. Ο. And, you see, because this came such a pivotal issue 13 Α. 14 that was being -- it was -- there were serious 15 accusations that were being made, that there were --14:15 16 serious public concern was arising, the public disquiet 17 with respect to all of this was becoming very prevalent 18 and there was a requirement of the Commissioner to 19 provide a report to the Minister or the Secretary General of the Department, as to give the Garda version 14:15 20 of all of these issues, and these materials were 21 22 being -- were compiled or being prepared for the 23 compilation of that report. And I was at that meeting 24 in Garda HQ at the outset to explain and to assist the 25 people that were going to formulate that report, with 14 · 16 26 an understanding of what went on. And I sent it all to 27 the Commissioner's office, and they then, in turn, 28 compiled the reports that went to the Department, I I never saw those after that. But after 29 understand.

1	that, I think the Commissioner, you know, dealt with	
2	the matter.	
3	MS. LEADER: Thank you very much, Chief Superintendent.	
4	CHAIRMAN: Can I just ask before you start,	
5	Mar Makarati ahat ana sa dadan ahast athan situasasa	^
6	today, Mr. McGuinness?	Ď
7	MR. McGUINNESS: The position, Chairman, is we had	
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	scheduled one further witness for today, and obviously	
9	it's an issue of time. I think it is unlikely that if	
10	we start the witness, that we will finish the witness. 14:17	7
11	It will depend on perhaps the attitude taken by parties	
12	at this point in time. I know Mr. McDowell is going to	
13	be some time with this witness, I can't say how long.	
14	He may have a clearer view now himself.	
15	CHAIRMAN: We're not ganging up on you, Mr. McDowell. 14:17	7
16	It's not to put pressure on you. I just want to know,	
17	because it is courteous just to tell people where they	
18	are at, that's all. That's the only thing I am	
19	concerned about. And I appreciate, look, that during	
20	this week, I was engaged in two other things. I	7
21	couldn't help that.	
22	MR. McDOWELL: I know.	
23	CHAIRMAN: So we have fallen behind.	
24	MR. McDOWELL: First of all, could I ask how long it is	
25	proposed to sit this afternoon so that I	7
26	CHAIRMAN: Well, I am afraid it's a bit like a piece of	
27	string. I mean, if I feel I'm going to finish a	
28	witness, I'd prefer to sit here until seven o'clock	
29	rather than come back another day, you know?	

1	MR. McDOWELL: No, I'm not asking that. I'm just	
2	trying to ascertain whether it's proposed to go on to	
3	another witness or not. And if the Tribunal is going	
4	to rise at, say, 4:30, I don't think we are going to go	
5	on to another witness, and that witness should be	:18
6	released, is what I am saying.	
7	CHAIRMAN: Okay. Well, I am going to rise at 4:30 or	
8	5:00 in the ordinary way, just depending on how much	
9	progress we are getting through.	
10	MR. McDOWELL: That is what I sought, that the Tribunal $^{14}$	:18
11	was unlikely to sit late to start another witness.	
12	That is all I am saying.	
13	MR. MURPHY: Well, Chairman, can I say I respectfully	
14	agree with Mr. McDowell in terms of it would be better	
15	to start with the next witness at the beginning of	:18
16	Monday.	
17	CHAIRMAN: Yes. Well, I mean, it's all very well to	
18	say kind of sit late, or whatever, but I'm supposed to	
19	be taking in every word and, frankly, there comes a	
20	point where I can't do any more, so the limit is 4:30 14	:18
21	or five o'clock. I know I have exceeded that until six	
22	o'clock on occasions, but that has been under protest	
23	from my own mind.	
24	MR. McDOWELL: No, Judge, I was only asking when the	
25	Tribunal envisaged rising this afternoon so that I	:19
26	could help you with the question as to whether a	
27	witness should be excused. I think the witness should	
28	be excused, if you ask me.	
29	CHAIRMAN: Yes, well, of course you should be excused	

Т			today, Chief Superintendent, but so let's try and	
2			get through as much as we can. I would prefer to	
3			finish this witness today so that we are actually	
4			finished with the witness today.	
5			MR. MURPHY: Chairman, in those circumstances can we	14:19
6			understand that the next witness will not be called	
7			until Monday?	
8			CHAIRMAN: Well, it looks like that, doesn't it,	
9			Mr. Murphy?	
10			MR. MURPHY: Thank you.	14:19
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12			CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT FERGUS HEALY WAS CROSS-EXAMINED BY	_
13			MR. McDOWELL:	
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15	395	Q.	MR. McDOWELL: Thank you. Chief Superintendent Healy,	14:19
16			could I ask you a couple of general questions at the	
17			outset. As I understand it, you were not only the	
18			liaison officer between An Garda Síochána and the	
19			O'Higgins Commission, but you were also the person who	
20			was effectively the eyes and ears of the Commissioner	14:20
21			and the person chosen by her to relay her instructions	
22			to counsel, is that right?	
23		Α.	Well, my job was a liaison officer, Mr. McDowell, a	
24			liaison between the Commission and	
25	396	Q.	And the Gardaí?	14:20
26		Α.	the Commissioner, and my role involved a multitude	
27			of tasks.	
28	397	Q.	Yes. Well, I mean, I did ask you I mean, first of	
29			all, you were to liaise between An Garda Síochána and	

1			the O'Higgins Commission, isn't that right?	
2		Α.	Yes.	
3	398	Q.	And secondly, you were to be the senior member of An	
4			Garda Síochána there, with a view to being in a	
5			position to tell the Commissioner what was going on at	14:21
6			the Commission, is that right?	
7		Α.	Yeah, I was telling her what was going on, yes.	
8	399	Q.	And thirdly, you were the chosen conduit for	
9			instructions from the Commissioner to her legal team if	
10			such instructions were needed, is that right?	14:21
11		Α.	Yes. As it happened, it evolved that way. At the	
12			outset, I would say it wasn't, you know what I mean,	
13			specifically outlined to me, but it evolved that way in	
14			the course of the proceedings.	
15	400	Q.	And as I understand it, there were a number of	14:21
16			consultations with persons who were proposed to be	
17			witnesses in the week coming up to the commencement of	
18			the Commission's hearings on Thursday, the 14th May	
19			2015?	
20		Α.	There was a number of consultations, yes.	14:22
21	401	Q.	And at those consultations you participated as the	
22			Commissioner's representative, is that right?	
23		Α.	Well, I was present at those consultations, yes.	
24	402	Q.	As the Commissioner's representative?	
25		Α.	As liaison officer.	14:22
26	403	Q.	Sorry, when you use the phrase 'liaison officer', there	
27			is one function, which is liaising with the Commission,	
28			liaison officer between An Garda Síochána and the	
29			Commission?	

- 1 A. And as I said, it was a multitude of roles.
- 2 404 Q. Yes.
- 3 A. It was multifaceted, rather.
- 4 405 Q. In what capacity were you sitting in on the
- 5 consultations with witnesses whom the Commission had

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- 6 indicated it wanted to call?
- 7 A. Well, I organised the consultations.
- 8 406 Q. Yes.
- 9 A. I was present during them with respect to, I suppose,
- my role as a liaison officer, and if there was issues
- 11 arising that needed to be attended to, I attended to
- 12 them.
- 13 407 Q. And you took notes, as we know?
- 14 A. Well, I did, I took a note here and there, yes.
- 15 408 Q. Do you agree or disagree with what has been stated in
- 16 evidence here with Annmarie -- by Annmarie Ryan, to the
- 17 effect that the question of motivation on the part of
- 18 Sergeant McCabe crystallised on the 13th May at the end
- of a meeting with counsel?
- 20 A. I would say that, at that stage, counsel had formulated 14:24
- 21 a view in their mind.
- 22 409 Q. And do I understand that you agreed on that occasion to
- seek, on the 14th May, the Commissioner's authority to
- 24 question Sergeant McCabe's motivation?
- A. Well, counsel had requested me to seek instructions
- 26 from the Commissioner.
- 27 410 Q. Yes.
- A. And I had been endeavouring to contact the
- 29 Commissioner.

1	411	Q.	Now, could I stop you there and say ask you to
2			indicate what did counsel exactly ask you to obtain by
3			way of instructions from the Commissioner?

- A. Counsel was saying that the motive issue and the

  credibility issue were the matters that needed

  instructions on.
- 7 412 Q. And what were they asking you to ask the Commissioner about those issues?
- They were asking me to get instructions from the 9 Α. Commissioner to proceed, based on the fact that I think 14:25 10 11 Mr. Smyth was of the view that the Commissioner was the employer here of both parties, those members of officer 12 13 rank and of course Sergeant McCabe, and that he was of 14 the view and advising that the motivation and the 15 credibility issue was, I suppose, to the centre of 14:25 16 where he was going, and that, given the Commissioner was the employer of the individuals concerned, that the 17 18 Commissioner had to be consulted with her view that this was okay to do this. 19
- 20 413 Q. I see. So he was seeking a general authority for him to challenge the motivation and credibility of Sergeant McCabe, is that right?

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- A. I think he used the word he wanted instructions, from me.
- 25 414 Q. Yes. To do what, though?
- A. To go ahead with the motivation and to go ahead and test the credibility of Sergeant McCabe.
- 28 415 Q. I know you are using the phrase to go ahead with the 29 motivation and credibility, but it was, was it not, to

- ask questions of witnesses with a view to challenging
- the motivation and credibility of Sergeant McCabe,
- 3 wasn't that why he was seeking your instruction -- or
- 4 her instructions?
- 5 A. He was seeking instructions, as far as I was concerned, 14:26
- 6 from the Commissioner --
- 7 416 Q. Yes.
- 8 A. -- to pursue this line.
- 9 417 Q. What line, though?
- 10 A. The motivation of Sergeant McCabe for making -- to test 14:26
- the motivation of Sergeant McCabe and the credibility
- of him making the complaints.
- 13 418 Q. I see. So he was seeking instructions to ask questions
- of witnesses, questioning the motivation of Sergeant
- 15 McCabe and his credibility, is that right?
- 16 A. As I said, he was seeking the motivation and permission

- 17 or instructions to test the motivation and the
- 18 credibility of what Sergeant McCabe was alleging here,
- and that, based on the consultations that he had
- 20 conducted with the various witnesses, that that is what 14:27
- 21 he wanted instructions on from the Commissioner, and I
- took it that he wanted the Commissioner's instruction
- on that.
- 24 419 Q. And when you went to the Commissioner, which was
- either -- was it later that night or the following day? 14:27
- 26 A. It was the 14th.
- 27 420 Q. The 14th.
- 28 A. I rang her.
- 29 421 Q. The 14th, yes. What did you ask the Commissioner for

instructions on? What was Ms. O'Sullivan actually asked to authorise?

- 3 A. Well, if I can refer to it in my note?
- 4 422 Q. Yes

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- 5 I had explained to the Commissioner that counsel was Α. 14:28 seeking instructions to deal with the motivation and 6 7 the credibility issue for making the complaints and I 8 explained to her the background to all of this, as to the trigger question that was posed, and the starting 9 point for all these issues and that counsel was of the 10 14 · 28 11 view that they had to go back to the beginning of all 12 of these issues and that they were to -- based on what 13 they were advising, they were seeking instructions to 14 proceed with the motivation and the credibility issue. And I outlined to the Commissioner that the McCarthy 15 14:29 16 module was starting the following -- or had started
- 18 423 Q. Well, in fairness to the Commissioner, is that the
  19 language you used with her, that counsel were seeking
  20 instructions to proceed with the motivation and
  21 credibility issue, or did you explain it more --

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that day and that counsel was seeking these.

22 We had a conversation. Sorry, we had a conversation Α. 23 around what had gone on in relation to the 24 consultations, and I explained the background to all of this and how we came to this decision and that counsel 25 26 were seeking instructions to go ahead with this. 27 the Commissioner said, well, based on the advice, if 28 counsel are advising, well then we would go down this 29 way.

- 1 424 Q. Yes. Well, in relation to the factual background, I
- think you've said in evidence that she was aware of it
- 3 by other means, isn't that right?
- 4 A. Aware of which, now?
- 5 425 Q. The Ms. D allegation, the Sergeant McCabe issues.
- 6 A. No, I think she would have been aware of the history of

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- 7 all of these issues.
- 8 426 Q. Yes.
- 9 A. This matter had been going on since 2007, and we were
- 10 now in 2015, so --
- 11 427 Q. So she didn't need to have the factual background
- 12 explained to her, isn't that right?
- 13 A. Well, I was explaining how counsel had, during the
- 14 consultations, continued to ask the trigger question,
- as to what was the starting point and counsel was at
- pains to say that we have to go back to the start here.
- 17 428 Q. Yes. And when you say the trigger question or the
- trigger point, are you saying what was it that
- 19 triggered off complaints about poor policing by
- 20 Sergeant McCabe in the Bailieboro district?
- 21 A. I think counsel was endeavouring to establish what
- 22 started all this.
- 23 429 Q. Well, I asked you the question --
- 24 A. Sorry.
- 25 430 Q. -- when you say -- when you use the phrase 'the trigger 14:31
- question' or what triggered off complaints, was that
- about poor policing by Sergeant McCabe in the
- 28 Bailieboro district?
- 29 A. No, it was about more than that, it was about the

2			this document was the subject of debate during the	
3			consultations or in between the consultations,	
4			whatever.	
5	431	Q.	But was it discussed at the consultations, because your	14:32
6			note doesn't seem to suggest that?	
7		Α.	No, look, my recollection of it was, and the reason I	
8			remember it is because there was a debate at the time	
9			as to whether or not that document should have been in	
10			the core booklet or not, that is why I remember it.	14:32
11	432	Q.	Yes.	
12		Α.	And counsel was obviously reading it with interest to	
13			see, you know what I mean, the extent of the issues	
14			that were pertinent here.	
15	433	Q.	And when you say there was a debate as to whether it	14:32
16			should be in the core booklet or not, was somebody at	
17			these meetings of the view that it was irrelevant to	
18			the terms of reference?	
19		Α.	It was my recollection of it was that, obviously	
20			counsel was reading the core booklet.	14:33
21	434	Q.	Yes. But you said there was a debate as to whether it	
22			should be in the core booklet or not.	
23		Α.	Yeah.	
24	435	Q.	I'm asking you who was suggesting to you that it should	
25			be and who was suggesting it shouldn't be?	14:33
26		Α.	Well, it was a general conversation that this document	
27			was here, and the question was being asked, well, my	
28			God, should have it have been in it or not? But	
29			anyhow, it's in it, and it provided certain	

corruption allegations as well, because as I referred,

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- 1 information. That is my recollection of what went on.
- 2 436 Q. Yes. And was that debate centring on the issue as to
- 3 whether it was relevant or not?
- 4 A. No, I don't remember that.
- 5 437 Q. Well, if it was relevant, you'd imagine it would be in
- 6 the core booklet, and if you thought it shouldn't be in
- 7 the core booklet presumably it would be because you
- 8 thought it was irrelevant?
- 9 A. But I think the fact that it was in the core booklet,

