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MR. JOHN BARRETT CONTINUED TO BE EXAMINED BY MR. ROGERS:

1 Q. MR. ROGERS: Good morning, sir.
A. Good morning.

2 Q. Mr. Barrett, we were looking at the minute you prepared of the meeting with Sergeant McCabe on the 25 th February 2015, and I think we'd got through the first two pages of that minute. And I wonder could we put up page 3021, please. You'11 recal1 we looked at this paragraph at the top of 3021 where the GPSU is mentioned?
A. Yes, sir.

3 Q. And that's the Garda Síochána Professional Standards Unit, isn't that right?
A. Correct.

4 Q. And is there a particular officer who was involved in that unit at the time, who ran that programme, as it were?
A. Yes, the chief superintendent that was then associated with GPSU was Chief Superintendent Pat Clavin.
5 Q. Right. And in this passage of the minute, you appear to be discussing with Sergeant McCabe the work of that unit. What was the relevance of that?
A. Sergeant McCabe had been seconded to GPSU to assist them in their review of the FCPS process.
6 Q. That is the fixed --
A. Charged penalty system, essentially fixed charge penalty notices. FCPS, FCPN, it's sometimes used interchangeably.
7 Q. Why was Sergeant McCabe assigned to that unit? How did that come about and why?
A. It came about because he had made a certain set of public disclosures that the cancellation of penalty points had continued, despite a number of Garda Síochána headquartered directives, HQ directives, essentially instruct the organisation as to what it should and should not do. The fourth in a series of those HQ directives had been issued, Sergeant McCabe came forward and said it continues, the cancellation, the unofficial, inappropriate cancellation continues and the view was taken, $I$ think before my time, that he should join the unit in its investigation of that process.
8 Q. That seems quite an inclusive thing to have done in the overal1 circumstances?
A. It was. It was both inclusive and I think it added value to the process being undertaken.
9 Q. Yes. And you'11 see you have recorded there, you seem to be quoting:
"He said that he felt good about that project because it was a genuine effort by An Garda Síochána to examine its process and take steps to close the loopholes which has existed and been exploited. He said the view that the new arrangements should enjoy greater public
confidence and that the clarity of process and oversight will ensure that the system operates close to what was originally intended."
A. That's correct.

10 Q. "He points to the view that nothing would have changed if he had not taken a stand on this and been prepared to have the courage of his convictions."

Now, that seems to be a fact, is that right? That, had he not intervened at the point that he did to point to the failure of the organisation to comply with these directives, that that would have passed without notice
A. Well, that was very much his conviction in the meeting. I think history is probably on his side; a series of HQ directives, four in number, where the absence of compliance had continued. Up to this point I think the view he took was, it was his stance that had brought about the GPSU engagement.
11 Q. Yes. There is an expression then that he was no saint and he said he just wants to do the job, and that what he wants to do in the job are reasonable standards.
A. Yes, he said that.

12 Q. And: "He takes pride in the fact that were it not for his actions, which have been a significant and ongoing cost to he and his family personally, that change such as the establishment of the Garda Authority and new oversight arrangements around FCPS would not have come into place."

It would appear from that, that Sergeant McCabe had developed a fairly significant belief in his own influence?
A. Yes. That is exactly what I wanted to convey in that, because he was very clear about those points, he felt he was influential in both of those areas. I didn't make any comment on it, I simply noted what he said.

13 Q. Yes. And then there is a passage which refers to a meeting he had with the Commissioner. I think we discussed that on Friday, do you recall us discussing a 10:10 certain meetings with the Commissioner, one of which his solicitor was in attendance?
A. Yes.

14 Q. And he expressed dissatisfaction about his most recent meeting?
A. He did.

15 Q. And what he -- what you record him as saying:
"Even though the Commissioner was clearly aware of the approach he had taken of the motivation which he had
acted upon in seeking to bring these matters to the attention of management in the first instance, and the time he invested in using the process, no real support was given to him. He stated the view that he feels that there is nothing to support the good words he hears, that there is no real commitment and engagement. Sergeant McCabe feels frustrated by this as he believes he has something of real value to contribute to bringing change about."

Now, it's hard to -- without some explanation, it's hard to understand how he was saying that at the same time as he had recorded his involvements in the GPSU. Could I ask you this: Was it the emergence these incidents in Mullingar in more recent times about which he was complaining, I think on 11th and other dates in February --
A. I think --

16 Q.
-- was it those matters that he felt he was not supported in or what was the problem?
A. I think there is an important distinction to be drawn between the satisfaction that he got from being involved in the FCPS, and perhaps he is better placed to address all of this than $I$ am, but he got certainly
satisfaction from being involved with the Garda Professional Standards Unit in dealing with the penalty points issue. He continued to raise -- and the correspondence bears this out, he continued to raise concerns about two things that Mr. McGuinness asked me about: One, was the working conditions in Mullingar, as in the actions of certain members of the station party, and the other was publication that appeared in the Garda GRA, Garda Review, in September of the previous year which he felt were not dealt with.
17 Q. Right. And if you go on to the next paragraph, you seem to have pressed him on this, on how he would contrast and compare his role in FCPS investigation and, say, his role as traffic sergeant in Mullingar.
"He pointed out that he feels that he was able to make a substantial contribution to the FCPS review by GPSU and that he thinks he could equally make a contribution to the reform of the culture of An Garda Síochána if there is a commitment to really do something substantial around that agenda. I asked him what such a role would look like and he said he had written some thoughts down as to what he believes he could contribute. I asked him to forward those thoughts to me as I am absolutely committed, as is the Commissioner, to addressing the area of cultural change as measured in terms of the values, attitudes and beliefs of the organisation and as evidenced in performance behaviours."

Now, this appears to be the first time really in this note that the issue of culture comes up.
A. Yes.

18 Q. And you asked him to send you these thoughts. Did you get them from him?
A. No. We discussed them subsequently at a meeting we had in April, but I didn't get what $I$ thought were going to be written. But we did have a lengthy discussion at a meeting subsequently in April.

19 Q. Yes.
A. Which was a follow-on to this first meeting.

20 Q. A factor that begins to emerge in this passage that I have just read is what appears to be his belief that he
could make "a substantial contribution" to the reform of the culture of An Garda Síochána. Was that something that had emerged as a significant motivation of Sergeant McCabe?
A. He said it was a motivation for him and I was inquiring into it. It's something I was unaware of up to that point.

21 Q. I see. And it looks as though he became animated after you voiced your interest in receiving these thoughts of his, is that right?
A. Yes, that is exactly what happened.
Q. "He said he stood up to make the job better." This is an expression of his standing up, is it?
A. Yes.

23 Q. It seems to be a language he uses?
A. Yes.

24 Q. "And that he feels the actions of the Commissioner have been to throw him back to the wolves. He specifically complained that he was not being really engaged and the matters he raised were being ignored in essence about the recent promotion of so-and-so as an example of a disregard."

Now, that language, throwing him back to the wolves, is that a direct quotation of Sergeant McCabe? It appears 10:15 to be.
A. It is.
Q. Yeah. We11, who are the wolves?
A. I think he perceived -- the very clear sense that I got
was, he felt there was a hostile working environment in the Mullingar station at that time, and certain of the decisions that would have been made in and around personnel at that station were not welcomed by him and that is the reference there.

26 Q. Right. And then you appear to go out of your way to assure him and you say:
"I assured him that the Commissioner was personally and professionally committed to change in the organisation and my only personal testimony was that if there was no commitment to bringing about fundamental change, then I would not have joined in the first instance."

I just want to ask you firstly about the first part of that sentence; your assurance that the Commissioner was personally and professionally committed to change in the organisation.
A. Yes.
would you tell the Chairperson how you concluded that opinion of the Commissioner and her commitment to change?
A. Well, this is no different from I suppose the kind of tools you use to analyse any character: what they do, what they say, what is done and said about them. And in the period since I joined the organisation, even since before $I$ joined the organisation, in october '14, I would have been -- I would have seen a commitment to change, a conversation around change, in the way that
the organisation conducted itself. And I was persuaded by that.
28 Q. Yes. We11, we can all have conversations. Did you see it being given effect to?
A. Well, I saw -- specifically in relation to Sergeant McCabe, I saw my engagement with him as being very much around the business of dialling down the conflict that existed between the organisation and Sergeant McCabe, dialling down the way in which the dialogue had played out between the two, and that was a very key change initiative, as evidenced by the public attention that it got, the correspondence that was going to the Taoiseach, the Tánaiste, the Commissioner. Very clearly this was a point of conflict and to change that, if you like, in the glare of public attention, was, I thought, a very clear statement of wanting to make change happen, just as one example.
Q. Yes. Well, this sentence seems to appear -- seems to deal with your own motivations as well, Mr. Barrett. you mention how the bringing about fundamental change had something to do with your joining?
A. Yes.
Q. Can you explain that to us, please?
A. Well, part of the attraction on the occasion of my joining the organisation was, here was a significant and a large organisation that needed, and I felt it needed to make change happen, and this fundamentally is around how it behaves and performs, cultural mores that need to change and there was a large public discourse
around this at that time, and that was part of the attraction for me wanting to join this organisation. And it was part of the interview process on my joining the organisation; what experience I had, where I had worked, what was my exposure to cultural change, to negotiation, to dealing with, you know, difficult employee and collective situations.