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- 10 maybe the Commission felt it was relevant.
- 11 438 Q. Yes.
- 12 A. Counsel was surprised, I think, that is my memory of
- it, that the document was there.
- 14 439 Q. I see. So can we take it that counsel, as far as you
- 15 could gather --
- 16 A. That's my recollection.
- 17 440 Q. -- was questioning the relevance of that document to
- the module they were about to start with?
- 19 A. No, look, I'm not a legal expert, but certainly that
- issue was mooted at the meeting.
- 21 441 Q. Yes. Now, can we take it that the Commissioner's
- go-ahead to you of the 14th May was a verbal go-ahead
- in general terms?
- A. This was a telephone conversation, it was verbal, yes,
- and it lasted about 20 minutes, the telephone call.
- 26 442 Q. Did you have any discussion with the Commissioner about
- 27 whether the matter was one of sensitivity and whether
- it was wise or unwise to go down this road?
- 29 A. No. I was relaying the message of counsel to the

- Commissioner and the Commissioner agreed it was on the advice of counsel then that's where we're going.
- 3 443 Q. I see. So there was no discussion about the 4 sensitivity of the matter between yourself and the
- 5 Commissioner and there was no discussion as to whether

- 6 it was wise, in the light of that sensitivity, to go
- 7 down this road?
- 8 A. Not to my recollection, no.
- 9 444 Q. I see. And am I right in thinking that you conveyed 10 the outcome of your discussion with the Commissioner to 14:36 11 counsel on the morning of the 15th?
- 12 A. That's correct, yeah.
- 13 445 Q. And due to logistical problems, you didn't have an opportunity to tell Ms. Ryan about it?
- 15 A. Em, I obviously must have met counsel first when I went 14:36
  16 to the Commission that morning and had a conversation
  17 to that effect, and counsel had come to me, seeking the
- instructions. I remember counsel was, you know,
- 19 adamant that I get the instructions, and I went back to
- 20 him with them, and there was obviously a pressing need
- 21 to get the instructions at that stage because the
- 22 Commission itself had commenced.
- 23 446 Q. Yes.
- 24 A. And on the morning of the 15th, I conveyed those to
- counsel. I heard Ms. Ryan say that she wasn't aware at 14:36
- the time, you know.
- 27 447 Q. Yes. And it would appear that nobody warned Chief
- 28 Superintendent Rooney that this issue was about to
- 29 arise if his statement to this Tribunal is correct?

Т		Α.	well, I m not aware, I m not aware of what counsel said	
2			to Mr. Rooney, or whatever, Chief Superintendent	
3			Rooney. I can't remember.	
4	448	Q.	On the 14th May, you heard your counsel cross-examining	
5			Lorraine Browne, the driver of the bus in the	14:37
6			Kingscourt incident, about whether she was encouraged	
7			by Sergeant McCabe or Sergeant Regina McArdle to go to	
8			GSOC with her dissatisfaction, isn't that right?	
9		Α.	Well, yeah. I'm not sure of the chronology of the	
10			evidence, but	14:38
11	449	Q.	Well, you can take it that she gave evidence on that	
12			first day.	
13		Α.	Yeah.	
14	450	Q.	And you heard her being cross-examined	
15		Α.	I think I did, yeah.	14:38
16	451	Q.	by Mr. Smyth, isn't that right	
17		Α.	Yes.	
18	452	Q.	about whether she was encouraged by either of the	
19			two sergeants, or Sergeant McCabe in particular, to go	
20			to GSOC?	14:38
21		Α.	If it's in the transcripts, it's in the transcript.	
22			I'm not sure. Look, I don't want to answer a question	
23			that I can't you know	
24	453	Q.	You can't recall that?	
25		Α.	It's not I don't want to say. I'm aware of the	14:38
26			cross-examination and the examination of Ms. Browne.	
27			CHAIRMAN: Well, it is enough to say if it is in the	
28			transcript, it is in the transcript. You probably	
29			don't remember?	

- 1 454 Q. MR. McDOWELL: You can't recall at this stage.
- Therefore, I mean, you're probably going to give me the

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- 3 same answer; the reason why that line of questioning
- 4 was put to the witness, did you consider that was
- 5 legitimate, having regard to motivation --
- 6 A. Mr. McDowell --
- 7 455 Q. -- or disaffection on the part of Sergeant McCabe?
- 8 A. I think that question is a matter for counsel.
- 9 456 Q. We will come to that later, because counsel, as we
- 10 know, prepared submissions about these matters and you
- saw all those submissions?
- 12 A. Mr. McDowell, I was asked to do a job. I did it.
- 13 457 Q. I accept that.
- 14 A. I conveyed it back to counsel, and the rest was over to
- counsel.
- 16 458 Q. We know that when former Chief Superintendent Rooney,
- 17 retired Chief Superintendent Rooney was called to give
- 18 evidence, that, for the first time, Mr. Smyth asked him
- 19 questions concerning his dealings with Sergeant McCabe
- in the context of the DPP directions concerning the
- 21 Ms. D allegation. You were there when that happened,
- is that right?
- 23 A. I was there, yes.
- 24 459 Q. And you heard the objection that was taken to this line
- of questioning, isn't that right?
- 26 A. Yeah, and I have read it in the transcript.
- 27 460 Q. And it was taken firstly by Mr. Gillane and then by
- 28 myself on behalf of Sergeant McCabe, isn't that right?
- 29 A. That's right, yes. Yeah.

- 1 461 Q. And it was at that point that the question of whether
  2 the Commissioner had actually authorised that line of
  3 questioning to be proceeded with by counsel, was raised
  4 before the Commission for the first time, isn't that
- 5 right? 14:41
- 6 A. Sorry, could you repeat that again?
- 7 462 Q. It was at that point that the question of whether the
- 8 Commissioner had actually authorised that line of
- 9 questioning to be raised with Sergeant McCabe was dealt

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- 10 with before the Commission for the first time?
- 11 A. I think you yourself raised the issue.
- 12 463 Q. Yes.
- 13 A. Yeah. The objection.
- 14 464 Q. And it was in that context that you sought instructions
- from the Commissioner, isn't that right?
- 16 A. Well, I was again instructed, myself, to seek
  17 reconfirmation of the instructions issued --
- 18 465 Q. I see.
- 19 A. -- the previous night.
- 20 466 Q. And who instructed you to seek that confirmation?
- 21 A. Counsel.
- 22 467 Q. I see. And you then made a number of phone calls, and
- we won't go into the difficulty of contacting the
- 24 Commissioner, with the Commissioner, with a view to
- seeking her clear instructions on this matter, is that
- 26 right?
- 27 A. I explained to her that, yeah, they were my
- instructions, yes.
- 29 468 Q. Whose idea was it to ask for a written advice from

- 1 counsel on the issue?
- 2 A. It was either mine or the Commissioner's, I'm not sure.
- 4 469 Q. You requested it of counsel?
- 5 A. Yes.
  - 6 470 Q. And can you tell the Chairman, was it at the request of

- 7 the Commissioner or was it at your own suggestion that
- 8 it should be formalised?
- 9 A. I think it might have been the Commissioner, I'm not a
- 10 100% sure. It was either myself or the Commissioner in 14:43
- the course of the conversation that we had. Certainly,
- I went to counsel and I asked counsel for the
- instructions in writing.
- 14 471 Q. I see. During that recess, when you were having
- difficulty contacting the Commissioner, you were led to 14:43
- 16 believe that she was in contact with the Department of
- 17 Justice on the issue, is that right?
- 18 A. In the course of the conversation that I had with the
- 19 Commissioner, the Commissioner informed me she was
- 20 ringing the Department.
- 21 472 Q. About this issue?
- 22 A. She just said she was ringing the Department, and I
- took it that it was the Department of Justice.
- 24 473 Q. And was it about this issue?
- 25 A. It was following on, it was -- I would say it was, yes. 14:43
- It was my understanding it was, yes.
- 27 474 Q. Yes. I mean, she wasn't ringing them up to talk about
- the annual budget or something like that?
- 29 A. No. But she could have been speaking about other

- 1 matters or she may have come from everything else, but
- 2 it was certainly my understanding that she was going to

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- 3 speak about this issue.
- 4 475 Q. I see. And you relayed that to Ms. Ryan, that you
- 5 thought that she had been in contact with the
- 6 Department, is that right?
- 7 A. Yes. Just the context of that, obviously you can
- 8 imagine the pressure at that particular time, and
- 9 Ms. Ryan was coming into the room to see did I have an
- 10 answer for her.
- 11 476 Q. Yes.
- 12 A. And I advised Ms. Ryan what was going on.
- 13 477 Q. And did she indicate whether she was seeking the advice
- of the Department on what she should do?
- 15 A. She made the comment to me that 'I am going to ring the 14:45
- Department', and then that was it.
- 17 478 Q. I see.
- 18 A. I didn't have a discussion with her about what she was
- going to say or what she was going to do, or anything
- 20 like that.
- 21 479 Q. I see.
- 22 A. It was a single remark to me.
- 23 480 Q. Now, I think you made a note some time around that
- 24 time --
- 25 A. Yes.
- 26 481 Q. -- of what the Commissioner said to you, isn't that
- 27 right?
- 28 A. Yes.
- 29 482 Q. I think that note is to be found, I just want to be

1 clear about it --2 I have it here. Α. 3 483 I wonder would you look at page 694 in Volume 1B. Q. 4 Α. 5 484 And your note says, halfway down the page: Q. 14:46 6 7 "Commissioner sought time to speak to DoJ, then 8 returned with instructions that we: In light of the developments on the front that 9 Sergeant McCabe had issues with --" can you read that? 10 14 · 47 11 "Now working in Mullingar." Α. 12 " -- now working in Mullingar and his welfare." 485 Q. "Could we seek a deferral until we seek advice." 13 Α. "Could we seek a deferral until we seek advice." 14 486 Q. 15 Α. Yes. 14:47 16 Could we stop there and say, who did you understand she 487 Ο. was going to seek advice from if she had a team of 17 18 counsel in front of her? 19 Α. It meant -- my understanding of this was that she was 20 seeking a deferral to buy time here and to get advice 14:47 in relation to the issues again, because of the 21 situation. 22 From the team of counsel who were there or from the 23 488 Q. 24 Attorney General's office or from the Department? 25 Oh, no, from the counsel that was there dealing with Α. 14 · 48 this. 26 27 489 Pardon? Q.

From counsel.

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- 1 A. Yeah.
- 2 491 Q. But she had their advice, did she not?
- A. Well, she may have wanted more advice, Mr. McDowell.
- 4 492 Q. I see. Well, she'd very terse advice on the subject,

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- if I may put it that way, isn't that right?
- 6 A. Yeah, well --
- 7 493 Q. And if I read that, tell me if I am being misguided,
- 8 she said that because of the point of view of the
- 9 issues relating to Sergeant McCabe, the fact that he
- had moved to Mullingar, his welfare, that that issue
- 11 was something she wanted to put into the balance as to
- 12 whether she should go after him on the subject of
- 13 motivation or allow her counsel to do it?
- 14 A. No. My note of that is what the Commissioner said to
- me at that particular time, the rationale for the
- 16 adjournment.
- 17 494 Q. I see. Well, then can you read the next paragraph,
- please.
- 19 A. "Commissioner then rang a second time and advised that,
- on reflection, that if it came out in the course of the 14:49
- 21 questioning, then counsel could explore it and it was
- her view that if he (counsel) was advising that we
- explore the area of motive and that it was necessary,
- then she was inclined to give instructions to him to
- explore this issue. It would be remiss of her not to
- instruct him to proceed. Therefore, the Commissioner
- instructed counsel to pursue that specific line of
- 28 questioning."
- 29 495 Q. Okay. Can we stop at the first portion of that:

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2			"The Commissioner rang a second time and advised that,	
3			on reflection, that if it came out in the course of	
4			questioning, then counsel should explore it."	
5		Α.	Yeah.	14:50
6	496	Q.	Can we stop there and say what did you understand that	
7			to mean?	
8		Α.	Well, I think the context of all of this is that we	
9			have to remember that I was getting the messages from	
10			the Commission that there was no adjournment happening	14:50
11			here.	
12	497	Q.	Yes.	
13		Α.	And despite the best efforts, I was being told go back,	
14			and I was in the process of doing that when I got this	
15			phone call again from the Commissioner and I understood	14:50
16			it to be that she had reconsidered the matter and that	
17			she was now saying if this had come out in the course	
18			of the Commission itself, then we should proceed.	
19	498	Q.	I'm just curious to know does the word "if" there mean	
20			since, that since it had come out in the course of	14:50
21			questioning	
22		Α.	No.	
23	499	Q.	you should go on with it, or is it being suggested	
24			that if it arose, if this issue of motivation arose,	
25			counsel should pursue it?	14:51
26		Α.	This was a continuation of the phone call I had with	
27			her the previous night, and that's what she said to me,	
28			it's my recollection of what she said to me. You know,	
29			it's my recollection of what she said to me. It	

1			mightn't be verbatim, what she said to me in that quote	
2			there, but it's what I wrote down. Like, I went back	
3			to my office and I sat down and I wrote that.	
4	500	Q.	That was the sense of what she said to you?	
5		Α.	It was the sense of what she said to me, yeah.	14:51
6	501	Q.	And I'm just trying to work out what, actually, you	
7			yourself understood it to mean. Was it because,	
8			because it has arisen, let's go on with it, or it	
9			should only be pursued if it arises in the course of	
10			questioning?	14:51
11		Α.	Well, look, I think there was a lot of pressure with	
12			respect to the decision that had been made. It was a	
13			difficult decision	
14	502	Q.	Yes.	
15		Α.	I have no doubt. And the Commissioner wanted time	14:52
16			to reflect on this by seeking advices, is my	
17			understanding. And then, in the course of me going to	
18			counsel to tell them to get an adjournment, I got this	
19			phone call from the Commissioner, so she obviously had	
20			reconsidered it and advised to go ahead, because I had	14:52
21			told her that the possibility of getting an adjournment	
22			was very slim, but yet I was still being instructed to	
23			go and get an adjournment, and this and that's why	
24			when I said the Commissioner then rang a second time,	
25			so it was I was on hoof here between solicitor and	14:52
26			myself and the Commissioner, and I got the impression	
27			that the Commissioner had reflected on what she had	
28			been asking for and decided to go with the advices.	
29	503	Q.	So in the end what you are saying is that she had	

- decided, we'd better plough ahead with this?
- 2 A. Well, you know, I'm just -- you know, I can't explain
- 3 her thought processes here. I'm only second-quessing
- 4 it. But I'm just telling you what I -- my discussion
- with her, what it entailed. I was told, I was told
- 6 initially to seek an adjournment and then I was told to

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- 7 go ahead.
- 8 504 Q. I see.
- 9 A. The constructions were re-confirmed.
- 10 505 Q. And therefore, she wasn't saying you should only pursue 14:53
- this line if the matter arises otherwise in the course
- of questioning?
- 13 A. It's just my reflection of -- my recollection of what
- was said to me at that particular time, you know what I
- mean. It's two-and-a-half years ago. Like, I can't
- 16 nit-pick the issue any further than that, than to say
- 17 what I remember. That's my note of what I wrote at the
- 18 time.
- 19 506 Q. Had you been present when Mr. Justice O'Higgins made
- 20 his opening statement?
- 21 A. I don't think I was that day. I don't think I was
- there.
- 23 507 Q. I see.
- 24 A. You see, I was trying to get my material ready for
- 25 this. I was late to this, this Commission.
- 26 508 Q. So you weren't made aware either by counsel or Ms. Ryan
- 27 that Mr. Justice O'Higgins had said that if anybody was
- going to criticise anybody else at the Commission, they
- 29 had to seek his permission first --

- 1 A. No.
- 2 509 Q. -- and set out the factual basis for that before they
- 3 did so?
- 4 A. I don't remember that, Mr. McDowell. I think, my only

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- 5 recollection on that, on that particular point, was
- 6 when you made it yourself, that you were entitled to
- 7 the notification.
- 8 510 Q. Yes.
- 9 A. And I think the word the Judge used was 'ambush' --
- 10 511 Q. Yes.
- 11 A. -- I think.
- 12 512 Q. Yes.
- 13 A. Yeah.
- 14 513 Q. I think in his opening statement he said nobody was
- 15 going to be ambushed.
- 16 A. But I think he referred to that.
- 17 514 Q. He referred to it a second time.
- 18 A. At a later time.
- 19 515 Q. You're right, you're right, yeah.
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 516 Q. So at no point prior to this line of questioning with
- 22 Chief Superintendent Rooney was permission sought from
- 23 Mr. Justice O'Higgins to commence this line of
- 24 cross-examination about Sergeant McCabe's motivation
- and at no time was it considered that we'd better set
- out the factual basis on which we proposed doing this,
- as directed by the Chairman of the Commission?
- 28 A. It's not in the transcript, and I take it that it
- 29 didn't happen, but it's not there. I have read the

1			transcript.	
2	517	Q.	Yes. So are we to take it then that you could see	
3			you weren't in any way upset or surprised when	
4			Mr. Smyth started this line of cross-examination	
5			without notice to the witness or to the Commission	14:56
6			itself?	
7		Α.	As I said, I don't think I was there at the very	
8			beginning, and the tenet of what you are asking me	
9			here	
10	518	Q.	No, I'm talking at a later stage; when he asked the	14:56
11			questions of Chief Superintendent Rooney, I think you	
12			were there then?	
13		Α.	No, but I don't think the resonance of what you are	
14			saying dawned on me, you know what I mean, because I	
15			wasn't there at the beginning.	14:56
16	519	Q.	Very well, then. So it's clear that Ms. Ryan, one of	
17			her most immediate requests to you was that she should	
18			have a consultation with herself, counsel and the	
19			Commissioner, in relation to this matter?	
20		Α.	Well, Ms. Ryan was after proceedings.	14:57
21	520	Q.	Sorry?	
22		Α.	Sorry, you're talking about at that particular time?	
23	521	Q.	Yes. That she was her immediate reaction was to	
24			seek to consult with the Commissioner about this	
25			matter?	14:57
26		Α.	Well, I don't know. I don't remember her saying that	
27			to me there and then, do you know what I mean?	
28	522	Q.	Did she ask you to arrange a consultation?	
29		Α.	Well, she was pressing for over the weekend,	

1			definitely, after the event, she was asking me for	
2			consultations, but I relayed that message to the	
3			Commissioner and unfortunately the Commissioner wasn't	
4			available. And after that, you know what I mean, I	
5			don't have any more to offer.	14:58
6	523	Q.	Did you impress upon the Commissioner the urgency of	
7			Ms. Ryan's request?	
8		Α.	I had said it to her, and the Commissioner's response	
9			to me was that she was otherwise engaged, and I wasn't	
10			in a position to question the Commissioner about that,	14:58
11			you know what I mean? But certainly I had conveyed it	
12			to the Commissioner.	
13	524	Q.	I see. And did you tell the Commissioner that you were	
14			now going to have to organise the writing of a letter	
15			setting out the factual basis upon which Sergeant	14:58
16			McCabe's motivation was going to be challenged?	
17		Α.	No, what I had said to the Commissioner was that we	
18			were required to prepare a letter to provide	
19			notification to counsel, as requested by the	
20			Commission, and that we were about to do that.	14:58
21	525	Q.	Yes.	
22		Α.	And so the Commissioner was informed that this was an	
23			assignment that we had to do within the Commission and	
24			the counsel was going to deal with that.	
25	526	Q.	I see. And at any point was it thought fit by anyone	14:59
26			to include the Commissioner in on the circulation of	
27			the letter so that she might be aware of what was going	
28			to be done in her name?	
29		Α.	Well, at that stage we were endeavouring to organise	

1			everybody with respect to the task at hand, and I was a	
2			point of contact in that respect.	
3	527	Q.	You see, it would appear from the evidence of Ms. Ryan	
4			and from yourself to date, that the drafts that were	
5			prepared of that letter over the weekend were	15:00
6			circulated to a number of persons. They were	
7			circulated to who? To you	
8		Α.	I suppose	
9			MR. MURPHY: Sorry, Chairman, I think this witness is	
10			in the same position as Ms. Annmarie Ryan	15:00
11		Α.	Yes.	
12			MR. MURPHY: in relation to the same issue, and I	
13			would ask for your direction, Chairman, on this point,	
14			please.	
15			MR. McDOWELL: Judge, I think, already, you ruled in	15:00
16			relation to this, that the logistics of who was on the	
17			circulation list was not a matter of privilege.	
18			CHAIRMAN: Is it privilege that is concerning you,	
19			Mr. Murphy?	
20			MR. MURPHY: Sorry, Chairman, if it is confined to the	15:00
21			fact of the circulation. I had just apprehended that	
22			perhaps it was a line of questioning that was going to	
23			go into other matters that were covered by privilege.	
24			If that boundary was respected by My Friend, I don't	
25			object	15:00
26			CHAIRMAN: You're not objecting?	
27			MR. MURPHY: to I think what Mr. McDowell has	
28			referred as the logistical issues.	
29			CHAIRMAN: I don't think it is a matter of privilege	

1 that someone gets a statement of facts and says 'I 2 agree with this statement of facts'. 3 MR. MURPHY: Absolutely. It is more, I think, the content of those communications --4 5 CHAIRMAN: Yes. It is a matter of privilege if someone 15:01 6 gives a solicitor statement of facts orally or in 7 writing --8 MR. MURPHY: Sure. CHAIRMAN: -- and says, look, will I be found quilty of 9 murder on the basis of what I've just told you? That 10 15:01 11 is a different thing. 12 MR. MURPHY: May it please you, Chair. 13 MR. McDOWELL: We know that you received the drafts 528 Q. 14 that counsel were working on, isn't that right? 15 thought you said you did? 15:01 16 Well, it's not as simple as you put it. Okay, there Α. 17 was a -- the letter was to be drafted, and, as I said 18 in my direct evidence, that two of the contributors of 19 the letter were dealt with directly with the legal 20 The third contributor -team. 15:02 And let's be clear about that, that is Chief 21 529 Q. 22 Superintendent -- former Chief Superintendent Rooney 23 and Inspector or Superintendent Cunningham? 24 Superintendent Cunningham, yes. Α. 25 They were dealt with directly by the legal team, is 530 Ο. 15:02 26 that right? 27 They were, yes. Α. And were you circulated with the drafts? 28 531 Q.

I got the first draft of the letter on the Saturday

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1 evening. 2 532 Yes. Q. which basically consisted of the contribution of the 3 Α. two contributors. 4 5 CHAIRMAN: I'm just wondering about this, as to whether 15:02 6 legal professional privilege arises at all, I mean, in this context, because you know the Supreme Court drew a 7 8 distinction between legal assistance and legal advice. MR. McDOWELL: Yes. 9 Drawing up a contract is not -- it does not 10 15:02 11 attract the privilege, but getting advice in relation to the implications of the contract does. But I don't 12 13 think we're straying outside what we ought to be 14 straying outside. No one is asking what happened in 15 the consultation; it's just was a statement of facts 15:03 16 addressed in consequence of a consultation. I think 17 that is okav. I don't think there is a problem there. 18 MR. MURPHY: Certainly, Chairman. But I think that the 19 content would be covered by privilege, legal 20 professional privilege. It's more than just mere legal 15:03 21 assistance. 22 CHAIRMAN: The contents certainly could if it is 23 brought into being for the purpose of legal advice. 24 MR. MURPHY: Yes. 25 If it is for the purpose of putting a CHAIRMAN: 15:03 statement of facts for the purpose of legal advice, if 26 27 it is for the purpose of preparing for litigation, all 28 of those issues. But merely being circulated on a 29 statement of fact or meeting a lawyer and asking the

1 lawyer to take down a statement of fact, is, I think, a different thing. I think it is a different thing 2 3 anyway, Mr. Murphy, because, I mean, a person who is not a lawyer could do that for you. 4 5 MR. MURPHY: Well, I think the context in which it is 15:03 6 happening is clearly closely connected to an 7 apprehended event which is akin to litigation. 8 CHAIRMAN: No. it is as well to be careful. 9 MR. MURPHY: Yes. But I think at the moment we're not there. 10 CHAIRMAN: 15:04 11 MR. MURPHY: Thank you, Chairman. 12 MR. McDOWELL: Can I ask you to go to page 762, if you 533 Q. would, please. 13 14 Α. Sorry, what volume are we in? 534 It's in book --15 Q. 15:04 16 Pardon? Α. -- 2A, I think. 17 535 Q. 18 762. Α. 19 536 762. Q. 20 Α. Yes. 15:04 I think although there's some script missing on the top 21 537 Q. 22 left-hand corner, it's "Motivation behind McCabe" is 23 the full handwritten heading. And beside that is a 24 note made on the Saturday: 25 15:05 26 "16/5/15 spoke to Fergus Healy at 9:30pm. I pointed 27 out my two concerns. I asked him to speak to Michael 28 Clancy and get his views before we send it to Noel and He will come back to me in the morning." 29 Colm.

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2			That would be the Sunday morning, isn't that right?	
3		Α.	Yes, that's correct.	
4	538	Q.	So when you it wasn't as simple as I suggested, are you	
5			saying that it had to go Superintendent Clancy first?	15:05
6		Α.	Yeah, I suppose Chief Superintendent Rooney and	
7			Superintendent Cunningham were in the Commission when	
8			this request was made.	
9	539	Q.	Yes.	
10		Α.	And they were aware of what was to be done.	15:05
11	540	Q.	Yes.	
12		Α.	And they dealt directly with counsel in respect of that	
13			matter, or the legal team.	
14	541	Q.	Yes.	
15		Α.	Superintendent Clancy Chief Superintendent Clancy	15:06
16			wasn't there.	
17	542	Q.	Yes.	
18		Α.	He wasn't involved in Module 1 at all, and I was tasked	
19			with contacting him and advising him of what was	
20			required, and I did that, and that's the context in	15:06
21			which that handwritten note refers.	
22	543	Q.	Anyway, the email that we are looking at there, the	
23			typewritten part of it, is addressed to yourself and	
24			Annmarie Ryan, isn't that right?	
25		Α.	Yes.	15:06
26	544	Q.	And it's we needn't go through it all, but it	
27			emphasises that:	
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"It is of the utmost importance that the content be as

1 factually accurate as possible, such that there are no 2 misstatements and nothing that cannot be backed up by 3 oral or documentary evidence with the exception of the facts alleged, recited or admitted by McCabe himself." 4 5 15:07 6 Now, you realised that this was an important document, 7 did you? Of course. 8 Α. And I'm just wondering, since Ms. Ryan proffered it but 9 545 Q. the Attorney General's office thought it was better not 15:07 10 11 to receive it, why it was that you couldn't send it on 12 to the Commissioner? You would have had the 13 Commissioner's email, wouldn't you? 14 Α. This was -- I think that was nine o'clock that night. 15 546 But, I mean, at some stage during the weekend Q. 15:07 16 surely you could have just simply forwarded it to the Commissioner for information? 17 This -- what I -- the first draft of that document that 18 Α. 19 I received was only a portion of the document. 20 547 Q. Yes. 15:08 It was -- it didn't include the portion for 21 Α. 22 Superintendent Clancy -- Chief Superintendent Clancy. 23 548 I see. Q. 24 It was only the contribution, as I understood it, from Α. 25 Superintendent Cunningham and from Chief Superintendent 15:08 26 Rooney. 27 549 Yes. Q. 28 So it was a working document. It wasn't in any way Α.

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1 550 Q. I see. Well, on Monday, on the following Monday, the
2 18th, did it occur to you, when it was actually sent,
3 to tell the Commissioner this is what -- this is the
4 substance of what counsel is actually now going to do
5 on your behalf at this Commission?