31 Q. Yes. We11, the word you use there is "fundamental change".
A. Yes.

32 Q. Why did you use that word?
A. We11, that was the general reality of the time. We were talking about creating fundamental change within the organisation.
Q. About what?
A. About its values, attitudes and beliefs, about its cultural mores and trying to bring about a more transparent outward-1ooking measurable organisation.
34 Q. Was that reflected in the actions of senior management around you?
A. At that time I had no doubt that that is the mission we were on. None.

35 Q. Yes. And you go on then to talk about the courage of Sergeant McCabe, and acknowledged it:
"...he showed in raising the issues that he did contributed to the changed momentum, but my from my experience in managing large scale organisations change in many places in the private sector, change is always
created --"

And then you say.
"-- by the coordinated work of committed and dedicated teams of people."
A. Yes, that is true.
Q. Why were you saying that to him?
A. Because I was a little concerned that he was attributing the change -- the momentum for change to
himself personally. The reality is, that in any large institutional organisation, it's never one individual; it's a collective of -- and generally, you know, the engagement of a number of different themed organisations, to really bring about fundamental
change. It's never the construct of a single individual.

37 Q. Yes. And this seems to have triggered in Sergeant McCabe a need to return to this issue of his own personal fortitude?
A. Yes.
Q. You had raised this with him earlier:
"He said that he can handle being blanked --"

I suppose that is being shunned, is it?
A. Correct. I think, just being ignored as he might walk a corridor or people meet him in the car park and they walk a past him.

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Q. decision to stand up clearly frustrated many people. The majority of the station party in Mullingar treat him properly and professionally but from the time the then Commissioner Callinan made his remarks to the PAC, 10:21 describing the actions of Sergeant McCabe as disgusting, a number of the Mullingar station party felt they had support for their actions to "take it out on Maurice". He said that once this remark from the Commissioner was made it was open season."
A. Yes, that is what he said.

40 Q. Had you heard or understood that to be a sensation or an effect that was experienced by Sergeant McCabe arising from these events when the former Commissioner spoke, as he did?
A. The specific comment was news to me in the sense that he was being quite clear about what it was that dialled up the temperature in Mullingar. The general concerns about the working arrangements in Mullingar were not new to me. I had read the correspondence that he had sent to the Minister, to the Commissioner, regarding the working conditions in Mullingar, the ongoing harassment, as he described it. So, to that degree, it wasn't a surprise. The specific of its initiation or its accentuation by the comments made by Commissioner Callinan, that $I$ hadn't joined those dots until he said it. And I just simply noted what the man said.

41 Q. I see. But it would appear from that, that the comments of a personal leadership role had direct
adverse impact on this man, according to what he says?
A. Yes. Yes. But that is not -- that is not unique to An Garda Síochána. Closed cultures generally and those that, you know, have a rank structure, would be very sensitive to matters like that. It wouldn't be entirely unique to An Garda Síochána. There is quite a considerable amount of other examples in the literature on that very subject. The view of the leader can have a profound effect.
42 Q. He went on then to deal with other events, leaving aside the PAC remark of the former Commissioner, this is slightly more detailed and it relates to an event when he was able to disprove something by reference to a recording he had made, isn't that right?
A. That's correct.

43 Q. And the way you record it is:
"Referring to the scheme of events, Sergeant McCabe acknowledges that were it not for the fact that he had a recording of his engagement with the inquiry --"

What inquiry is that?
A. There were a number of inquiries. One celebrated recording he made was of his discussion with oliver Callinan, who was the Confidential Recipient. I think the ultimate release of that caused some public controversy. There was other recordings he made of other senior staff, Chief Superintendent Mark Curran being one, and then ultimately reference that came
later in relation to what happened at mullingar. This had been seen as a practice, and I was aware of it, as something that Sergeant McCabe had done. Frankly, I had no concern for it. At the very beginning of this meeting I asked Sergeant McCabe was this meeting being recorded, and he assured me it wasn't. I accepted his word in that regard. But this relates to other circumstances where he didn't have sufficient trust and did take the steps to record meetings. And this is a reference to one of those.
"This was an inquiry that had been ordered by the Commissioner and he seemed to believe he was at real risk of being destroyed but for this recording. не felt extremely fortunate to be able to refer to the actual recording of his cooperation with the inquiry so that he could unequivocally refute the suggestion made publicly that he had not cooperated."
A. Correct. I think that relates to a statement made in the House by the then-Minister Alan Shatter to Sergeant McCabe not having cooperated with a particular inquiry, but that Sergeant McCabe had a tape-recording of his contribution.
45 Q. Yes.

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"не was contacted by --"
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Is that Micheá 7 Martin?
A. Yes.

47 Q. "-- regarding the matter and after a subsequent consultation with his barrister, Michae1 McDowell, it was decided to release the recording to 'Prime Time' on RTÉ television to prove that the statement made by the Minister was incorrect."
A. Yes.
"He recounted a discussion which he had with a subeditor of The Irish Times who told the sergeant that The Irish Times had a front page heading set up which suggested that the denial of cooperation stated publicly by the Minister was the story. When the recording became public so-and-so of The Irish Times told Sergeant McCabe that they would be very circumspect about denials from An Garda Síochána in the future. He highlighted that he had worked in Mullingar from 2008 to January 2014 without such difficulties and this changed after the appearance of the former Commissioner before the PAC where he sought to denigrate the actions of Sergeant McCabe."
A. That's correct. A certain amount of that was news to me in giving me that context. And I noted it carefully because it was very clearly delivered with real

49 Q. Yes. Can I just ask you this, Mr. Barrett: Generally speaking, professional people and people in management positions and even colleagues at the same level would
have real difficulty with a colleague or employee, co-employee, engaging in recording and the use of those recordings; what is your attitude to that?
A. I would agree wholeheartedly with what you said.

50 Q. You agree?
A. I would agree that people in senior roles don't expect to be recorded by their subordinates and that is universal. Equally, what I took from the dialogue that we were having was, there was a fundamental breakdown in the bond of trust that was essential to repair any of these many years of damage and that Sergeant McCabe was in effect justifying, you know, the occasions where he didn't trust, there were, if you like, liberties taken with the truth, and he was able to, by virtue of these recordings, point to the truth by way of audiotape or documentary evidence in those audio tapes. The message I was taking from this, quite frankly, was: If there is any progress to be made here there is a bridge and a bond of trust to be rebuilt.
51 Q. Right. So the resume then goes on to revert to these articles in the Garda Review, you say:

[^0]who sought to undermine his position as an operational member. He referenced his discovery of a typed publication of a paper in the traffic office in mullingar in or around December ' 14 which detailed further negative commentary about him. Both Chief Superintendent O'Brien and I both insist that the Garda Representative Association did not speak in any way for the organisation or the Commissioner or its leadership. These were the opinions of the author and anything which was damaging to his ability to deliver on his duty was something we could not -- we would not condone."

So he was left in no doubt about your position in relation to the Garda Review materials and the apparent coordinated effort to, as he saw it, damage him through the GRA's publications, is that right?
A. That's correct. He was very animated about that and the correspondence I think that even predates my arrival. These articles were published in September '14, as I understand it.

52 Q. The following passage continues in relation to that, and Chief superintendent Barry o'brien asked him to make available the particular material, isn't that right?
A. That's correct.

53 Q. Yes. If we go over the page then, at 3023, and if you see the first sentence in the first paragraph there, you are pressing him as to how he feels he could best
contribute to the change and transformation agenda. Now, what was that?
A. Well, the narrative that was in the public domain at that time was the organisation was going to change, the

Commissioner was speaking publicly about it and internally there was a lot of consideration being given to how best, you know, fundamental change in the organisation could be accomplished. My question to him was, against that backdrop how could he best contribute to it.
"Chief Superintendent Barry O'Brien outlined the shape and purpose of the Transformation office and the reform programme launched by the Commissioner."

What was the Transformation Office? Does it still exist?
A. It does. There is a thing called Strategic

Transformation office. It's charged with the programme management of certain change programmes within the organisation. At that time. Or shortly thereafter, Barry O'Brien, who was involved with the Strategic Transformation Office, stepped away from it and a different chief superintendent was appointed. But Barry would have been centrally involved at that point. 55 Q. Yes. And he gave an outline of its structure and this fixed-build operate methodology was set out by him, is
that right --
A. That's correct.

56 Q. -- to Sergeant McCabe?
A. Yes, that's correct.

57 Q. We11, could I just ask you, is this transformation agenda and this transformation office seen as a significant structural element of An Garda Síochána at this time and is it continuing?
A. Yes. In July of 2015, the Government made a commitment to invest somewhere of the order of $€ 250$ million in a variety of supports, including the increase in the number of the personne1 employed by An Garda Síochána, and supporting certain capital programmes. So yes, it's very real.
Right. Now, the discussion proceeded, it seems, with sometime about this point in the dialogue, Sergeant McCabe expressing that:
"I will never be accepted."