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- 6 As I say, the Commissioner was advised on the Friday Α. that we were going to do this, and the document was 7 8 prepared. We were working on the document right up until 1:45 or two o'clock in the morning on Sunday 9 night/Monday morning, and at that stage I had agreed, 10 11 with respect to a few minor amendments, with the 12 content of the document, and, the following morning, 13 Ms. Ryan arrived to the Commission with it, and at that 14 stage the matter was so, it was progressing at such a 15 rate that there wasn't even an opportunity to do this 16 with the Commissioner.
- 17 551 Q. Even for her information, to keep her informed of what 18 precisely counsel was interpreting her instructions as 19 allowing them to do, surely it was important?
- But I think, Mr. McDowell, you have to appreciate the 20 Α. time pressures that we were under to deal with this 21 22 It was -- we were working on this to the very 23 late hours of the morning. There was a number of 24 contributors involved in it. It was important to have the content of it correct, I appreciate all of that, 25 26 and that process was ongoing, and, like, we were 27 working seriously long hours, dealing with this, and, 28 at the same time, we were trying to address the issues 29 for the Commission itself, which were, you know, going

1			to flow from that and flow from the work of the	
2			Commission, and at the same time, the Judge was very	
3			critical of the disclosure process in relation to the	
4			whole thing. So you can imagine the difficulties that	
5			we were facing at that particular time.	15:10
6	552	Q.	Even after the event, when the horse had bolted, so to	
7			speak, in terms of what you had been pressurised into	
8			doing by the time constraints, was there any reason why	
9			you wouldn't have informed the Commissioner as to what	
10			you were doing in her name?	15:11
11		Α.	But as I said, if the Commissioner was the employer	
12			here in all of these matters. The contributors were	
13			the people with the facts. This was a notification	
14			that was being provided to counsel and it was being	
15			circulated for the benefit of counsel representing	15:1
16			other parties	
17	553	Q.	Yes.	
18		Α.	as by way of a notification to all the parties	
19			concerned, as to what was coming down the line.	
20	554	Q.	Yes.	15:11
21		Α.	And that's all it was. It wasn't the evidence	
22			itself hadn't been adduced at the Commission. It was,	
23			as you requested yourself at that hearing, it was	
24			advance notice of these issues.	
25	555	Q.	I see. Well, the first two lines of the letter, we can	15:11
26			see that on page 771, state:	
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28			"As directed by the Judge in the course of the hearing	
29			on Friday, 15th May 2015, we hereby provide the factual	

1			issues to be put to Sergeant Maurice McCabe."	
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3			Was it your understanding that your counsel was	
4			notifying the Commission that these were the facts that	
5			were to be put to Sergeant McCabe when and if he gave	15:12
6			evidence?	
7		Α.	It's my understanding that it was a notification	
8			required by counsel representing the parties. It was	
9			an advance notice of the issues that were pertinent to	
10			the Commission. And it was my understanding that, to	15:12
11			avoid a situation where an accusation of ambush could	
12			be provided	
13	556	Q.	Yes.	
14		Α.	that it was an advance notice of that.	
15	557	Q.	And that all of these facts were to be put to Sergeant	15:13
16			McCabe if he gave evidence?	
17		Α.	Well, I don't know if all the facts, but that it was	
18			advance notice of the issues that would arise. It was	
19			a matter for counsel to decide what to put to Sergeant	
20			McCabe. That was left to counsel to do that.	15:13
21	558	Q.	I see. So the phrase "the factual issues to be put to	
22			Sergeant McCabe" means factual issues which may or may	
23			not be put to Sergeant McCabe at the discretion of	
24			counsel, is that what you are saying?	
25		Α.	No, I'm just saying that the purpose of my	15:13
26			understanding of it was that the document was	
27			forewarning for the information of counsel at the	
28			request of the Commission and upon insistence of	
29			counsel of being given advance notice, and that was the	

1			purpose of the document, as far as I was concerned. It	
2			was my understanding. Maybe I misunderstood that, but	
3			I was sitting at the back of the room when this request	
4			was made and it was my understanding that that is what	
5			we were doing here. We were paraphrasing what the	15:14
6			issues were, as such.	
7	559	Q.	Well, we knew that you had been warned by counsel that	
8			every word of it had to be capable of being stood over?	
9		Α.	It was my understanding that that was the case.	
10	560	Q.	Yes. And could I put to you what appears at paragraphs	15:14
11			14 and 15 of the letter on page 774:	
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13			"Sergeant McCabe was unhappy with the outcome of the	
14			decision of the Director of Public Prosecutions."	
15				15:15
16			That's not right, is it?	
17		Α.	well, as I said	
18	561	Q.	But you now know that is wrong?	
19		Α.	Pardon?	
20	562	Q.	That he was not unhappy with any decision of the DPP?	15:15
21		Α.	I'm only I can't comment, because this was written	
22			back in May 2015.	
23			CHAIRMAN: Yes. That is the paragraph I referred to	
24			when I said there is one other paragraph that's clearly	
25			wrong, and that is what I was thinking about, yes.	15:15
26	563	Q.	MR. McDOWELL: I mean, that paragraph was deeply	
27			misleading and very, very damaging to Sergeant McCabe,	
28			because it's saying:	

Т			Sergeant McCape was unnappy with the outcome of the	
2			decision of the Director of Public Prosecutions because	
3			he believed the decision ought to have completely	
4			exonerated him rather than recording that there was not	
5			sufficient evidence to proceed against him."	15:15
6		Α.	well, I can only assume that I can only based on	
7			the contributions that were made by the parties	
8			concerned and the preamble with respect to the accuracy	
9			issue, it was my belief at that time that that document	
10			was accurate. I had no reason to believe that it	15:16
11			wasn't accurate otherwise.	
12	564	Q.	The next paragraph reads:	
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14			"In or about the same time, Sergeant McCabe presented	
15			Superintendent Clancy with a series of operational	15:16
16			issues for his attention "	
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18			And this is the important point here:	
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20			" which were of a type which would normally have	15:16
21			been dealt with by the sergeant in charge of the	
22			station."	
23				
24			In other words, that he was raising, for his superiors,	
25			matters which he ought to have been dealing with	15:16
26			himself in the ordinary course?	
27		Α.	As I said, it was my understanding that the document	
28			was accurate, and the three contributors here were the	
29			officer ranks in that Garda division at that time.	

565 Q. 1 Yes. 2 Sorry for intervening, Mr. McDowell, but I 3 don't know the extent to which you went into the D case or not. I don't know if you ever saw the DPP's letter 4 5 of the 5th April --15:17 6 I saw that, yes. Α. CHAIRMAN: -- 2007. 7 8 I would have seen it. Α. 9 CHAIRMAN: At some stage. 10 Α. At some stage. 15:17 11 CHAIRMAN: But prior to this? 12 Em --Α. 13 CHAIRMAN: Even when you were up in that division? 14 Α. I think I might have seen it, I might have read it 15 briefly when I was dealing with the GSOC matter, I 15:17 16 think I might have seen it at that time. 17 CHAIRMAN: Yes. 18 But not --Α. 19 CHAIRMAN: Not since then? 20 I was aware that there was a doubt as to whether or not 15:17 Α. there was an offence at all here. 21 22 CHAIRMAN: Yes. 23 To that effect. Α. 24 I mean, it is too easy for some of these 25 details to get mixed up. Sergeant McCabe was not 15:17 unhappy with the contents of the letter. As far as I 26 27 know, it had been read to him by the State solicitor on an informal basis --28 29 Α. Yes.

- 1 CHAIRMAN: -- and they were -- as would quite often be
- the case, sergeants and State solicitors are on a
- friendly basis with each other. And then it wasn't a
- 4 question -- I don't think anyone ever went back to the

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- 5 DPP and said, would you give a fuller explanation or
- 6 would you allow this to go around? Instead, I think
- 7 the Gardaí, in saying, well, this can't go around, were
- 8 basing it on what was then the DPP's directive. That
- 9 is as I understand the plain facts. And a lot of it,
- it's very easy for it to become garbled, but it is in
- 11 this --
- 12 A. But I think at that time, I wasn't aware whether
- 13 Sergeant McCabe was unhappy or not. I wasn't aware of
- 14 that.
- 15 566 Q. MR. McDOWELL: So if counsel got that impression, it
- was nothing that you had told them at consultation?
- 17 A. No. These were -- I told them nothing in the
- 18 consultation.
- 19 567 Q. And the Commissioner never told them that?
- 20 A. Sorry, I didn't tell them anything in the consultation. 15:18
- 21 568 Q. Are you sure you didn't tell them about the background,
- because you were aware of the background yourself?
- 23 A. On the 11th May --
- 24 569 Q. Yes.
- 25 A. -- there is no doubt I did.
- 26 570 Q. Yes.
- 27 A. But after that, I didn't. I wasn't contributing at all
- here.
- 29 571 Q. But you didn't tell them any of this, that he was

unhappy with the DPP's directions? 1 2 No. As I said, the three contributors for this Α. 3 document were Chief Superintendent Clancy and Rooney and Cunningham. 4 5 CHAIRMAN: Well, I mean, again, it could be someone 15:19 6 putting the thing down totally wrong. Sergeant McCabe 7 was unhappy with the outcome of the decision of the Director of Public Prosecutions, and the decision could 8 refer to the decision not to circulate, but as it's 9 stated it's clearly wrong. 10 15:19 11 MR. McDOWELL: It's clearly wrong. 12 572 And then paragraph 15 implies that Sergeant McCabe had Q. 13 decided to, coincidentally, make complaints to 14 Superintendent Clancy, there was a series of operational issues for his attention which he would 15 15:19 16 normally have dealt with himself. Did you read that at 17 the time? 18 As I said, the contributors of the document --Α. 19 573 No, but did you read that yourself at the time? Q. I would have read it, but I had no knowledge -- this 20 15:19 was, remember, the 15th May. 21 22 574 Yes. Q. 23 It was -- the first I became in contact with any of Α. 24 this issue was on the 15th, that day --25 575 Q. Yes. 15:20 26 -- you know what I mean? So I was at a stage where I Α. 27 was relying completely on the account of other people --28 29 576 Q. Yes.

Т		Α.	to ensure the accuracy of it, but I wash t in a	
2			position to dispute this.	
3	577	Q.	Well, I was going to come that. Given your own limited	
4			knowledge of what was in this letter, I take it that	
5			you told the other contributors to the process that you	15:20
6			had been warned that every word of it had to be capable	
7			of being stood over?	
8			CHAIRMAN: I get that, Mr. McDowell. It is perfectly	
9			clear.	
10		Α.	It was written in the foreword.	15:20
11			MR. McDOWELL: Sorry, Judge?	
12			CHAIRMAN: I do get that. It is perfectly clear.	
13	578	Q.	MR. McDOWELL: Then in the next paragraph, and then	
14			Sergeant McCabe is particularly surprised by this, so I	
15			must put it to you:	15:20
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17			"Sergeant McCabe sought an appointment to see Chief	
18			Superintendent Colm Rooney and this was facilitated in	
19			June/July 2007. At the meeting Sergeant McCabe	
20			expressed anger and annoyance towards the Director of	15:21
21			Public Prosecutions."	
22		Α.	Again, the contributor	
23	579	Q.	And we know that former Chief Superintendent Rooney	
24			retracted that under cross-examination.	
25		Α.	As I said, the 15th May	15:21
26	580	Q.	Yes.	
27		Α.	the issues were presented to me as they were. And,	
28			quite rightly, the issue of accuracy was raised, and I	
29			was of the view that it was accurate, because I wasn't	

1			in a position to dispute it otherwise.	
2			CHAIRMAN: I mean, Mr. McDowell	
3			MR. McDOWELL: I don't want to labour the point.	
4			CHAIRMAN: at the end of the day, what can people do	
5			more than this: you sit down, you have a consultation,	15:21
6			you make notes, you draw up a document, and then if	
7			there is a liaison person, there is a liaison person,	
8			or the solicitor circulates it to all the people who've	
9			told you what they say the facts are.	
10			MR. McDOWELL: Yes.	15:22
11			CHAIRMAN: And you say, look, if there is anything in	
12			this that is wrong, please correct me.	
13			MR. McDOWELL: Yes.	
14			CHAIRMAN: You circulate it, all of them come back with	
15			a tick, yes, and then you put it in.	15:22
16			MR. McDOWELL: Yes.	
17			CHAIRMAN: Nobody can fault anybody for doing that. I	
18			mean, that is the right thing to do.	
19			MR. McDOWELL: No, I'm not faulting the witness.	
20	581	Q.	The question that I putting to you, and it is not a	15:22
21			criticism of yourself, is that you had to, in the	
22			circumstances, given your own limited knowledge,	
23			delegate the issue of accuracy to the people who were	
24			actually giving instructions to the barristers, isn't	
25			that right?	15:22
26		Α.	Of course, of course, yes.	
27	582	Q.	And that was Colm Rooney and Noel Cunningham, isn't	
28			that right?	
29		Α.	Yeah, and Michael Clancy.	

2 Yes. And I dealt with Clancy directly. Α. 3 584 Yes. And again, now you say in retrospect, having Ο. 4 looked at paragraph 18 -- and maybe you would look at 5 paragraph 18. 19 or 18? 6 Α. 7 585 18. Q. 8 Α. Yes.

Sorry, and Clancy.

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9 586 Q. It could not have been the case, if you take 18 and 19
10 together, that Inspector Noel Cunningham could have been deputed the task of investigating complaints against Superintendent Clancy, isn't that right?

A. Well, logic would stand to reason that an inspector

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- 14 doesn't investigate a superintendent. Any garda reading that, and I'm not criticising you, 15 587 Q. 15:23 16 because you were relying on others, and I accept that, 17 but any garda reading that carefully to see was it 18 line-by-line correct and could we stand over everything 19 in it, would immediately have said that it was highly improbable that an inspector would be asked to 20 15:24 investigate complaints against a superintendent? 21 22 CHAIRMAN: Well, it is also very hard to know what 23 exactly was Inspector Noel Cunningham actually
- investigating. Investigating what?

  MR. McDOWELL: Well, that is the -
  CHAIRMAN: I mean, he had already investigated the D

  matter, and, as far as I can see, he had done so to a

  very high level of competence, and now what is he

  investigating? None of it makes a great deal of sense.

MR. McDOWELL: Arising out of that observation by the 1 588 Q. 2 Chairman, you had a fairly clear background 3 understanding of the D allegation and the rest of it, isn't that right, because you had been a local officer? 4 5 I was aware of -- that there was a criminal Α. 15:24 investigation. 6 Yes, but I think, Mr. McDowell, in fairness 7 CHAIRMAN: 8 to Chief Superintendent Healy, and I would say the same thing myself, I felt I was only on top of it when I 9 read the whole thing. 10 15:25 11 MR. McDOWELL: Yes. 12 CHAIRMAN: And that is what you actually need to do. 13 MR. McDOWELL: Oh, it is labyrinthine on occasions. 14 CHAIRMAN: Well, on occasion perhaps it is, but, I 15 mean, it doesn't take that long, it takes maybe half an 15:25 16 hour, but you really have to read the whole thing. 17 Maybe you did or didn't, I don't know, Chief 18 superintendent. 19 You know what I mean, as I say, the document was a Α. 20 working progress document. 15:25 21 589 MR. McDOWELL: I'm not saying it was unreasonable of 0. 22 you to trust and rely on others to get things right. 23 Yes. Α. 24 590 I'm not suggesting that that would be an unreasonable Ο. 25 That'd be fanciful on my part. But what I 15:25 26 am suggesting to you is this: that you didn't see 27 anything untoward about the proposition that it was in 28 the course of a meeting with Superintendent Cunningham 29 that Sergeant McCabe admitted that the only reason he

Т			was making the complaints against superintendent Clancy	
2			was to force him to allow Sergeant McCabe to have the	
3			full DPP's directions conveyed to him?	
4		Α.	Look, as I said, the accuracy issue was a matter for	
5			the contributors.	15:26
6	591	Q.	Yeah.	
7		Α.	I presumed.	
8			CHAIRMAN: Some of it reads on a farcical basis at this	
9			point. I mean, here is an inspector investigating a	
10			chief superintendent, for instance. And then the	15:26
11			question is, it's the same inspector who actually	
12			investigated the D case.	
13		Α.	I know.	
14			CHAIRMAN: Investigated very competently. And then the	
15			next thing is, well now what's he investigating? I	15:26
16			mean, it doesn't make any sense. Whereas if you go	
17			back and you read the letter earlier on, it's clear	
18			that the complaint by Sergeant McCabe was about what	
19			had happened to him in consequence of the D family;	
20			namely, being chased down the street in Bailieboro,	15:26
21			being pointed out in Bailieboro District Court, having	
22			apparently to retreat upstairs in the Garda station	
23			because people were shrieking downstairs and the fact	
24			that then he had to work with him side by side. I	
25			mean, that is what the complaint was.	15:27
26		Α.	Yes.	
27			CHAIRMAN: And certainly an inspector could look into	
28			that.	
29		Α.	Yes.	

_			CHAINMAN. Of a sergeance, of anybody. But he was arso	
2			making it clear, if you actually read the thing, that	
3			he didn't want any action taken because he felt enough	
4			harm had been done. This thing here, I mean, it is	
5			just	15:27
6		Α.	I understand. But the circumstances at which the thing	
7			was evolving at that time, was that we were completely	
8			depending on other people for their accuracy, and that	
9			was the situation that arose at that time. And you	
10			know, as I say, we were doing 40 things at the same	15:27
11			time.	
12	592	Q.	MR. McDOWELL: Yes.	
13		Α.	And the contributions, as quite rightly put forward,	
14			were a requirement to ensure accuracy. I presumed it	
15			was accurate. Maybe it was, you know what I mean, it	15:28
16			was something I didn't notice it, but I presumed it was	
17			accurate based on what the others those people were	
18			saying.	
19			CHAIRMAN: Well, I mean, your position was, you were	
20			pressurised in relation to discovery, there was a whole	15:28
21			load of things going on.	
22		Α.	Yes.	
23			CHAIRMAN: You felt the right thing to do was to get	
24			counsel to meet with the witnesses	
25		Α.	Yes.	15:28
26			CHAIRMAN: get them to take notes as to what they	
27			were saying, and then, as a very reasonable precaution,	
28			send the completed document to everybody to say is this	
29			right or is this wrong. And you would have expected,	

_			sorry, that is wrong, to come back, or would you mille	
2			correcting paragraph 10, or whatever, but you never got	
3			that. They were all happy to stand over it,	
4			apparently.	
5		Α.	That is the situation that prevailed at the time.	15:28
6	593	Q.	MR. McDOWELL: Well, can we shorten it by saying this:	
7			If that paragraph 19 had the word "against" taken out	
8			of it and "to" put into it, right, so that it reads "In	
9			the course of this meeting, Sergeant McCabe advised	
10			Superintendent Cunningham that the only reason he made	15:29
11			the complaints to Superintendent Clancy was to force	
12			him to allow Sergeant McCabe to have the full DPP's	
13			directions conveyed to him", well, apart from the fact	
14			that is also wrong	
15		Α.	Yeah.	15:29
16	594	Q.	but I'm not going to get stuck on that. But the	
17			more important point I want to put to you is this: it	
18			could not have been, by any conceivable stretch of the	
19			imagination, a good ground to challenge Sergeant	
20			McCabe's motivation, if it was right?	15:29
21		Α.	As I said, counsel were overseeing the content of the	
22			document.	
23	595	Q.	And I've got to suggest to you that the only way that	
24			all of those first 18 paragraphs could be made look	
25			relevant to the Commission was to suggest that the	15:30
26			complaints which the Commission was investigating were	
27			motivated by a desire to force Superintendent Clancy to	
28			do what Sergeant McCabe wanted to do with the DPP's	
29			direction. That was the only way in which Mr. Justice	

- 1 O'Higgins should even hear about it at all?
- 2 A. Mr. McDowell, I was facilitating this, the preparation
- of this document, and the content of it was a matter
- for the contributors, who are required to ensure its
- 5 accuracy. I relied on those people, and the counsel

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- 6 that were dealing with them, to ensure that it was
- 7 accurate.
- 8 596 Q. Yes, but I mean --
- 9 A. And that was the situation that I found myself in at that time.
- 11 CHAIRMAN: I think what Mr. McDowell is saying, look,
- if you even look at the word "force him to", I actually
- read the relevant document, and what it simply does is
- set out a reasonable man's case as to why this should
- be an exception to the normal rule that people don't
- get the letters from the DPP when they've complained
- that they are the victim of an offence, nor does the
- 18 accused get it. I can't see in any way that this was
- 19 the kind of letter which grabbed someone's arm, put it
- up behind their back and then started twisting it. It
- 21 was simply, if you like, in the context of a
- submission, look, this is what's happened to me, this
- is how I feel about it, I'm going to have to go forward
- in the future, and I think, therefore, in the context
- of that, releasing the letter to me and to the D family 15:31
- is the right thing to do. That is as I read it.
- There's no element of forcing in it.
- 28 A. But, look --
- 29 597 Q. MR. McDOWELL: Are you saying, and I'm not going to

- 1 criticise you if you are saying it, are you saying that
- 2 you weren't aware of the content of that letter that
- 3 they were relying on to Superintendent Clancy? You had

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- 4 not seen it?
- 5 A. I hadn't seen that letter at all.
- 6 598 Q. I see.
- 7 A. I hadn't seen the report, or anything, so, like, I was
- 8 in the dark on this.
- 9 599 Q. Yes.
- 10 A. I was depending on other people to be accurate here
- 11 so --
- 12 CHAIRMAN: And you were also dealing with discovery and
- 13 all kinds of other things.
- 14 A. You have to have a certain level of trust that people
- do things rightly, you know what I mean.
- 16 600 Q. MR. McDOWELL: I fully accept that point.
- 17 A. Yeah.
- 18 601 Q. And I'm not criticising you for trusting other people,
- but I am suggesting to you that you were effectively
- acting for the Commissioner in this matter, and that if 15:32
- you trusted them, she was trusting them?
- 22 A. But I think the point is that we had a legal team
- 23 overseeing them.
- 24 602 Q. Yes. Well, trusting the process?
- A. And the process that was in place to deal with these
- issues.
- 27 603 Q. Yes.
- 28 A. You know, so, like, in my view, that's what was going
- on here, to prepare this document, and I can't put it

- 1 any more than that.
- 2 604 Q. Yes. I see. Because, you see, what I am suggesting to
- you, in effect, in relation to this letter, was that it
- 4 would appear that the lawyers trusted the witnesses who
- they conferred with, and you trusted the output of the

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- 6 lawyers and the witnesses they conferred with to set
- out accurately and in a totally correct way the basis
- 8 on which Sergeant McCabe's motivation was going to be
- 9 challenged, isn't that right?
- 10 A. Well, there was obviously a level of trust --
- 11 605 Q. Yes.
- 12 A. -- you know what I mean. Everybody is responsible for
- their own actions.
- 14 CHAIRMAN: And you had a further level of trust --
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 CHAIRMAN: -- which was, I'm circulating the letter --
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 CHAIRMAN: -- I'm warning you that if you get any facts
- wrong, there'll be trouble. Well, here we are two
- years later and there is trouble. But they came back
- to you saying, yes, it's accurate. But it's not.
- 22 A. No, it's not.
- 23 CHAIRMAN: Much of it reads like a complete load of
- 24 nonsense, quite frankly.
- 25 A. I was dealing with a time limit that this had to be
- 26 prepared for Monday morning.
- 27 606 Q. MR. McDOWELL: Yes.
- 28 A. And the time span that we had to deal with it --
- 29 607 Q. You had to trust others, didn't you?

		Α.	or course, or course, I had to.	
2	608	Q.	And the Commissioner had given you the function of	
3			trusting others. She wasn't saying, I want to see any	
4			letter or come back to me with any particular strategy.	
5			The Commissioner was trusting you to ensure that her	15:34
6			instructions were properly carried out?	
7		Α.	Well, she was trusting counsel to ensure that her	
8			instructions were	
9			CHAIRMAN: I presume she was trusting in the legal	
10			system.	15:34
11		Α.	Yes.	
12			CHAIRMAN: And the fact that the legal system has a	
13			process whereby barristers don't make stuff up.	
14		Α.	Yes.	
15			CHAIRMAN: Solicitors don't make stuff up. They get	15:34
16			the facts from the people.	
17		Α.	Yes.	
18			CHAIRMAN: And then you ask the people, if you're	
19			careful, would you mind checking these facts that I'm	
20			now going to rely on.	15:34
21		Α.	Yes.	
22			CHAIRMAN: And that's what everybody does.	
23		Α.	And that's what was done here.	
24			CHAIRMAN: And the Commissioner never saw this letter,	
25			as far as you're telling me.	15:34
26		Α.	No, because the the Commissioner didn't see it.	
27			CHAIRMAN: Well, maybe if she had seen it she would	
28			have said, what's an inspector doing investigating a	
29			chief superintendent and what are they investigating	

1	them	about?

- 2 She may have picked up on that, but you have to Α. 3 understand the difficulties with respect to coordinating all the parties concerned, the timeframe 4 5 involved, the level of detail in the document, the 15:35 length of the document, the extent of it, there's a 6 7 huge amount of variables here, in this letter, and, you 8 know, as I say, people make mistakes, errors occur, but 9 people were reminded to be accurate and, as you say, that's what we were doing. 10 15:35
- MR. McDOWELL: Well, let's move on towards the 11 609 Q. 12 afternoon of that day, I think it was the afternoon, 13 and Sergeant McCabe is being cross-examined on foot of 14 this letter. And it is put to Sergeant McCabe on day 3 15 of the Commission's hearing that he had informed both 16 Superintendent Cunningham and Sergeant Yvonne Martin, who is the innocent victim in all of this, that the 17 18 only reason he made complaints against Superintendent 19 Clancy was to force him to -- to force his hand on the 20 DPP's issue, the DPP issue. That was done in oral evidence, wasn't it? 21

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- 22 A. I think it's in the transcript, yeah.
- 23 610 Q. And Superintendent Cunningham and former Chief
  24 Superintendent Rooney were present when counsel put
  25 that to Sergeant McCabe and heard Sergeant McCabe say
  26 absolutely false. Do you remember that happening?
- 27 A. Well, I was -- it's in the transcript, yes.
- 28 611 Q. Did either of them come to you that evening and say, 29 hold it, there's a car crash about to take place here,

1			counsel is putting a completely wrong version to	
2			Sergeant McCabe, that isn't what we meant and that	
3			isn't what we told counsel?	
4		Α.	They may not have come to me, they may have gone to	
5			counsel, I don't know, but certainly I can't remember	15:37
6			what arose after that. But counsel was questioning the	
7			witnesses and putting issues to them, so it was a	
8			matter for counsel to deal with that.	
9	612	Q.	And Superintendent Cunningham was giving evidence on	
10			day 4, and his evidence was interrupted because the	15:37
11			letter which the Chairman referred to wasn't available	
12			and hadn't been made available to counsel for Sergeant	
13			McCabe?	
14		Α.	Sorry, now, I don't follow.	
15	613	Q.	The 2008 letter, do you remember that?	15:38
16			CHAIRMAN: The letter about the D family, is it?	
17			MR. McDOWELL: Yeah, that letter.	
18			CHAIRMAN: Yes.	
19			MR. McDOWELL: Because it wasn't available.	
20			CHAIRMAN: The one about the courtroom	15:38
21			MR. McDOWELL: Yes.	
22			CHAIRMAN: and the street in Bailieboro, et cetera.	
23			MR. McDOWELL: Yes, exactly, all that thing.	
24		Α.	I'm not following. I don't follow what you are saying.	
25	614	Q.	Sorry, I am suggesting that he was giving evidence	15:38
26			about in line with this letter when the absence of	
27			that letter, the report on which he was relying of his	
28			own dealings with Sergeant McCabe, was brought to his	
29			attention and the matter was adjourned so that it could	

Т			be produced?	
2		Α.	Sorry, now, I'm lost here.	
3	615	Q.	Okay. You know that Superintendent Cunningham was	
4			claiming that he had made a report of a meeting he had	
5			in Mullingar with Sergeant McCabe?	15:39
6		Α.	Well, I am aware that he wrote a report after the	
7			letter, after the meeting.	
8	616	Q.	And you know that he claimed that its contents had been	
9			approved by Sergeant Yvonne Martin?	
10		Α.	well	15:39
11	617	Q.	Which is not true?	
12		Α.	well, okay, right.	
13	618	Q.	And you know that on day 4	
14			CHAIRMAN: Well, as I understand it again so she's not	
15			dragged into this, Sergeant Martin wrote her own	15:39
16			report, which everybody accepts is accurate	
17			MR. McDOWELL: Yes.	
18			CHAIRMAN: except for people who don't do their	
19			research.	
20			MR. McDOWELL: Yes.	15:39
21	619	Q.	And then Superintendent Cunningham was giving evidence	
22			about having produced a report when the report itself,	
23			the production of that report was required and he was	
24			stood down as a witness. Did you know that?	
25		Α.	I don't, I don't	15:40
26			CHAIRMAN: Well, you're coming to a point,	
27			Mr. McDowell, and I will understand it even if Chief	
28			Superintendent Healy perhaps doesn't.	
29			MS LEADER: I think the relevant transcript references	

1			start at page 1130 of Volume 4 of the materials.	
2			MR. McDOWELL: Well, I don't want to waste the	
3			witness's time if he is reading the transcript for the	
4			first time. It won't help.	
5			CHAIRMAN: Your point is what, Mr. McDowell?	15:40
6	620	Q.	MR. McDOWELL: My point is this: That at that time	
7			there was a discussion in the Commission about	
8			Superintendent Cunningham's report and its not being	
9			available to counsel for Sergeant McCabe and he was	
10			stood down as a witness. And I am asking, was there	15:40
11			some reason why the error in paragraph 19 was not noted	
12			at that point?	
13		Α.	I can't recall.	
14			CHAIRMAN: In other words, the point I think being made	
15			to you is this: there were people in the court, they	15:41
16			heard this, the exchange; the only reason you made a	
17			complaint was to force the hand about releasing the	
18			DPP's directions, they didn't correct it, and then	
19			there was a further opportunity when a witness was	
20			giving evidence when there would have been a break.	15:41
21			MR. McDOWELL: Yes.	
22			CHAIRMAN: And that witness could have spoken to that.	
23			And what Mr. McDowell is asking you in short form is,	
24			did the witness come to you and say, look, there's been	
25			a bit of a mistake about this and I would like to	15:41
26			correct it as soon as possible?	
27		Α.	I can't remember, I can't remember. I don't know.	
28			CHAIRMAN: If something like that had happened, I	
29			presume it would it might stand out.	