And he is referring to his position in Mullingar. He referred to, he couldn't drive into the yard in Mullingar and there are ongoing petty issues.
A. Mm-hmm.
Q. Such as people parking very close to his car. He can tolerate those that blank him and while it is uncomfortable, it is not overtly hostile.

[^1]fine, the issue relates only to a minority. He said that as he comes to work at Castlepollard he begins to feel nervous. He reported that he sleeps about two hours per night."

Did you have any indication at this stage as to the extent to which -- just from this interview, the extent to which this man was affected by these conditions?
A. Yeah. I was quite concerned about his description of it. I mean, there is no human being that could come through what was then about five or six years, I think, of the engagement that he had, without it having, you know, a fairly profound effect. This was --
60 Q. Can I just interrupt you there?
A. Sorry.

61 Q. He seemed to say that his time in Mullingar was all right up to the PAC events?
A. Yes.

62 Q. That it seemed for a pretty prolonged period of about five or six years he had got by there, it looks as though this is a more recent phenomenon?
A. That is the way I read it. I read it in the context of his earlier remarks.
63 Q. I see. So this business of being nervous and sleeping about two hours a night, that is not something that had 10:36 gone on for four or five years?
A. No. But I think the sort of residual that caused him to move to Mullingar in the first place from Bailieboro would have been in his consciousness. I think there is
definitely a different order of discomfort following the remarks of January ' 14 or whenever those remarks were made.
64 Q. I see. And Chief Superintendent o'brien was concerned to get some focus on the recent bullying, isn't that right?
A. That's correct.

65 Q. And he went through the process he had used to gather the fact of the matters raised by Sergeant McCabe --
A. Yes.
A. That is what he said. Yes.

Now, do you see this first sentence of the next paragraph:
"I returned to the question of what an attractive role might entail specifically. I invited him to make a request of us and to elaborate on the thought he had already put into this. He stated that he would love to be involved in the change programme. He again
referenced the document he had mentioned earlier wherein he said he had set down some of his thoughts. I said, Maurice, I need, it send it to me and he confirmed that he would."

Now, that passage seems to suggest that there had been some discussion during this meeting of finding or there being or something about an attractive role which might be available. Am I misled by that or what is --
A. No. It's building purely on the contribution that he had made to the GPSU work, which was, you know, useful in every respect.
We11, was he proposing a role or were you proposing a role or was this a sort of a general thought of a follow-on from the GPSU?
A. I was simply to building a bridge. I was trying to create a situation where the engagement with Sergeant McCabe would be moved forward in a way that he would feel that he was being genuinely able to contribute, and the organisation would be in a position to listen in a way that perhaps the circumstances in Mullingar had perhaps intervened in a way that wasn't helpful. So I'm exploring ideas, this is my first meeting with the sergeant and so it's -- you can see the thing is not following a linear path here, I am simply exploring as we go.
70 Q. Yes. And it seems he reverted to outlining reasons why he said change was essential?
A. Yes.

71 Q. He wasn't very kind in his words about the "duds" who were recruited between '04 and '08 and he thought that "on the ground things need to change massively". And then there is this sentence:
"не said that the Garda Representative Association is a real problem."
A. Yes.

72 Q. "If a sergeant says "put your tie on", it's bullying." 10:39
A. Yes.
Q. "He said that discipline is gone."

Now, first of a11, that seems to come across there as a statement by Sergeant McCabe of his belief in what might be a core problem.
A. That's correct.

74 Q. Is that right?
A. That's correct.

75 Q. Yes. And at the time, sir, did you understand that that might be the case or that it was or what was your understanding of it?
A. I was aware, I had read the materials in relation to some of the issues that had arisen at Bailieboro that Sergeant McCabe had brought to the attention of the organisation and that subsequently had become part of history, and they relate to this lack of discipline, as he saw it. This is a theme $I$ think that Sergeant McCabe, and not unique to Sergeant McCabe, would say needs to be addressed.
Yes. Mr. Barrett, I mean, what is in this passage is quite alarming if it's true. The next sentence are:
"There are real issues on the ground of "ownership" for
superintendents. Sergeants on the ground in many units have become glorified guards. They are no longer supervisors."

Now was that said at this meeting by Sergeant McCabe?
A. Yes.
Q. Did you believe that that may be true?
A. I don't -- I am not making any comment as I go through this. I am trying to faithfully record what he is telling me. I want to understand Sergeant McCabe's mindset as he presents himself to me. That is the purpose of this.
78 Q. Yes. "He said we need to get back to basics. He said that supervisors need to remember that the popularity test for guards is not in the station but out with the pub7ic."

That seems a very fundamental observation?
A. It is, and I think he's been true to that.

79 Q. Yes. You went on then to seek to direct the discussion 10:42 to what you called the key question:
"I asked him why and specifically what we can do to improve his working environment and contribution to An Garda Síochána."

That is what you were at?
A. Yes. That was my instruction also; I was asked to inquire into this prior to the meeting.

80 Q. "He said that while he was working with the GPSU he could sleep. "I would love to be facilitated in a similar role in making change happen." не pointed out that over the course of the previous six years he felt that he had been "knocked and knocked and knocked". не 10:43 made clear that what he did was done within the established processes and that he had paid a huge price for having the persistence that he did. He stated that he was "totally loyal to the force but not loyal to things that are done wrong within the organisation". He stated that if we were to survey sergeants-in-charge throughout the country, they would confirm what he is saying. Ruefully he added "I never set out to do this"."

Now, it would appear that in these passages the sergeant is drawing particular attention to the position of officers of his rank and the difficulty they have in securing discipline and their authority within the force, is that right?
A. That's correct.

81 Q. It's not something you hear very much about, Mr. Barrett. You have heard an awful lot in this entire matter, if one was out in the public relying on reportage of this entire controversy, it's not something one hears about?
A. I think the organisation regards sergeants as perhaps the key rank in the entire organisation. Good sergeants are hugely crucial to delivering service,
quality service to the public. Sergeant McCabe believes that he stood up as a good sergeant for a variety of issues that he encountered, and I think the organisation -- frontline supervisors in any organisation anywhere are critical to quality delivery of product or service. So, to the general degree, I wasn't surprised by his comments. He had specific experience himself which, you know, I was reading myself into. Again, this is my first time meeting him. My modus operandi with this discussion and this note was to see whether or not Sergeant McCabe was credible: Was he presenting like somebody who had the necessary introspection, the ability to articulate these issues? And frankly, I was impressed.
82 Q. Yes. Now, you then summarise the position by saying: 10:45
"We were committed to taking action and addressing the issues raised now and previously. I made it clear that Chief Superintendent o'brien and I were fully engaged and understanding of the macro and micro processes
involved. I said that he could count on a response and that the message delivered was understood."

That is his message, isn't that right?
A. Yes, his message to us.

83 Q. "I made it very clear, however, that I was very uncomfortable with a situation where conversations like this would find their way into correspondence to the Taoiseach and the Minister and the Commissioner. My
preference was that we would, together, embark on a process which would see real engagement and open, honest dialogue, free of the media and megaphone games of correspondence tennis."
A. Yes. that and said, that was good enough for me."

Now, is the Chairman to understand that this was an important deal you were seeking to make with Sergeant McCabe regarding this correspondence tennis?
A. Yes. I mean, in any situation, creating a kind of a psychological contract, developing a commit that works both ways, in circumstances of conflict is really, really important. And so, I wanted to understand what the man's perspective was, I wanted to get him to a point of saying, look, $I$ am going to vest trust in this correspondence -- in this dialogue that we are going to open up, and I wanted also to present his perspective as honestly and openly as I could. And you know, that essentially is what was a necessary initiation point in 10:48 my view for dialling down the temperature that is reflect in all the correspondence through January and February of that year.
85 Q. Right. Those are the emails and communications he had
made earlier?
A. Yes.

Yes. Now, I don't think there is anything really further in the final major paragraph there. You assured him there was no reason to doubt the determination to bring about change at all levels of the organisation, most especially culturally. Is this a language that was being spoken with meaning?
A. Yes, in both of our parts. Barry was probably at that point still involved with the Transformation Office. I was new and I believed that, you know, what I was saying was part of what was necessary to make change happen.

Right. We11, the meeting ended. It was two and three quarter hours long. It was nearly three times or fours times as long as you had expected it would be, is that right?
A. Yes.
A. Yeah, in the Shangan Building.
Q. You left that area then, when you saluted one another
to say goodbye, you left that area and you travelled a distance, is that right?
A. I had an obligation to be elsewhere, so I had to drive down country --
91 Q. Right.
A. -- after that meeting.

And I think that we know that there was a meeting after that --
A. Yes.

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A. Correct.
Q. -- while you were travelling, is that right?