- 1 A. At what stage I became aware that there was a mistake,
- 1 can't remember.
- 3 MR. McDOWELL: I see.
- 4 A. I can tell you today I did know that there was a
- 5 mistake, right?
- 6 621 Q. But you knew that --
- 7 A. And it was explained to me that the word "to" should

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- 8 have been where the word "against" was.
- 9 622 Q. Yes. And that became apparent, did it not, on 24th
- June, which was day 5 of the hearing?
- 11 A. I think on day 5 it was cleared up by
- 12 Superintendent Cunningham.
- 13 623 Q. And was day 5 the first occasion on which you were
- 14 aware of the mistake?
- 15 A. I can't -- I can't remember if it was that day. I
- might have known before that, but certainly on that
- 17 date I was aware.
- 18 624 Q. Well, it seems -- it seems that up 'til that date --
- 19 A. I can't remember.
- 20 625 Q. -- Mr. Smyth wasn't aware of the error, because he had
- 21 to be convinced of the error by Mr. Justice O'Higgins?
- 22 A. Like I said, you know what I mean, that's a matter
- 23 for --
- 24 626 Q. But, in any event, I'm suggesting to you, Chief
- 25 Superintendent, that it was only on the 24th June, day
- 26 5 of the hearing --
- 27 A. Yes.
- 28 627 Q. -- when the existence of Sergeant McCabe's
- tape-recording came to light and when

1			Superintendent Cunningham was to be recalled for, I	
2			think the third time, if not that it was admitted	
3			that there was a mistake in paragraph 19 of the letter?	
4		Α.	I think on day 5	
5	628	Q.	Yes.	15:43
6		Α.	Superintendent Cunningham cleared up the issue.	
7			With respect to the tape matter inside in the	
8			Commission, there was a lot of confusion as to what was	
9			going on in the Commission. The matter was adjourned.	
10			We didn't	15:43
11			CHAIRMAN: I think I know the history and, you know,	
12			having read the transcripts	
13		Α.	Yes.	
14			CHAIRMAN: I am hearing an awful lot of stuff I	
15			actually know already, but surely we have cleared this	15:43
16			up.	
17	629	Q.	MR. McDOWELL: The point I'm putting to you is this:	
18			that in the meantime, we know, and we will just go to	
19			it very briefly, I don't want to waste your time or the	
20			Tribunal's time, but that, in the meantime, counsel had	15:43
21			been asked to draw up submissions in respect of the	
22			first module, and had done so on the 11th June?	
23		Α.	There was submissions made on the 11th June, yes.	
24	630	Q.	Well, perhaps we could just go to those submissions	
25			now.	15:44
26			CHAIRMAN: And the submissions also contain this,	
27			that's the point you're making?	
28	631	Q.	MR. McDOWELL: The submissions not merely contain it	
29			but if I can just come to the submission.	

- 1 Yes, I know the point you're making. It contains Α. 2 the -- I was here yesterday with Ms. Ryan's evidence. 3 632 Q. Yes. So can we take it that by 11th June nobody was 4 ringing the alarms bells either in relation to this 5 matter? 15:44 6 The submission one was -- at that stage I had received Α. 7 a copy of it, and in the course of examining it --8 633 Yes. Q. 9 -- I had read it for factual accuracy, and it was my Α. understanding I believe at the time that that was my 10 15 · 44 11 understanding then. 12 You see, what I am suggesting to you is, that, on the 634 Q. 13 evidence, the submissions were also circulated and 14 nobody seemed to notice that it was now being suggested 15 in very clear terms that Superintendent Clancy's 15:45 16 failure to support Sergeant McCabe about the policing 17 issues, that that complaint was motivated solely by 18 Sergeant McCabe's dissatisfaction with the question of 19 the DPP's ruling being made available to the D family? 20 There is a lot of information there, sorry. Α. 15:45
- 24 636 Q. Yes.

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25 A. -- the submission that was made.

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26 637 Q. They repeat the error and make it more clear?

Okay. We will take it bit by bit.

27 A. It was my understanding at that time when the 28 submission was made that it was accurate, because I had 29 read it for factual accuracy and I was of the

No, no, I understand. You're asking me was it on the

1			understanding that counsel had, we'll say, had would	
2			have had legal oversight of it	
3	638	Q.	Yes.	
4		Α.	with respect to its submission. And that's my	
5			recollection of it.	15:46
6	639	Q.	What I am asking you, because it is important, is: Can	
7			we agree that it is highly unlikely that, before the	
8			11th June, the erroneous nature of what had been put to	
9			Sergeant McCabe in the witness box was known to counsel	
10			who drafted those submissions?	15:46
11		Α.	At what stage, sorry, now?	
12			CHAIRMAN: In other words, he's asking you at what	
13			stage was the alarm bell rung that, look, we've got	
14			something wrong.	
15			MR. McDOWELL: And I'm putting it to you that it	15:46
16			couldn't have been before 11th June because they	
17			wouldn't have repeated the mistake.	
18		Α.	I don't know, I don't know. I think my reflection of	
19			it was that at that time when the submissions were	
20			made, that they were accurate. And you know what I	15:46
21			mean, it would be my view of it, if I had known it	
22			wasn't accurate, I wouldn't have cleared it.	
23	640	Q.	Yes. Exactly. And those submissions were circulated	
24			to a number of people, including Noel Cunningham, isn't	
25			that right?	15:47
26		Α.	Yes.	
27	641	Q.	And I am suggesting to you that it was only when it	
28			became clear that a recording had been made of the	
29			Mullingar meeting, and it was only when, for the first	

1			time, the report of that meeting was furnished to the	
2			Commission, that the suggestion that Sergeant McCabe	
3			was motivated in his complaints by the failure to	
4			comply with his wishes in relation to the DPP's	
5			directions, it was only then that that was acknowledged	15:47
6			as an error by Mr. Smyth?	
7		Α.	I don't know Mr. Smyth	
8	642	Q.	Well, you remember, you were there when	
9		Α.	I can't account for that, Mr. McDowell.	
10	643	Q.	You were there when Mr. Justice O'Higgins pointed it	15:48
11			out to him; you remember what was read out today about,	
12			at first blush, it appears to me that you've got this	
13			wrong?	
14		Α.	Mr. McDowell, what was going on here between counsel	
15			and Mr. Justice O'Higgins was a matter between counsel	15:48
16			and the Commission. I was sitting down the back of the	
17			room, and sometimes issues would go over my head, you	
18			know what I mean, sometimes they wouldn't. But I can	
19			certainly say that that is a matter between counsel and	
20			the Commission, as far as I was concerned.	15:48
21	644	Q.	Well can we look at this question from Sergeant	
22			McCabe's point of view, just very briefly. He was told	
23			on the 18th May, in written form, that he had only made	
24			these allegations against Superintendent Clancy because	
25			of his grievance about the DPP's directions issue, and	15:49
26			it was put to him on that day that that was the case.	
27			And it was put to him in writing that	
28			Superintendent Cunningham would say that and that he	
29			would be corroborated by Sergeant Yvonne Martin.	

Т			CHAIRMAN: Who never said any such thing, just, by the	
2			way.	
3			MR. McDOWELL: Who never said any such thing, indeed,	
4			Judge. That was put to him, and it was put to him	
5			effectively as the reason why he should not his	15:49
6			evidence should not be accepted and as to why he was	
7			ill-motivated in making all of these complaints. You	
8			realise that now?	
9		Α.	Well, obviously when the mistake was noticed, I mean,	
10			we know that today to be the position. The document,	15:50
11			at the time when it was ruled inadmissible by the	
12			Judge, I certainly wasn't aware of it then, 18th May.	
13	645	Q.	Now, can you tell me then, did you inform the	
14			Commissioner on or after 24th May that a major mistake	
15			had been made and that the instructions to pursue	15:50
16			Sergeant McCabe's motivation had been grounded on a	
17			major factual error in writing, confirmed in	
18			cross-examination and confirmed in written submissions,	
19			did you ever let Commissioner O'Sullivan know that that	
20			had happened?	15:50
21		Α.	It was my understanding, I may have it is my	
22			understanding that the letter was ruled inadmissible,	
23			and that's it as far as I was concerned. So, as I said	
24			at the beginning, the letter was a notice advising	
25			counsel and it was ruled inadmissible by the Judge, and	15:51
26			that was it, as far as I was concerned.	
27			CHAIRMAN: Well, the answer would seem to be no?	
28		Α.	Yeah.	
29			CHAIRMAN: If I understood what you've just said and	

Т		what you a safe previously, you put in the retter. How	
2		accurate it was, you were depending upon	
3	Α.	Others.	
4		CHAIRMAN: lawyer	
5	Α.	Yeah.	15:51
6		CHAIRMAN: And client communication. You were the	
7		liaison person. Once it was ruled inadmissible by the	
8		Judge, well, your attitude was, it's not something to	
9		bother the Commissioner with, or was it, or did you	
10		feel you ought to say.	15:51
11	Α.	Well, I may have said it to the Commissioner in the	
12		conversations that we had. I can't remember exactly,	
13		you know what I mean.	
14		CHAIRMAN: But, I mean, you'd have had to actually get	
15		the context and point it out so that the person talking	15:51
16		to would grasp you	
17	Α.	Well, at what stage, I can't remember, but certainly	
18		the document was ruled inadmissible, and, as far as I	
19		was concerned, it was a document that was there to	
20		notify counsel, and that it was matter for counsel	15:52
21		then to get over these issues with respect to that	
22		document and what was contained in it, that they would	
23		continue on with their case.	
24		CHAIRMAN: But the question is actually pretty	
25		important. Do you specifically remember discussing	15:52
26		this letter with the Commissioner and saying	
27	Α.	Well	
28		CHAIRMAN: we put in a letter and it's turned out it	
29		is inaccurate in one very major respect?	

1 No, I would have -- when it came to my attention, I Α. 2 would have brought it to her notice, yes. You see, my 3 understanding of this letter was that it was a notice to advise counsel of the issues that would arise in the 4 5 course of the modules, right the way through the 15:53 6 modules. 7 Well, it's not, it's not that. CHAIRMAN: 8 That was my understanding. Α. CHAIRMAN: Think of it more as a charge sheet. 9 you're going to be cross-examined, you're a witness, 10 15:53 11 you're going to be cross-examined, and this is the kind 12 of stuff we're going to use in relation to 13 cross-examining you. That is what it is, in effect. 14 So it is like -- it's fairness, it's like telling him 15 in advance --15:53 16 Yes. Α. CHAIRMAN: -- this is the stuff we have up, there's a 17 18 factual inaccuracy in it, a number, but one pretty 19 major one, two -- well, more than that. So did you ever say to the Commissioner, look, we put in that on 20 15:53 your behalf but unfortunately it contains a string of 21 22 errors and here are the errors and I'm going to tell 23 what you they are; did you ever have that conversation? 24 Specifically about it, I could have had the Α. 25 conversation. I can't recollect with clarity or detail 15:53 that I did. I can't remember. 26 27 CHAIRMAN: Well, I mean, the alternative is, you had a 28 chat about the subject, which is a different thing.

You see, to me, the document, when it was presented,

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Τ			was problematic, and the Judge ruled it inadmissible,	
2			and that's how he dealt with it, as far as I was	
3			concerned. That didn't mean the problem didn't go	
4			away, because it was a matter for counsel then to	
5			address these issues of giving notice to counsel in	15:54
6			whatever way	
7			CHAIRMAN: No, I'm not getting any further in relation	
8			to that.	
9		Α.	Sorry.	
10			CHAIRMAN: No, I'm not blaming you for that, Chief	15:54
11			Superintendent.	
12		Α.	Yeah.	
13			CHAIRMAN: I mean, just, I have no further information.	
14			MR. McDOWELL: I know you're doing your best, Chief	
15			Superintendent, but I want to suggest to you that it is	15:54
16			a the matter of importance whether the Commissioner	
17			understood that although the factual basis for the	
18			assault on Sergeant McCabe's credibility and motivation	
19			had been seriously flawed, it was nonetheless going to	
20			be continued on different grounds, which was change of	15:55
21			heart or change of demeanour, general grievance, and	
22			that that was going to be the basis on which the	
23			challenge to his motivation was continued thereafter.	
24		Α.	But as far as I was concerned, that was a matter for	
25			counsel to deal with that.	15:55
26	646	Q.	I see. But did you think that you should tell the	
27			Commissioner about this changing of horses in	
28			mid-stream?	
29		Α.	But I was only asked to give the to get the	

1			instructions. I got the instructions. I gave it back	
2			to counsel, and it was a matter for counsel to deal	
3			with these issues. These were issues that were arising	
4			within the Commission. They were highly technical	
5			legal issues that counsel was employed to deal with,	15:56
6			and, as far as I was concerned, they were dealing with	
7			it, and if counsel wanted me to come back to the	
8			Commissioner with whatever message, I would have done	
9			it. That was all, that was my role here.	
10			CHAIRMAN: Yes. You seem to be the kind of man who, if	15:56
11			you were having a heart operation, you would prefer not	
12			to stay awake to see what the surgeons were doing.	
13		Α.	Exactly.	
14			CHAIRMAN: You'd leave it to them.	
15		Α.	I think most people would be the same.	15:56
16	647	Q.	MR. McDOWELL: I see. And tell me, did this problem	
17			ever arise at any of your consultations with the	
18			Commissioner in the summer or the early autumn of 2015,	
19			the fact that this had happened, or was it kept away	
20			from her?	15:57
21		Α.	As I said, I've said what my recollection of what	
22			happened at those consultations was outlined. There	
23			were notes that I took of what happened. I don't think	
24			there was any deliberate intention ever to do that, as	
25			far as I understood it, but, at the same time, I wasn't	15:57
26			conducting the consultations. The counsel was leading	
27			the consultations with the Commissioner and I was there	
28			as a, you know, as a bystander to a degree at that	
29			stage when she was there, and I never noticed anything	

1			untoward with respect to those consultations.	
2	648	Q.	On day 3, I will ask the Tribunal, I don't want to	
3			waste too much time on this, at page 181, 182 and 183	
4			of the transcript, Mr. Smyth says:	
5				15:58
6			"He will, as I say, as I understand it, the 15th and	
7			17th October there were two incidents anyway, some	
8			encounter or something. Following on from that you	
9			raised with Superintendent Clancy the issue of "	
10				15:58
11			And Mr. Justice O'Higgins said:	
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13			"I think you will have to be a bit more specific."	
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15			And Mr. Smyth said:	15:58
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17			"I have to be careful that I don't trespass into all	
18			sorts of various can I put it to you this way, did	
19			you have a meeting, did you ask Superintendent Clancy,	
20			did you raise with him"	15:58
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22			And Mr. Justice O'Higgins says:	
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24			"This is a month?"	
25				15:58
26			And Mr. Smyth said:	
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28			"October 2007. You said you wanted to view the actual	
29			written directions. You remember saying that to the	

1	superintendent?"	
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3	And Mr. McCabe said, Sergeant McCabe said:	
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5	"That's not true, Judge.	15:59
6	Q. He will also say that you wanted the word, and I'm	
7	putting this to you, that this is what you wanted and	
8	you wanted to use your own word, exonerated by the	
9	authority."	
10		15:59
11	And Sergeant McCabe said:	
12		
13	"That's not true. And if you let me elaborate on that	
14	I will."	
15		15:59
16	And Mr. Justice O'Higgins said:	
17		
18	"Certainly.	
19	A. Judge, that's not true. I recorded the meeting at	
20	the time with Superintendent Clancy and I gave a	15:59
21	transcript of the tape over to the Byrne inquiry.	
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23	MR. SMYTH: I'm sorry?"	
24		
25	And Sergeant McCabe said:	15:59
26		
27	"I gave a transcript of the recording over to the	
28	Byrne/McGinn inquiry.	
29	O. What recording was that?	