## A. That's correct.

Q. Now, would you just tell us about what that meeting was, who convened it, and what it was about.
A. From my car I dialled into a meeting that took place in the Commissioner's conference room. It involved the Commissioner, both acting Deputy Commissioners John Twomey and Donal ó Cualáin, Cyril Dunne, Ken Ruane, Tony McLoughlin. I think that there may have been others present, but they were all present. So this was essentially the senior staff of the organisation around the table, discussing what had just transpired at the meeting that Barry and I had with Sergeant McCabe.
96 Q. Yes. Well, so the Commissioner was there, Deputy Commissioner ó Cualáin was there, is that right?
A. That's correct.

97 Q. Ken Ruane was there?
A. Yes. .

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Q. Yes. It seems to be an extensive minute. It goes on for a number of pages, and I don't want to get us, as the very end of it, at 4868, you needn't go to that just now, but at 4868 it says:
"JB off phone 8:24pm."
A. That's correct.

107 Q. So it looks like you were something on the phone for something like, could it have been a couple of hours?
A. It was almost a couple of hours. I was nearly at my destination by the time $I$ hung up the phone.
Q. Yes. And when one looks at this minute, it's quite clear that it was a very both wide-ranging discussion about what had emerged in your discussion with Barry O'Brien and Sergeant Maurice McCabe, but it was also a discussion which was in many respects extremely specific, isn't that right?
A. That's correct.

109 Q. And just by way of a few remarks, if I am wrong tell me, it looks as though the Commissioner very deliberately led the discussion in relation to this with purpose?
A. Yes. I felt we were at one in terms of how do we go forward and the Commissioner led the discussion.

110 Q. Yes.
A. Obviously --

111 Q. It's indented with numerous interventions by the Commissioner seeking to -- what would appear to be seeking to give focus to the discussion?
A. Correct.

112 Q. Right. And what was your first role in entering the meeting and explaining what had happened? what did you seek to convey?
A. The fundamental first question that I was asked about
was to account for a summary of what had transpired over the previous two and three quarter hours in our meeting with Sergeant McCabe.
113 Q. I am not going to ask you to do that now, but could you briefly tell us what did you tell them about it?
A. I found that Sergeant McCabe was credible and I found what he had to say and how he said it, I just -- a brief segue, Mr. Rogers: I spent a number of years involved in negotiation of all sorts of things, so you get to learn a little bit about it from neurolinguistic 10:55 programming, CARIS courses, it's -- the biofeedback that somebody seeks to deliver their message by is very telling. And I found Sergeant McCabe's presentation of the issues, his introspection, his articulation, the way he conducted himself in the meeting to be credible, I found what he said made sense, it followed -- he came across not as the man that had been described to me in the pre-meeting, but as somebody who didn't fidget. He didn't seek to leave the meeting after 45 minutes. He didn't attend with his solicitor. He had the
confidence to do all that himself. And I was impressed by what he had to say. I tried to reflect that subsequently in the note with some balance, of the key things that -- the messages that he delivered to us.
114 Q. Right. We11, if we just look then at 4860, we see an 10:56 intervention from you there - "Јв on speaker phone" and one of the things you seem to have remarked was that Sergeant McCabe "not armed solicitor".

What is the significance of that?
A. I had been told -- and there is nothing disrespectful in this, I had been told he would come armed with his solicitor.

115 Q. Yes. I see. And you seem to use the words:
"Guy credible speaking in front first time."

Do you see those words?
A. Yes. These are Ken's notes, Mr. Rogers, so --

116 Q. Yes. But they seem to record what you have just indicated to the Chairman?
A. Yes.

117 Q. A11 right. And you seem to record, if you just look four lines from the very bottom, you seem to be quoting him:
"No one will be able and no one wants solve it."
A. Yes.

118 Q. Is that something you were recording?
A. Yes. I'm very clear that if there was a single message from the engagement, it was: Challenge to us.

119 Q. Yes. And the last line seems to be something you are saying or Superintendent o'brien:
"He deserves an Oscar or we should 1isten carefully."
A. Yes.

120 Q. "He is either a good actor or else he has something really important to say."
A. That's correct.

121 Q. Is that it?
A. That's correct.

122 Q. Okay. And over the page then, you seem to record in the second line or -- it seems to be attributed to you:
"Are we going through the motions?"

Was that something he was -- you believed he was raising with ye?
A. Yes.

123 Q. I see. And then there is an intervention from the Commissioner:
"External person. what is his attitude?"
A. Yes.

124 Q. Can you just help us with that?
A. Part of the -- and this meeting was reflective of searching for a solution and one of the things that was previously raised in discussions with Deputy
Commissioner John Twomey, I think at the meeting of the 12th January, was that an external person would be considered as a mediator or as a facilitator to try and deal with these issues.

125 Q. Yes. And then the Commissioner raises again "McCabe 10:58 happy that --" that possibly was a question.
A. It was.

126 Q. You seem to have said: "Not certain he knows what he is looking for."
A. Correct.
Q. And:
"He valued the GPSU helping investigation."
A. Yes.
Q. All right. Two lines down, you are quoted, it seems:
"Is a piece of this move McCabe like helps with change programme."

Now, you seem to have been feeding into the meeting that Sergeant McCabe might be of assistance in the change programme, is that right?
A. This is a very staccato minute, but I think that is consistent with what would have been discussed at the meeting with McCabe and I believe that is probably what I am saying. I am not --
129 Q. Yes. And then Commissioner then, you will see there is an indent there with a colon there is a reference to an 10:59 email of the 19th and 22nd January?
A. Yes.
Q. Those are the emails, one I think of which was close to midnight?
A. Yes.

131 Q. So the Commissioner was aware of the minutiae of Mr. McCabe's situation, isn't that right?
A. That's correct.

132 Q. And then if we drop down five or six lines we see the

Commissioner again particularising -- referring "particularised 14 incidents"?
A. Yes. These were incidents under investigation by Barry o'brien who was the selected -- or at least the agreed person to undertake that investigation by Sergeant McCabe, or with Sergeant McCabe's consent or engagement.

133 Q. Yes. And if we just go down to the bottom of the page, if you go up six lines:
"Commissioner, no faith in local Garda management."
A. Yes.
Q. Is the impression we get there that she is deducing that Mr. McCabe has no such faith?
A. That is how I read it. But I don't have a recollection of the comment.
Q. And then they appears to say:
"Looking to have these addressed. "why go Minister and Taoiseach?""
A. Yes. The reality is, much as $I$ said at the end of the meeting we had directly with Sergeant McCabe, the megaphone engagement was not helping the process of local resolution and I think that may be the reference there.

136 Q. Yes. And you seem to have said that to the meeting then in the last two lines there:

[^2] convincing persuasive."
A. Yes.
Q. So you were happy to convey to this meeting that that was Sergeant McCabe's position?
A. That is what I asked him and, as it turned out, that is 11:01 what he delivered.
Q. Yes. And if we go to the top of the next page, obviously the Commissioner is concerned about this correspondence with the Minister, isn't that right, 4862?
A. Yes.
Q. We see that again. And if we drop down again to about ten lines down, there is a Commissioner reference:
"Another email, GRA, anything apart emai1?"

And this would appear to be a reference to Sergeant McCabe's concern about the GRA publication?
A. I would assume so. Yes.

140 Q. And if we just go down four or five lines then, you see:
"Commissioner: Next steps."

She seems to be pressing, isn't that right?
A. Correct.

141 Q. And you are answering a point:
"He does not see resolution."

And then:
"Cultural. Remove all silence. Morris. Unpleasant, small cohort station making life difficult and skills part change programme."

Is that right?
A. That's correct. I raised those issues as things we needed to consider about -- bear in mind, this meeting takes place on a morning which the minister writes a particularly clear letter to the Commissioner asking for her steps for resolution. So this meeting that we are talking about here in this minute is very resolution-focused: what are the things we can respond 11:02 to Frances Fitzgerald in saying we were going to do and undertake? It is quite a focus.
142 Q. And the Commissioner immediately intervenes, it appears:
"Corporate knowledge specific issues. Did he say no faith in investigations?"

Do you see that?
A. Describe where this line lives?

143 Q. It's underneath the reference to "next steps"?
A. Yes.

144 Q. "Commissioner: Corporate knowledge seems specific issues. Did he say no faith in investigations?"
A. I didn't answer the question and I don't remember it, frank7y.
Q. Yes. And then again:
"Commissioner: Over years number of issues. MCC lost faith in ability of investigate to resolve his issues or change culture.

Solution in terms McCabe... cultural An Garda Síochána corporate perspective protected disclosures - incumbent 11:03 get independent person "objective, impartial and thorough"."

I am just asking you, Mr. Barrett, one gets the impression here that the Commissioner was really pressing to know how to deal with this, is that right?
A. Absolutely.

146 Q. Yes.
A. No question about that.

147 Q. And then you say, it would appear:
"Defensive purpose: essential element. Necessary but not sufficient."

Can you explain that?
A. I really can't account for all of the elements in that. There's three elements in that piece from Ken. I think what I am seeking to convey, and certain7y this is something I would believe, investigation of itself is
necessary but not sufficient. I raised that as a concluding point that I can stand over. The other two elements I don't know what Ken is recording me as having said.
148 Q. Right. I am going to drop to the very bottom of the 11:05 page.
"Commissioner: where put him?"

Do you see that?
A. Yes.

149 Q. Was that part of this discussion, that in some way that -- if you go over the page, you will see Mr. Barry o'brien says:
"Who put him with?

TMcL --"
A. That is Tony McLoughlin.

150 Q. Saying: "we can't move him.

Commissioner: No luxury time.

1. Response Department by tomorrow.
2. Minister, what are we going to do about him?

Refute all efforts made An Garda Síochána, strenuous efforts meaningful engagement."
A. I think that records the pressure that was on the meeting to, if you like, deal with the issues and try
and fashion a response. I think that probably captures some of that.

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Q. Yes. If you just drop down, you say:
"Flavour of the next steps."

And the Commissioner intervenes saying:
"Duties and section 12 duties, engage. Where we can."

I think those section 12 duties are the duties under the Protected Disclosure Act which require employers to ensure that persons making a protected disclosure are not in any way penalised, is that right?
A. That's correct. That is my understanding of section 12.

152 Q. Yes. And if we go down that page, there are a number of references to other personnel, including Mr. Dunne, about 15 lines from the bottom of the page:
"CAO: Insolvab1e problem, normalised against McCabe interpretation."

Can you make anything that have?
A. Cyril Dunne, like myself, comes from a private sector background and these issues, I suppose, in an institutional sense appear more difficult in a public service environment and that is something that Cyril could better explain. But he saw it as an intractable
problem.
153 Q. But he saw it as an intractable problem?
A. He saw it as a very difficult problem to solve.

154 Q. Right. And you will see at the very bottom of the page, there must've been some consideration been given to allowing Sergeant McCabe go on leave?
A. Yes.
Q. Concern -- the Commissioner expresses:
"1. Concern about paid leave precedent.
2. Forcing him out.
3. If what McCabe saying "endemic culture \& behaviour issues"."

So the Commissioner is constantly referring to the
dilemmas that the organisation is in, in this matter?
A. Yes.

156 Q. And if we just go over the page then again, the Commissioner in the second indent there at the top of the page:
"Commissioner: FCPS process dialogue. Lost track how many people investigating."
A. Yes.

157 Q. "Appoint --" Is it? "-- not investigator but
facilitator to document. what cultural issues \& how address this."
A. The general, the general point resonates with me for only one reason: There was a sense of -- embarrassment
is probably too strong a word, but there was a sense of real disappointment that the organisation had sought to fix FCPS on a number of different occasions. And then there were the sequence of $H Q$ directives where the apex of the organisation is saying, now hear this, this is what we need to go and do. And it had been investigated, it had been reviewed, you know, several real substantial steps had been taken to try and address this. And then at a certain point, sergeant McCabe, through his own innovation, came forth and said 11:08 the abuse continues. And the GPSU investigation, when published, proved him to be right.
158 Q. Right. And the Commissioner appears to have been in some way acknowledging that, was she?
A. We11, I think she was aware at that point that the GPSU 11:09 investigation was drawing to a close and she may have had line of sight on --
159 Q. Yes. Now, I just want to draw your attention to the next couple of passages where there is mention of -Mr. Twomey mentioned Gerry McMahon?
A. Yes.

160 Q. And then again he refers to an external mediator?
A. Yes.

161 Q. And then you intervene saying?
"Three strands:

1. Review specifics. 14-point agenda.
2. Issues, CAO.
3. Meaningful way engage Maurice to control
destructive."
A. What I was seeking to do, I think, was simply summarise the kind of issues that we had kicked around. There was that process extant, which was Barry O'Brien looking at the 14 issues that Sergeant McCabe had raised. There were a couple of issues that I was working at the time with Cyril on. Dr. Gerry McMahon from UL was helping us and he had previously worked with the GRA, so he was a good bridge in that respect, on what we call dignity in the workplace or bullying and harassment policy. And another issue that we were looking at was having somebody external come had in and look at the policy, the actual text of policies in related areas. And we asked Tony Kerr from UCD to come and help us with that. And again, that was some issues 11:10 that were being worked. My thoughts were we needed to put a kind of a framework of real activity and visibility around some of this and, therefore, make certain that the kind of emails that were going to the Taoiseach, the Minister, and the Commissioner, wouldn't 11:11 be necessary, because they'd be wood behind the arrow and that was very much the spirit of the meeting.

162 Q. Right. I will try to conclude with this dialogue that was going on over the phone. In the middle of this page, 4864 , we see you seemingly saying:
"McCabe loads engagement not dealing substance issues."

Then the Commissioner says:
"A11 issues raised by McCabe: No cultural audit.

1. Appoint a person.

If he believes investigations took too long. $X$ come in \& how we resolve issues.
2. Future role, FCPS.

Maybe something more creative."

Now it would appear that in that the Commissioner has identified and it seems to persist through the balance of the meeting, this idea of appointing some external person, is that right?
A. That's correct.

163 Q. And then it would appear also that the Commissioner envisaged a future role of some sort:
"Maybe something more creative for Sergeant McCabe."

Is that right?
A. That's correct.

164 Q. So I mean, without going on with this examination of this note, it would appear that this was a serious attempt, albeit you were at a remove in a car, by everybody involved in that meeting to come up with solutions respecting Sergeant McCabe's predicament and what arose for the organisation arising from what he said?
A. That is absolutely correct. I had no doubt at the end
of the discussion, in fact at the tend of the day where there were three separate meetings on this whole issue, that there was, you know, alignment of intent about what -- something needed to be accomplished here.
Yes. If we just go to 4868 , second-last page of this note, there is a point just above where you go off the phone at $8: 24 \mathrm{pm}$, the Commissioner refers to Chief Superintendent McLoughlin and Chief Superintendent o'brien and the commissioner is talking about the individuals that might be engaged as independent persons and there is a reference to somebody, "Ultan"?
A. Courtney.
Q. I see. Who is that?
A. He is a former colleague of mine actually at IBEC. He is the Chairman of Dublin Bus. He is on the discipline 11:13 committee of the Incorporated Law Society.
167 Q. I see. Mr. Cassells, Mr. Mulvey, Mr. McLoone or Mr. Arnold are also mentioned as possibles, isn't that right?
A. That's correct.

168 Q. So that was the meeting that happened for you on the phone after your meeting with Sergeant McCabe and I want to pass now to what developed as a result of that. That is all on the 25th of February, isn't that right?
A. That's correct.

169 Q. And I think steps were taken, if we look at item 3716, I think the Tribunal has had made available to it communications by way of email between you and Mr. Ruane and other officers of the organisation
relating to this issue of the appointment of mr. Mulvey, isn't that right?
A. I think so.

170 Q. I think if we look at 3716 , we will see there an email from Mr. Ruane to Richard Barrett of the 6th March. Do 11:15 you see that?
A. I do.

171 Q. And I think there is a response from, in fact, a Mr. Michael Flahive of the Department, who would have been -- who would have had vision of that email, isn't that right?
A. That's correct.

172 Q. And Mr. Flahive seeks to inject a somewhat broader perspective to the discussion, isn't that right?
A. That's right.

173 Q. And he asks that the terms of reference might include the assessment of the adequacy of the procedures in place in An Garda Síochána to deal with the issue of bullying and harassment and to make recommendations on how such procedures might be enhanced.
A. Yes, sir.
Q. Isn't that right?
A. That's correct.
Q. That's Mr. Flahive on the 11th March?
A. Yes.

176 Q. And is it the case that, finally, the organisation did in fact recruit Mr. Mulvey to do this exercise?
A. There was a considerable amount of work then invested in developing terms of reference for Mr. Mulvey's
engagement, but that did not proceed once the O'Higgins Commission commenced.
177 Q. I see. And why was that?
A. I think the circumstance of the opening days of the Commission have a lot to do with it. We did, however, 11:17 proceed to engage Tony Kerr and we did have a single seminar delivered by Dr. Gerry McMahon at Mullingar. That had taken place in March. The momentum in this entire project ceases with the commencement of o'riggins.
178 Q. Okay. I wonder could we look at an email from you at 3719. This is dated 17th march?
A. Yes, this is St. Patrick's day.

179 Q. Yes. And it's addressed to Mr. Ruane, but the circulation includes Mr. O'Daly of the AG's office, is it --
A. Yes.

180 Q. -- Mr. Twomey, Chief Superintendent McLough1in, Mr. Dunne, Superintendent Ward, Fiona Broderick, and you set out the position at item 1 to 4 in that, isn't that right?
A. That's correct.

181 Q. You describe where ye had got with that process?
A. Yes. It's kind of an update to all the parties as to where we are at.
182 Q. Yes. And you refer to the McMahon seminar series and you refer to the involvement of Mr. Mulvey, and you refer also to the involvement of the -- the engagement of Mr. Kerr?
A. I do.

183 Q. Yes. So all of those steps would appear to have been taken internally as the outcome of what was a telephonic meeting for you on the 25th February?
A. Yes, this is kind of an update a month on, almost month 11:19 on.