1 It was a recording that I taped in March of 2008. It referred to that incident, and Mick Clancy said to 2 3 me on the tape, Maurice, do you remember what I was going to do for you? I said yes. He said, well, I'm 4 5 not going to do it for you now. And I say okay." 16:00 6 7 So it was at that stage that the existence of -- on day 8 3, of recordings became known to you, is that right? I didn't know what was going on at the Commission, to 9 Α. 10 tell you the truth. There was an adjournment. There 16:00 11 was a very long adjournment. 12 Yes. To late June? 649 Q. we're talking about day 3 here? 13 Α. 14 650 0. Day 4 was the following day, I think, wasn't it? And 15 then day 5, it's mid-June, 24th June. 16:00 16 Day 3 was in May. Α. 17 651 Yes. Q. 18 And at that time you're talking about the tape issue? Α. 19 652 Yes, that's --Q. At that particular time, I didn't know what was --20 Α. 16:00 21 there was a lot of uncertainty, as far as I was 22 concerned, as to what was going on. There was a void 23 of information with respect to what was going on and 24 there was a lot of people running around looking for 25 technical equipment, as far as I was concerned, and 16:01 26 there was a lot of these technical problems, and I was 27 uncertain as to what the hell was going on, to tell you the truth. 28 29 Q. Well, what I am really putting to you is, that 653 I see.

1			it was only after the existence of tapes came into view	
2			that any appreciation of the actual words that were	
3			spoken to Superintendent Cunningham was sought on your	
4			side of the equation?	
5		Α.	Mr. McDowell, I can't enlighten you on that.	16:01
6	654	Q.	Did you alert the Commissioner to the fact that there	
7			were tapes of meetings?	
8		Α.	I can't remember. I cannot remember.	
9			CHAIRMAN: Mr. McDowell, will you be much longer?	
10			MR. McDOWELL: I will be a little while longer.	16:01
11			CHAIRMAN: I mean, what does that mean?	
12			MR. McDOWELL: Well, I was going to go towards 4:30,	
13			Judge. If you want to rise now I'm happy to do it.	
14			CHAIRMAN: Well, you know	
15			MR. McDOWELL: I want to ask you, if I may	16:02
16			CHAIRMAN: Sorry, Mr. McDowell, let's see. I mean, I	
17			got estimates this morning and I suppose it's like	
18			getting estimates from painters who are painting your	
19			front room, is it like that? Is it going to be twice	
20			what they say?	16:02
21			MR. McDOWELL: Judge, no, I should finish by	
22			CHAIRMAN: I'm trying to be	
23			MR. McDOWELL: There are other counsel after me.	
24			CHAIRMAN: I know. I know. Mr. McDowell, it's not	
25			directed at you. I mean, you will appreciate, there	16:02
26			are some things that certainly are clarifying	
27			MR. McDOWELL: Yes.	
28			CHAIRMAN: in my mind	
29			MR. McDOWELL: What I propose to do	

- 1 CHAIRMAN: -- but, I mean, I know the transcript.
- 2 MR. McDOWELL: What I propose to do, Judge, is to go
- mow to the October and November discussions.
- 4 CHAIRMAN: Yeah.
- 5 MR. McDOWELL: The Tribunal may think that I'm stuck in 16:03
- June, I'm not. I'm about to shift fairly rapidly to --
- 7 CHAIRMAN: Yes. Well, I once recall listening to a
- 8 sermon which had already lasted 20 minutes and we were
- 9 only on the first century, at that point.
- MR. McDOWELL: Judge, I am happy to leave it to Monday. 16:03
- 11 CHAIRMAN: Well, sorry, maybe we will go off transcript
- for a moment. Do you think you will try and finish by
- 13 then?
- 14 MR. McDOWELL: I will, yes. I hope I will, Judge.
- 15 655 Q. Just before we get there, you did hear what I quoted
- Mr. Justice O'Higgins as saying on day 3, today, that

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- 17 this was an attack on Sergeant McCabe's integrity and
- that he was not to be believed as a witness. That is
- 19 what he understood was being the case that was being
- 20 made to him?
- 21 A. Well, there was, from the text, you know what I mean --
- 22 from the transcript.
- 23 656 Q. From the transcript?
- 24 A. Yeah.
- 25 657 O. You heard that?
- 26 A. I read the transcript, yeah.
- 27 658 Q. And that is what you understood was going on. You
- don't remember counsel saying no, no, no, you got that
- 29 wrong, that's an excessive view of what we are saying

1			about Sergeant McCabe, nothing like that?	
2		Α.	These were matters for counsel, do you know what I mean	
3			in dealing with these issues.	
4	659	Q.	I see.	
5		Α.	I can't put it any further, Mr. McDowell.	16:04
6	660	Q.	But when we come to November of 2015, 3rd November,	
7			there are two meetings which are concerned with the	
8			fact that the Commissioner is going to be giving	
9			evidence, isn't that right?	
10		Α.	Yeah. The first one is on the 20th October, and I	16:05
11			think the Commissioner was scheduled to give evidence	
12			at that time, but it was deferred until November.	
13	661	Q.	And quite reasonably there was an apprehension that she	
14			might be asked to deal with the instructions she had	
15			given on motivation way back in May?	16:05
16		Α.	That was in the October meeting?	
17	662	Q.	At the October meeting and at the November meeting.	
18		Α.	As I say, the Commissioner was there to give evidence	
19			with respect to her capacity as Assistant Commissioner	
20			HRM.	16:05
21	663	Q.	Yes?	
22		Α.	And obviously there was a concern that these matters	
23			might be put to the Commissioner, which was she was	
24			now on a different capacity.	
25	664	Q.	And on that, on the second day, the day before she gave	16:06
26			evidence, you've stated that I just want to get a	
27			clear statement from you, as to what you believed was	
28			the significance of your note about withdrawing the	
29			allegation of had faith?	

1 There was, there was never an allegation of bad faith. Α. 2 665 Q. what did you note was to be withdrawn or could be 3 withdrawn? That she could be asked about withdrawing from her 4 Α. 5 position that she'd taken. 16:06 6 666 What position was that? Q. 7 As I said, the instructions issued to counsel was the Α. 8 motivation and the credibility issue. On motivation and credibility, that she might be asked 9 667 Q. to withdraw on that? 10 16:06 11 Yeah. That was my understanding, yeah. Α. 12 Yes. And are you also then saying that the discussion 668 Ο. 13 of mala fides, bad faith, on that occasion was not in 14 relation to anything, any suggestions that had been made on behalf of the Commissioner? 15 16:07 16 The Commissioner never suggested that. She never Α. 17 suggested mala fides, ever. 18 669 I see. Mr. Justice O'Higgins you heard today --Q. 19 Yeah. Α. 20 670 -- said there's been an attack on Sergeant McCabe's Q. 16:07 21 integrity and that his evidence was not to be accepted 22 as true. 23 On day 2 or day 3 are you talking about? Α. 24 Day 3. That is what he said, this is the gravamen of 671 Q. 25 what is being said about your client? 16:07 All I can say is that I conveyed the instructions to 26 Α. 27 counsel. What happened in the Commission on day 2 was a matter between counsel and the Judge and the rulings 28

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that were to flow therefrom. And counsel was to deal

1 with those issues as far as I was concerned. 2 3rd November the Commissioner was at a consultation and 3 it was in the course of preparing her for that, that this issue arose about mala fides. 4 5 672 I see. Q. 16:08 6 And that's all it was. It was a case that there was a Α. 7 brief issue about it, that's all. 8 673 And when we come to mala fides is a matter for the 0. Commissioner --9 10 Α. No. 16:08 11 674 -- for the Commission rather --Q. 12 Yes. Α. 13 675 -- what did you understand that observation, I presume Q. 14 from counsel, to be? 15 It was that if there was -- it was a matter for the Α. 16:08 16 Commission to come to that conclusion. 17 That who was acting mala fides? 676 Q. 18 No, but if there was a finding of mala fides, that's Α. 19 all. Yes. 20 Against whom? 677 0. 16:09 21 I presume that it was a matter that counsel was Α. 22 advising the Commissioner with respect to the 23 Commission's function and that they in turn would come, 24 make a decision on mala fides if there was --25 Are you seriously suggesting, chief superintendent, 678 Q. 16:09 26 that it wasn't about Sergeant McCabe, that that was --27 No, I'm not suggesting that. I'm not suggesting that Α. 28 for any minute. I'm saying that, I'm saying that what 29 it says is that it is a matter for the Commission to

- decide the outcome. And they could have a finding of
- 2 mala fides. They may not. At that stage nobody knew.
- 3 And that's all the Commissioner was --
- 4 679 Q. In respect of whom or what?
- 5 A. There was no mention of bad faith in consultations.

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- 6 680 Q. Sorry, it's clear that there was a mention of mala
- fides at the consultations because you noted it as
- 8 being happened?
- 9 A. There was, there was.
- 10 681 Q. Yes?
- 11 A. The words were uttered, right.
- 12 682 Q. Yes. And who uttered them, please?
- 13 A. Well, counsel did.
- 14 683 Q. And who was that?
- 15 A. Mr. Smyth.
- 16 684 Q. Yes. And did he say that mala fides was a matter for
- 17 the Commission?
- 18 A. Subsequently, my note reflects --
- 19 685 Q. Yes?
- 20 A. -- that the advices of counsel was -- obviously the
- 21 Commissioner is not a legal expert either, but the
- counsel was advising the Commissioner that the
- 23 Commission -- it was a matter for the Commission to
- 24 make that decision.
- 25 686 Q. But a decision that who was acting mala fides or in bad 16:10
- 26 faith?
- 27 A. Sure, they might find that about anybody, Mr. McDowell.
- 28 687 Q. I see.
- 29 A. It would include Sergeant McCabe of course. But you

- 1 know that was a matter for the Commission.
- 2 688 Q. I see. I just want to be clear, that you believe that
- 3 what was said by Mr. Smyth was that he was not making
- 4 the imputation of bad faith against Sergeant McCabe but

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- 5 that it was something that the Commission might well
- 6 find, is that the point?
- 7 A. Sorry, can you repeat that?
- 8 689 Q. Did you understand Mr. Smyth to be telling the
- 9 Commissioner that he wasn't and she wasn't making an
- imputation of bad faith against Sergeant McCabe but
- that it was nonetheless something that the Commission
- 12 might find on the evidence?
- 13 A. No. I think it was a case that the mala fides words
- were uttered at the Commission on day 2 but that it was
- a matter for the Commission to make finding in that
- respect.
- 17 690 Q. Of bad faith?
- 18 A. No, but that was a matter -- it was a possible outcome.
- 19 That is what the point is.
- 20 691 Q. I understand, but I'm asking you, and I'm asking you to 16:11
- be careful and to think it through: Do you believe
- that Mr. Smyth was informing the Commissioner that
- 23 although he was not making an accusation of mala fides
- 24 against Sergeant McCabe, nonetheless it was still open
- to the Commission to make such a finding?
- A. It was a matter for the Commission to do, to decide on
- those matters.
- 28 692 Q. To make such a finding?
- 29 A. It was a matter -- it was a point of information, that

1			it was a matter for the Commissioner to make a finding	
2			if they did or not. That is what was uttered. It was	
3			a point of information. It wasn't a suggestion or it	
4			wasn't a comment with respect to a view of a particular	
5			outcome, it was just a point of information. That's	16:12
6			all it was.	
7	693	Q.	You see, on the same note	
8		Α.	You have to appreciate that the people at the meeting	
9			who are receiving the information were lay people.	
10	694	Q.	Yes?	16:12
11		Α.	Right, and the expertise was with counsel and counsel	
12			was advising by way of a point of information what	
13			could happen here.	
14	695	Q.	And I just wonder, well, first of all, the reference to	
15			the Commissioner withdrawing something, what did that	16:13
16			refer to, to your recollection?	
17		Α.	It was again that that question could be put to you in	
18			cross-examination or it could be put to you, and my	
19			understanding and recollection of it was that it	
20			related to the direction that she'd given.	16:13
21	696	Q.	Yes. And what did you understand the advice she was	
22			being given on that matter, how did you understand it	
23			to go?	
24		Α.	You know what I mean, that was a question that I	
25			suppose I don't know what the actual advice was to	16:13
26			tell you the truth, I can't remember what was said by	
27			counsel, but it is just a note that I took of it at the	
28			time.	