184 Q. Yes.
A. Three weeks on.
Q. Yes. Now, in respect of the steps you took yourself, am I right that you, on the 12th March 2015, spoke to a 11:19 note you had prepared, Learning and Reflection, do you recal1 that?
A. Yes, I do.
Q. And was that speech made at Templemore?
A. It was.

187 Q. And what was the purpose of this?
A. The occasion was a seminar, which was one of the recommendations of the GPSU report on the whole penalty points issue. Gathered at that meeting in one of the lecture theatres were about hundred or so people who had responsibility for the management in each of the divisions of fix charged penalty summonses and notices, and these were the liaison inspectors and those who we would have, if you like, in divisional roles that would manage this process. And the intention was, was to set 11:20 out what GPSU was recommending. The seminar itself being a recommendation. And I took time to consider how it is -- I had been invited to open the seminar by Chief Superintendent Clavin, and I wanted to try and
continue that process that we began on 25th February, making common cause with change, in particular in this highly visible and oft commented area of penalty charges.
well, in the course of this address, you referred to the FCPS as being a relatively -- at one time a relatively anonymous acronym, and you refer to the participation of chief Superintendent Clavin in the preparation of the report, but then you go on to refer to the Guerin Report, which was a catalyst for the work 11:21 of the GPSU, isn't that right?
A. That's correct.

189 Q. And in this speech, you say the following:
"The focus of the report produced by the GPSU team highlighted the actions and behaviours of a small number of our colleagues. It demonstrated that following the publication of no fewer than four HQ directives on the topic of FCPS, the fourth edition was 48 of 2014, published on 16th June 2014, breaches and inappropriate cancellations continued as had been publicly disclosed."

So you were now, in the Garda College, at this seminar, speaking openly about these breaches that had been disclosed, is that correct?
A. That's correct.
Q. Notwithstanding directives given in response to --
A. Yes.
Q. Is that right?
A. That's right. There was a series of four directives and they had continued after that.
192 Q. Yes. It went on:
"It is important to recognise that despite all the controversy surrounding our maladministration of the fixed charge penalty system, despite all the thousands of column inches of newsprint, despite all the hours and hours of radio and television commentary and debate 11:23 on the topic and a series of clear HQ directives, a segment of our own organisation did not learn, a segment of our own organisation did not amend their behaviour, they did not show common sense or appropriate professional standards."

And you go on then to refer to Superintendent Clavin and the team, and its report, and you say they speak for themselves.
"It is thorough, it is evidence-based and it is comprehensive. It is a credit to all who contributed to it and that includes the views of Sergeant Maurice McCabe who contributed to the work in a number of ways unique -- in a number of very unique and specific ways. 11:23 His particular contribution is important and he has my gratitude and acknowledgement for the courageous contribution made.

One of the strengths of the methodologies of the GPSU report is that it took the time to specifically learn and understand how Sergeant McCabe reached his conclusions around the continuation of cancellations by members for inappropriate reasons. It confirmed that despite the publication of HQ48/14 in June '14, the fourth in a series, these contraventions had continued by a smal1 minority of staff."

And you say that:
"Despite the attendant glare of the media, despite the presentations made by both senior ranks of this organisation before Dáil committees, we can all now see what happened; on this firm foundation learning and behavioural change becomes possible."

Now, that seems a pretty stark disclosure or confrontation by you in your role as Executive Director Human Resources with your staff and colleagues?
A. It's simply a statement of fact and a call to arms that we need to think about -- we need to learn and reflect. The theme I chose was not accidental. There will be -history will repeat itself. And I think I make the point at some other paragraph in the report, in the speech, that it's only if you learn the lessons of history that you prevent the blind repeat of same. And clearly, what I was trying to call out here was, the people that I had in that room needed to consider the
cycle which had got us into that point and that Sergeant McCabe quite properly pointed to. The GPSU report was very clear, very fact-based and I wanted to commend those who were involved in it. Chief Superintendent Clavin, Sergeant McCabe and everybody else.

193 Q. Now, that commentary in that speech by you is at 3460 , you directly reference Sergeant McCabe there. Was that a deliberate action?
A. Yes.

194 Q. Why?
A. Because referencing back to the meeting we had on the -- the February meeting, on 25 February, it was very clear that one of the things that Sergeant McCabe was looking for was recognition, and in this case he was unequivocally right. The GPSU report was just one other which confirmed that. And I saw the opportunity to make the point to the people who were responsible for penalty points throughout the country, to say, you know, this isn't theology, we need to make 11:27 certain that we are fact-based, we have been called out here, we have four HQ directives that are being ignored, this is a reality, let's learn and reflect. And by giving him an opportunity -- giving Sergeant McCabe ultimately a copy of the script, I was creating 11:27 a bridge, or so I felt, between the work that he had done and the work that the GPSU had done as a consequence, and where it is the organisation should go from there. These things should be transparent and
properly managed.
Q.

Right. Now, it appears from your dialogue with Sergeant McCabe and from what you had gleaned from other references and disclosures by him, that he had met with hostility from his superiors, I think that's clear?
A. That is very much his narrative, yes.
Q. Yes. And it would appear that he asserts, at least to some extent, that An Garda Síochána, as an organisation, operated a culture of fear. Do you agree 11:28 that that is part of what he asserts?
A. Yes, I do.
A. That's correct.
Q. And in your time in An Garda Síochána to this point, do you accept Sergeant Maurice McCabe's belief that there is a culture of fear in An Garda Síochána and do you accept that it's a credible position that he takes?
A. I think it's a credible position that he takes. I think there will be possibly some data to support that when the details of the cultural audit that is
currently underway is concluded. I think an organisation --
200 Q. When will that be concluded?
A. It's in process as we speak. The analysis of the data is underway. The audit was completed recently.

201 Q. Who is doing that?
A. PwC, PricewaterhouseCoopers.

202 Q. And how long has that been going on?
A. I think it ran for about six weeks in the autumn of last year and spring of this year.
203 Q. And how is that audit being conducted?
A. It's being conducted by an external organisation, I would say to the highest standards of probity and it's a series of specific and open text questions, I think it will be revealing.
204 Q. And how was it done? was it a round-robin to everybody in the organisation?
A. No, no. Yes, yes, round-robin to everybody. It's a census, essentially. Everybody in the organisation who is employed in the organisation was invited to contribute to it and they could do so with anonymity, and that facility was provided with great notification. So about $40 \%$ of the organisation, or thereabouts, contributed to its questionnaire.
205 Q. Right. Well, can you give the Chairman some positive indication as to exactly when that will be available?
A. I can't specifically. And without specificity, I will offer that to the Chairman subsequently and write to him, if necessary.

A. I do. But I didn't see any of that in February -- in February 25 as we sat around -- I didn't sit, but as I contributed to that meeting. None. I genuinely felt as that meeting concluded that we were going to move the issues to resolve the concerns of Sergeant McCabe to a new plateau.

209 Q. We11, can I ask you then in respect of your recounting
to the Tribunal of the statement by Mr. Dunne on what you say was the 13th may 2015, that we are going after McCabe, how do you square all of that?
A. The reason, Mr. Rogers, that the statement jarred with me as I described is because from the meeting of the 25th, from my first introduction to Sergeant McCabe, I operated very much in the spirit of the after-meeting that we have just walked through, Ken Ruane's minute, that we were genuinely seeking to engage with Sergeant McCabe on all the various levels that we had teased out. I met him subsequently as a sort of a listening exercise a month later, in March, and it was very much in the same theme. The first speed bump, if you like, to any of that, that I was aware of, was that comment made by Cyril Dunne to me in advance of the commencement of o'Higgins. And unfortunately, and the history is clear in this regard also, for the duration of O'Higgins none of those initiatives - Mulvey, Mcmahon, some of the key things that we were working on with such care and caution, in the months running up to 11:35 it - continued.
210 Q. You say none of them continued?
A. None of them continued. The McMahon intervention was exclusively confined to the Mullingar station, which was Sergeant McCabe's station. But we had intended at 11:35 an earlier juncture to roll that out across the country. Kieran Mulvey, it was felt the intervention would not be effective with the Commission up and running, so that was put on ice. And in effect, the
engagement with the organisation and Sergeant McCabe was largely mediated through me and pretty much at a low level until almost a year later.
211 Q. Yes. I just want to, for the sake of having some sort of chronology here, if I may just ask you this: I think you mentioned meeting Sergeant McCabe in March, I think that was a meeting that you had with him at the Ardboyne Hotel in Navan on the 24th March 2015.
A. It was.

212 Q. Was that a meeting just between the two of you?
A. No. There was a retired superintendent from memory, Eamon Corcoran. Eamon -- anyway, there was somebody joined us for lunch. we had about three hours of discussion. And given that it was my second meeting and my first occasion meeting sergeant McCabe on his own, I welcomed the fact it was a triangulated conversation and it proved to be hugely pleasant and, you know, social in a way of building an engagement at a person level between the two of us. And it wasn't strained by virtue of the fact that it took so long but 11:36 it was a very interesting discussion.

213 Q. Is that a meeting to which you brought a book to Mr. McCabe?
A. It is. It is. In the speech that I made in the college on 12th February, I referenced --
214 Q. 12th March I think?
A. 12th March, my apologies. I referenced To kill a Mockingbird and I had asked Maurice had he read it, and I brought him a copy because he said he hadn't.

215 Q. Right. Now, Mr. Dignam referred to some of the text messaging that had ensued through April.
A. Yes.

Leaving that aside, I think on the 21st April 2015 there was a meeting which concerned Mr. Mulvey --
A. Yes.

217 Q. -- is that right? Did Mr. Ruane and Chief Superintendent McLough1in attend that?
A. They did, as I understand it, yes.
A. That is the point, yeah.

219 Q. Yes. And I think that on the 24th April, you may have already referred to this, David o'Hagan, solicitor, wrote to the Commissioner regarding the work of the o'Higgins Commission, isn't that right?
A. That's correct.

220 Q. And Chief Superintendent Ward of your division was assigned in preparation for that work, is that right?
A. Yes, he was. He was second in that particular role. Assistant commissioner Kieran Kenny had been assigned that role and then suddenly the matters of the Commission were handed to Seán Ward for what was a relatively short period of time, before it was taken up by Mr. Fergus Healy.
221 Q. Yes. Now, I think that in May, after the commencement 11:38 of the O'Higgins Commission, Superintendent Alan Murray met Sergeant McCabe about his working environment in Mullingar, and reference has already been made to that. For the transcript it's item 4200, 4201. But I think
about the same time, Mr. Barrett, you received an instruction from the Commissioner to reach out to Sergeant McCabe --
A. Yes.

222 Q. -- is that right?
A. That's correct.

223 Q. And I think that on the 26th May 2015, there was an engagement between yourself and Sergeant McCabe, is that right?
A. Perhaps. I don't have the date in front of me. If you 11:39 can --
Q. Do you recall Sergeant McCabe conveying to you at that time that he was holding the Commissioner responsible for his inability to maintain his position as a sergeant in charge --
A. Yes.
Q. -- of traffic in Mullingar?
A. Yes, yes.
Q. And I think it continued to be Sergeant McCabe's preoccupation that there had been serious injury done to him, damage to him by the Garda Review publications?
A. That's correct. That was -- that thesis I think stil1 stands.

MR. ROGERS: Chairperson, I think there is nothing
further I need to ask.
CHAIRMAN: Mr. Rogers, did you want to put any part of the GRA material to Mr. Barrett?

MR. ROGERS: We11, candidly --
CHAIRMAN: I have it here.

MR. ROGERS: Candid7y, Chairperson, I don't have that material.

CHAIRMAN: I have it for you if you want it. MR. ROGERS: I haven't seen it. That was part of a difficulty I had.

CHAIRMAN: I will give it to you now, Mr. Rogers. MR. ROGERS: Yes. [SAME HANDED] I wonder has Mr. Barrett seen this?
A. Some time ago, yes, Chairman, I did, but I haven't seen it in recent times. [SAME HANDED]

CHAIRMAN: We11 --
MR. ROGERS: Chairman, just at this point, this is too dense for me to just engage with it right now. CHAIRMAN: Well, when you drill into it, Mr. Rogers, denseness perhaps disappears. It can be summarised fairly easily. The following might be a reasonable summary. What the editorial and the particular opinion piece seems to say is that the Gardaí who were at the receiving end of the allegations concerning the ten incidents that were identified in the Guerin Report have not had their say, while the liberal elite media continued to pontificate about how wrong they are, and various Gardaí involved in the incidents are interviewed by way of an assumed name, including Bronski, Tango, Mike and Delta, and they give their it.

MR. ROGERS: Yes.

CHAIRMAN: And then Mr. Stone makes an editorial, and it's very well written, it would have to be said. There it is.

MR. ROGERS: I think I will leave it. I will desist from trying to add to what you have done, Chairman. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Rogers.
MR. DIGNAM: I wonder if I might just intervene with two matters, one arising from a line of questioning that Mr. Rogers embarked on last Friday in relation to the possibility of this meeting between Mr. Dunne, Ms. O'Sullivan and Mr. Barrett taking place on the evening or the night-time of the 13th --
CHAIRMAN: If there is something to be added please do. MR. DIGNAM: Yes, I think I have specific instructions from Mr. Dunne that I should put to Mr. Barrett, in fairness to Mr. Barrett.

THE WITNESS WAS FURTHER CROSS-EXAMINED BY MR. DIGNAM:
227 Q.
MR. DIGNAM: Mr. Barrett, you will recall the
conversation which took place on Friday afternoon about the possibility of the meeting between yourself and Mr. Dunne, Ms. O'Sullivan, possibly taking place in the evening or night-time of the 13th May. Mr. Dunne has given specific instructions that in fact he wasn't available on the evening of the 13th May, that he wasn't in Garda Headquarters from approximately 6:00pm onwards because he is -- and I don't need to get into the details but, he is honorary secretary of a sports
club in County Wicklow and he had an important meeting in that club that evening, that he has a very clear recollection of. So do you accept that the meeting couldn't have taken place on the evening of the 13th May?
A. I have accepted earlier the position that you pointed out in relation to timing, and I have nothing further to add. There is confusion I think in my mind about the time, but I must say, Mr. Dignam, none whatsoever about the remark and I want that to be absolutely abundantly clear.
Q. I think you have made that very clear to the Chairman, Mr. Barrett. Finally in relation to the Garda Review article, just to clarify, and ask you to confirm that the Garda Review is a publication of the Garda Representative Association, isn't that right?
A. That's correct. I think I have made that point. Even in the original meeting where I met with Sergeant McCabe both Chief Superintendent Barry o'brien, as he then was, and I made the point that we have no responsibility for this.
Q. Yes, yes.
A. Historically, culturally, the perception was that there was often quite a close view as to whether or not the Review was sharing a perspective. That is not mine. And I have to make the point that it is an independent organisation and that is what we said then and that is what I understand it to be now.

230 Q. Thank you, Mr. Barrett.

THE WITNESS WAS RE-EXAMINED BY MR. MCGUINNESS:
Q. MR. MCGUINNESS: Could I just clarify a couple of matters?
A. Sure.

Firstly, obviously you have mentioned what you said were your expectations that the Tribunal investigators would come out and speak to you, but I think that didn't arise from anything that the Tribunal said or wrote to you or your solicitors, as such, at the time?
A. The question is, that did $I$ have an expectation that they would?

A11 right. Okay. But I think it's clear that obviously when you saw Mr. Dunne's statement, he referred, as it were, to the issue of the timing of the meeting not being -- or the date of the meeting not being, as it were, set out in your statement, and I think you noted that he referred to Mr. Ruane being in the habit of keeping good notes of meetings?
A. Yes.
Q. And I think you were anxious to see Mr. Ruane's notes generally?
A. Well, Mr. Ruane's notes specifically of the meeting of the 25th.
Q. Yes.
A. Because I was not in a position to keep any kind of
note as I drove.
Q. Yes.
A. That's clear.

238 Q. Yes. But you weren't trying to place the meeting with Mr. Dunne, were you, by reference to any of Mr. Ruane's 11:47 notes?
A. No, no, Mr. Ruane's note, the one that was of particular interest to me, the one that in effect confirms that there wasn't just two meetings on the 25th, that there were three, there was this pre-meeting 11:47 wherein I was able to contrast and compare the demeanour of Sergeant McCabe with what it is that I was told to expect.

239 Q. Yes.
A. The reference that appears in Mr. Ruane's note confirms 11:47 that such a pre-meeting was taking place or took place.

240 Q. Yes.
A. And that I was -- so that was my specific interest.

241 Q. A11 right.
A. In relation to Mr. Ruane's notes generally, I can make 11:47 no comment.
Q. Yes. But just to be clear, you weren't seeking Mr. Ruane's notes with a view to trying to fix the date of your meeting with Mr. Dunne?
A. No, no. As I explained to the Chairman, I didn't in 11:47 any way intend to make this difficult. From the time that I became aware of Mr. Dunne's statement, which in my case was 19th of December when we received, on a chip, about three-and-a-half thousand pages of
documents --
Q.
A.
-- I then recognised that there was a conflict, there was a denial, that this was said, and that when it was said was likely to be an issue, and it's only at that point. And I used the word "triangulate", and I do apologise if it caused confusion.

244 Q. Yes.
A. I was seeking, and you have seen my chronology because I have submitted it on Friday morning, I was seeking to 11:48 recreate the order in which I had knowledge and in which various different things happened. That is the point at which I was seeking to deal with this. So the week of the 11th, I was with Cyril Dunne and the Commissioner on the night of the 12th, that is clear, $11: 48$ and there is an email to that effect confirming. That email is dated the 13th May. And, you know, under cross-examination from Mr. Dignam, I have said that I think it's the 13th. There was clearly a discussion of the three of us on the night of the 12 th. But it is what it is.