29 697 Q. Well, you know that at the earlier --

- 1 These were possible questions that could be put to the Α. 2 Commissioner. 3 698 At the earlier meeting if she was asked about Q. motivation --4 5 Yes. Α. 16:14 6 699 -- the possibility of pleading privilege --Q. 7 Yes. Α. 8 700 -- as a grounds for not answering was considered, is Q. 9 that right? 10 Yes, that's correct. Α. 16:14 11 701 So, on this second meeting, the eve of her giving Q. evidence --12 13 Yes. Α. 14 702 Q. -- are you saying that the word mala fides where it 15 appears in your note on two occasions was in no way 16:14 16 referable to Sergeant McCabe? 17 Well, I'm not saying that. I'm saying that --Α. 18 703 Well, how was it referable to Sergeant McCabe? Q. 19 I'm saying that the words were uttered at the Α. 20 Commission with the reference to mala fides --16:14 21 704 Yes? Q. 22 -- it was the first, was the first note. And the Α. 23 second note was that the Commission could conclude a 24 finding of mala fides, but that was a matter for the Commission. 25 16:14
- 26 705 Q. Yes.
- 27 A. That was my understanding of the matter.
- 28 706 Q. Well, I mean, it's sometimes very simple words get kind 29 of given exotic meanings because they're translated

1 into Latin, and mala fides is bad faith? 2 Yes, and that is why I wrote it in brackets beside it Α. 3 Mr. Smyth -- sorry, Mr. McDowell. 4 So, bad faith is a very simple concept, that if 707 Ο. 5 somebody is making a complaint about poor policing, if 16:15 6 they are doing it in bad faith that is a very simple 7 concept, it doesn't have to be explained to lay people 8 at great length, does it? No, sorry now, that was for my benefit --9 Α. Yes? 10 708 Q. 16:15 11 -- in brackets in my note. It wasn't for anyone else's Α. 12 benefit. It was for my benefit. 13 Sorry, you're saying that you ought advice on this? 709 Q. 14 Α. No, no, no. Sorry. Never did. It was my note of --15 710 Of what the meaning of mala fides was? Q. 16:15 16 Yes, yes. Α. 17 711 I see. And you just noted that down? Q. 18 I did. It was just a habit. A habit. That's all. Α. 19 712 I see. I'm just trying to ask you, if somebody makes Q. 20 an accusation of poor policing standards out of ill 16:16 will or a sense of grievance against the Gardaí, do you 21 22 regard that as doing so in bad faith? 23 Personally? Α. 24 713 Yes. Q. 25 People do things and they believe that they are correct 16:16 Α. in doing that and that's their right. 26 I would never

take umbrage with anybody doing -- making any

complaint. That is a matter specifically for the

individual and I'm sure that everybody acts, you know

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1 what I mean, with the best of intentions. 2 I appreciate that. But I'm asking you if I said to you 714 Q. 3 that you'd made an accusation of poor policing in Kerry out of a sense of grievance against An Garda Síochána, 4 5 do you think I'd be accusing you of making that 16:16 complaint in bad faith? 6 7 well, that's a hypothetical situation. Α. 8 715 I know it is. Q. 9 I don't like answering --Α. It is what happened to Sergeant McCabe --10 716 Q. 16:17 11 I'm sorry --Α. 12 -- so let's remember --717 Ο. I don't like answering questions in hypothetical 13 Α. 14 situations. 15 CHAIRMAN: Well, again, suppose I come along and go I 16:17 16 go down to Rathmines Garda Station and I say there was a burglary in my house and frankly the investigation 17 18 was a load of nonsense and they didn't take any 19 fingerprints, they didn't turn up for ten hours, they 20 didn't check the alarm system, they didn't give any 16:17 advice and frankly it's a load of nonsense that you 21 22 claim that there is any policing let's say in the south 23 Dublin area. Now there's two ways of approaching that; 24 saying, okay, the guy living up the road is a nutcase 25 and he's always making complaints about this, that and 16 · 17 26 the other and everything, but then you could say, well 27 secondly, even if he is, let's check out what the detectives did - did they bring down their brushes? 28 Did they take fingerprints? Did they look at general 29

Т		entry and exit into the house?	
2	Α.	Yes.	
3		CHAIRMAN: Did they give anti crime advice? And	
4		whereas you might start off from a position the person	
5		is a bit of a crank you might come to the conclusion	16:18
6		the facts are correct.	
7	Α.	Yes.	
8		CHAIRMAN: Now the problem is, I suppose, if you mix	
9		those two things together, the way I have, you might	
10		find yourself in a situation of not properly	16:18
11		investigating whether the facts are correct, because	
12		you've reached a conclusion because of past history of	
13		complaints	
14	Α.	Yes.	
15		CHAIRMAN: that this is a person who is a serial	16:18
16		complainer, like we have serial litigants in the	
17		courts	
18	Α.	Yes.	
19		CHAIRMAN: who are always complaining about	
20		everything. So that is what Mr. McDowell is asking	16:18
21		you. So if someone goes into a police station in Kerry	
22		and says for the following factual reasons I think	
23		policing in a particular district, let's say	
24		Cahersiveen, is way below any standards in the country.	
25		And you investigate that, and you find out well, the	16:18
26		man is right.	
27	Α.	Yes.	
28		CHAIRMAN: You don't need to look to investigate	
29		whether he is right or wrong as to whether he is a	

1			serial complainer or a bit of a fruit cake.	
2		Α.	Yes.	
3			CHAIRMAN: And that's the problem I suppose of mixing	
4			the two things up. You need to be very careful as to	
5			whether you are looking at the facts or whether you are	16:19
6			looking at the messenger of the facts. Am I right? Is	
7			that in any way helpful?	
8	718	Q.	MR. McDOWELL: I think so. I mean, what I am	
9			suggesting is that let's forget about the Latin and	
10			say, and ask ourselves, were Sergeant McCabe's	16:19
11			complaints made in good faith or bad faith? That was	
12			an issue. That it was being put to him that he was	
13			making them in bad faith for particular reasons.	
14		Α.	Nobody ever put that to him. Nobody put that to him.	
15			MR. MURPHY: Chairman, before the witness is required	16:19
16			to answer the question, I have to object to that	
17			question because it is clear on the transcript that	
18			Mr. Smyth didn't use those words, but the question is	
19			being framed on the basis that he did.	
20			MR. McDOWELL: Judge	16:19
21			CHAIRMAN: Well, he says "motivation and character" and	
22			the answer to that is:	
23				
24			"A. Motivation and character.	
25			Q. Is that all the way through?	16:19
26			A. Right the way through."	
27			MR. MURPHY: Motivation and credibility.	
28			CHAIRMAN: No, no, he doesn't say that.	

1		"You're attacking his motivation, you're attacking his	
2		integrity."	
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4		Mr. Justice O'Higgins says that. Mr. Smyth answers:	
5			16:20
6		"Right the way through.	
7		MR. O'HIGGINS: Full stop?	
8		MR. SMYTH: Full stop."	
9			
10		And then Mr. Justice O'Higgins says:	16:20
11			
12		"So be it."	
13		MR. MURPHY: There is a later passage on day 29, which	
14		has been opened previously to the Tribunal, I think,	
15		where Mr. Smyth addresses that issue specifically and	16:20
16		indicates that he never used the word mala fides and	
17		says if the word integrity was used by him that was an	
18		error.	
19		CHAIRMAN: Was used by?	
20		MR. MURPHY: By Mr. Smyth.	16:20
21	Α.	Mr. McDowell.	
22		MR. MURPHY: That that was apparent.	
23		CHAIRMAN: Sorry, Mr. Smyth said the word integrity was	
24		used and that was in error?	
25		MR. MURPHY: On day 29. The only two people who used	16:20
26		the word mala fides were Mr. McDowell and, in the	
27		course of dialogue, the Chairman.	
28		CHAIRMAN: Well, we can go back to <u>R v. Christie</u> 1916	
29		Appeal Cases; if you say to someone in their presence	

Τ			on, by the way didn't you murder so and so last night'	
2			and they make no reply that's an admission. But here	
3			the words are actually put:	
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5			"But you were attacking his motivation and you were	16:21
6			attacking his integrity?	
7			A. Right the way through."	
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9			MR. MURPHY: And I would also explain, Chairman, that	
10			the later transcript indicates what that position was,	16:21
11			that was said to the Chairman himself. But I just	
12			think it is unfair to invite this witness into a	
13			dialogue about what the meaning of a word is in	
14			circumstances where that word wasn't used by the person	
15			who is alleged to have used it.	16:21
16			CHAIRMAN: Yes. Well, I have done my best, Mr. Murphy,	
17			including to the amusement of many, sending around a	
18			passage from Cross and Wilkinson which I regard as	
19			highly reliable.	
20	719	Q.	MR. McDOWELL: Well, Judge, can I put it this way to	16:21
21			you: Mr. Murphy is suggesting that bad faith was not	
22			alleged against Sergeant McCabe. If the man conducting	
23			the Commission of Investigation says that it's an	
24			attack on your client's integrity and that he should	
25			not be believed, that surely would you accept that	16:22
26			that is an accusation of bad faith?	
27		Α.	This was a matter for counsel to deal with.	
28			CHAIRMAN: Yes. No, look. Mr. McDowell, I think this	
29			can be resolved by	

1	MR. MCDOWELL: Submissions.	
2	CHAIRMAN: No, not resolved by submissions, but by	
3	looking at the actual words used to Sergeant McCabe,	
4	and I think it was on day 3.	
5		16:22
6	"In the course of that meeting, sergeant, you advised	
7	Superintendent Cunningham that the only reason you made	
8	a complaint against Superintendent Clancy was to force	
9	him to allow you to have the full authority directions	
10	conveyed to you.	16:22
11	A. That is absolutely false."	
12		
13	Right, that is unless I hear submissions to the	
14	contrary or can be otherwise convinced by other things	
15	in the transcript, that is making a complaint not for a	16:22
16	purpose for which a complaint should be made. And the	
17	question is then repeated:	
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19	"The only reason, and this will be the evidence of	
20	Superintendent Cunningham, that you made those list of	16:23
21	complaints for Superintendent Clancy was that you	
22	wanted to put pressure on Superintendent Clancy to get	
23	the full directions from the authority conveyed to	
24	you."	
25		16:23
26	Answer to that, Sergeant McCabe:	
27		
28	"That is absolutely false. Absolutely."	

1	To which Mr. Smyth says:	
2		
3	"Fair enough."	
4		
5	So, I mean, that's there. And that's it. He's not	6:23
6	accusing him of sexually abusing a child, but he is	
7	saying you're putting pressure on a superintendent in	
8	order to get what you want by making complaints. He	
9	doesn't say that they're false, but by making	
10	complaints. So, in other words, is it the case of the 18	6:23
11	person who goes and complains and it turns out they are	
12	correct or is it the case of a person who is always	
13	complaining and goes and makes complaints and it turns	
14	out they are correct, or is it the case of a person who	
15	is always complaining and makes complaints and they're $_{ ext{16}}$	6:24
16	investigated and they're found to be incorrect? But	
17	that's the basis of it. That's, it seems to me, the	
18	pivot of the thing. I can read that for myself.	
19	MR. McDOWELL: Yes.	
20	CHAIRMAN: And it's been read many times, including by	6:24
21	me.	
22	MR. McDOWELL: Just to be clear about who said what,	
23	Judge, Mr. Justice O'Higgins says at line 24 on page	
24	189 of the transcript, day 3, he says:	
25	16	6:24
26	"But in a situation where it is asserted that the	
27	motivation of your client is mala fides, that his	
28	integrity is being attacked, it would seem to me to be	
29	unfair on everyone if he wasn't allowed to deal with	

1			these matters."	
2				
3			And I replied:	
4				
5			"Judge, I fully accept the characterisation as an	16:24
6			assertion that he is mala fides or whatever. That is	
7			the assertion that is being made."	
8				
9			So there is no doubt that, and I'm suggesting to you	
10			that	16:24
11			CHAIRMAN: I have had this problem before, and look,	
12			even in the Commercial Court people actually produce a	
13			transcript of a telephone conversation and I have to	
14			have hours of evidence on both sides misinterpreting it	
15			according to their own standards. So I can read black	16:25
16			and white.	
17			MR. McDOWELL: Exactly.	
18			CHAIRMAN: And indeed, I have been in court for a few	
19			years now and I think I can gather what is going on.	
20			But I am happy to hear submissions or evidence on this.	16:25
21	720	Q.	MR. McDOWELL: I can shorten it by simply asking the	
22			witness this: Do you accept the proposition that it	
23			was repeatedly in the stated in the course of	
24			proceedings that Sergeant McCabe's integrity was at	
25			issue?	16:25
26		Α.	Do I accept that his integrity was at issue when,	
27			sorry?	
28	721	Q.	Do you accept that as a proposition?	
29		Α.	Not at all.	

Т	122	Q.	the transcript speaks for itself?	
2		Α.	The instructions, as I said, were the motive and the	
3			credibility.	
4			CHAIRMAN: Well, the angle, as far as you were	
5			concerned in all of this, was that the gentlemen in the	16:26
6			Gardaí were telling you, look, there was no trouble up	
7			to a particular point but then we had the D	
8			investigation	
9		Α.	Yes.	
10			CHAIRMAN: and we had Sergeant McCabe making the	16:26
11			case that the DPP's directions which exonerated him	
12			should have been circulated at least to two parties,	
13			himself and the person alleging the wrong, and	
14			thereafter the complaints started to use the word	
15			snowball or that was the initiation of it. So when you	16:26
16			kept saying in evidence	
17		Α.	Yes.	
18			CHAIRMAN: what counsel were intent on exploring was	
19			where did all of this come from	
20		Α.	Yes.	16:26
21			CHAIRMAN: or what was the beginning of all of this,	
22			that is what you were referring to	
23		Α.	Yes.	
24			CHAIRMAN: and not to anything different it seemed	
25			to me?	16:26
26		Α.	That's it, yes.	
27			MR. McDOWELL: Thank you, chief superintendent. I'm	
28			finished.	

CHAIRMAN: Thanks, Mr. McDowell. Does anyone else have

1	any questions? I think we really ought to stop now.	
2	MR. MURPHY: I will be very brief, Chairman, but I	
3	would prefer to do it on Monday morning if that was	
4	convenient to you.	
5	CHAIRMAN: That's grand. So, I'm sorry to drag you 16:	27
6	back, but that is the way it is.	
7	MR. MURPHY: Chairman, I do believe on Monday I will be	
8	no more than 15 to 20 minutes.	
9	CHAIRMAN: Are there any other questions by anybody	
10	else on Monday?	27
11	MR. McCANN: I will have a minute or two of questions,	
12	Judge, on Monday. Thank you.	
13	CHAIRMAN: Ms. Gleeson?	
14	MS. GLEESON: I don't have any questions.	
15	CHAIRMAN: All right. Okay. So there it is. Monday 16:	27
16	at ten o'clock.	
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