245 Q. Yes. We11, I mean, you have referred obvious7y to that email sent on the 13th at page 4958.
A. I submitted it, I think.
A. Sure.
Q. Page 4958 of our documents. I beg your pardon, 4985. My apologies. So this is addressed to the Commissioner and to Mr. Dunne. You are sending it on the night --
on the evening of the 13th, isn't that right?
A. That's correct.
Q. Yes. I mean, it would appear perhaps certainly around this time, if you are sending somebody an email, you are not in a meeting with them, obviously?
A. No, no, no. It refers to a meeting the previous evening.

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"As I said last night."
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A. Yes.

250 Q. Now, the Commissioner has a meeting in her diary for the morning of the 12 th , an executive management board meeting in the morning. But you are clear in your recollection this meeting took place in the evening, is that right?
A. That's correct.

251 Q. Okay.
A. The meeting I am referring to in this email.
Q. Yes. And if neither the Commissioner went back to the Headquarters on the night of the 13th when she returned and if Mr. Dunne is correct in saying that he was away at a sporting meeting, it would appear that neither of them were there on the night or/evening of the 13th, but they were there on the 12th, is that right?
A. I said I met with them, so I presume. "As I said 1ast night", I think it refers to a meeting.
253 Q. All right. You see --
A. Well, can I just deal with this because --
Q. -- I am just concerned, because in a couple of your answers to the Chairman, and others, on Friday afternoon, you did use the phrase "on or about the 13th" or "in and around the 13th".
A. I have just spent the weekend reflecting on this entire thing.
Q. Yes.
A. I was upfront in my testimony and you can see it from the -- I cannot put my hand on any contemporaneous note 11:52 of that meeting that Cyril Dunne said to me "we are going after him in the Commission'. I can't. I didn't think that would be the issue that it clearly has become.
A. And it's not in my habit, and I think that is demonstrated by the materials and I hope it is clear from the materials I submitted on Friday morning when I sought to methodically triangulate the chronology of a11 of the events of my knowledge from the beginning through this.
Q. All right.
A. I want to make a very clear distinction, and I have said this as $I$ have sat before this Tribunal.

258 Q. I understand that.
A. Can I finish, please, Mr. McGuinness?

259 Q. Sorry, I thought you had finished.
A. No. I want to make this point: My uncertainty as to when it is that that comment was made in no way
reflects any uncertainty as to the comment, and the, I suppose, degree to which the examination moved from the chronology that I had understood was of interest to the Tribunal to this particular point of date and time, has created a confusion.

260 Q. Al1 right. We11, leaving aside the date issue, you are obviously in no doubt yourself about the remark and you have included it in quotation marks in your own statement.
A. Yes.

261 Q. And I just want to raise this issue. You have recorded your own response to the remark in different words, different phrases.
A. Yes.

262 Q. And I am just wondering, is it possible that the remark, whatever remark was made by Mr. Dunne, was made in some different words other than the words that you have quoted, or are you absolutely 100 percent certain that the phrase in your statement is the phrase that he used and no other words? Do you understand the question?
A. I do, I do. You are seeking to say have I misinterpreted Mr. Dunne. I believe I haven't.

263 Q. All right. I mean, obviously with the Commission about to commence, and needless to say I have no instructions 11:54 from Mr. Dunne, but is it possible he said, look, they are going to -- Maurice is going to get a tough time at the Commission, or, they are exploring his motivation, or such similar type of phrases?
A. I don't at all think so. I have emblazoned this in my mind for one reason and one reason only, and I think it's been adequately demonstrated by the activities that everybody, and I felt everybody, was engaged in, to seek resolution to these matters. I am not in any way trying to pretend I have solutions to conflict and that in some way $I$ have some specialist skill in this area, but $I$ have spent a very long period of my career resolving issues between corporate bodies, individuals, collectives of individuals, whether in the industrial relations arena, mergers and acquisitions, corporate integration, and fundamental to all of that is that you build trust and you act upon it. And between the 25th February 2015 and this particular encounter that I had with Mr. Dunne, I was engaged with others.
A. It's not unique to me. Engaged with others to try and build what was going to be a sustainable bond. And credit to Sergeant McCabe, and I have mentioned this, he did not continue his correspondence. The megaphone diplomacy ceased. We had a situation where we were beginning to work around that framework that the Commissioner herself led in that meeting on the evening of the 25th. That is why this jarred with me to the degree that it did. I deeply regret not having protested in writing, I deeply regret not having set that out.

265 Q. We11, this is just one issue I was going to ask you about. Obviously you told Sergeant McCabe about the
remark in 2017 --
A. Correct.
Q. -- isn't that correct? Now, you don't detail that, I think, in your own statement. But could I ask you to look at Sergeant McCabe's account of that at page 2949 of our documents. And if we just scroll down the page there. It says:
"John Barrett, Executive Director of Human Resources and People in An Garda Síochána, was my point of contact since early 2014 in relation to welfare and support."

That date is perhaps a mistype, is it?
A. It is. Some of this is not dated correctly.

## Q. Yes.

"And on 9th March 2017 he advised me he was retiring from being my point of contact due to the upcoming Disclosure Tribunal. At that meeting he told me that a 11:56 short time before the O'Higgins Commission started, he met with Cyril Dunne, who was the chief civilian officer in An Garda Síochána at the time. This individual, Cyril Dunne, told John Barrett 'we are going after Maurice at the Commission'. On day 2, 11:57 their plan to go after me became apparent."

But, firstly, is he right about the date there, the 9th March --
A. The 9th March --
Q. -- or is it February meeting?
A. No, it's not. It's the 9th of March, and it's in the Ardboyne Hotel in Navan. And I should say on or about the 9th of March. I have details of it.
Q. Yes.
A. I wrote to Maurice McCabe subsequently. The issue that caused me to step away from being Maurice's point of contact or interlocutor arose on the 7 th and the 9 th of February. I had met him on the 7th of February.
A. And certain events unfolded on the 9th where I felt I could not proceed in good conscience to deal with Sergeant McCabe.
271 Q. Yes, yes. Well, your role ceased, and put it this way: 11:57 You don't appear to have any trouble, as it were, standing up to authority if -- or if you thought something was wrong. But was your relationship not such in 2015 that, when you heard Mr. Dunne's remark, your relationship with the Commissioner, was not such that you could go to her and say, well, what is the import of this remark? what is going to be happening at the Commission?
A. Mr. McGuinness, I deeply regret having not done so, deeply regret having not done so. I have no monopoly on wisdom, but I do try to the best of my ability to interrogate issues as they come before me, and I try and do so with reference to truth, to what is the right thing, what is truth in this regard. So I can sit here
and I can tell you, I really do wish that I had made a protest of what it was was given me in a passing remark, right, as I left the office of Cyril Dunne. And I didn't. And its import and its criticality is down around my ears right now and I see the nature of it as this Tribunal unfolded. But let me remind you, this is 2018. That was 2015.

272 Q. Okay. Now --
A. And I was five months in the job.

273 Q. -- your solicitor wrote, Mr. Barrett, your solicitor
wrote a helpful letter to us outlining your interactions with Sergeant McCabe in the period in 2015, and you helpfully drew attention, obviously, to the fact that you had text messages, although they weren't directly relevant to the o'Higgins Commission, they were evidence of your interaction with Sergeant McCabe at that time, and obviously they continued then into April and into May 2015, and you refer also to a number of subsequent meetings you had with Sergeant McCabe in the course of your work in May, May 2016, and 11:59 in August 2016. You refer to those in your statement, helpfully.
A. I met Mr. McCabe, Sergeant McCabe, in total 12 times over 25 months.
274 Q. Yes. I don't know -- could I ask you to comment on this, if one looks at page 3077 in Volume 5. These reports that you compiled in relation to your meetings with Sergeant McCabe in 2016, this is the Commissioner's statement here, and she is saying:
"In respect of the two reports from Mr. John Barrett, Executive Director of Human Resources and People Development, I can confirm that the Deputy Commissioner Governance and Strategy received the first written report on 21st August 2016 and forwarded it to the office of the Commissioner on 26th August 2016. The Acting Commissioner forwarded the report pursuant to Section 41 of Garda Síochána Act 2005, as amended on 26th of August 2016."

Now, I think you had finalised your minutes of the meeting with Sergeant McCabe on the 23rd of August, isn't that correct?
A. It's correct.
A. And let me put context on this, because this was a very key decision that I made, and I made it for the following reasons: I met with Sergeant McCabe and his family, by their invitation, for the first time on the
31st May that year. It was in the week after the Dái 1 debates on the O'Higgins Commission were raging and getting a substantial amount of media attention, in many ways developed by the fact that Deputy John McGuinness had made the statement that he did in the House. And I met him, at their invitation, at the family home. I hadn't been there before.

276 Q. Yes.
A. The purpose of the meeting, and I accepted the
invitation at request, the purpose of the meeting was for Sergeant and Lorraine McCabe to outline to me what it was had been given to them by Deputy John McGuinness as the detail of what was shared with him on the 24th January 2014 in the car park of Bewley's Hotel off the Naas Road. It had been stated in the Dáil that this was a vile allegation. And I got the opportunity to inquire directly of Sergeant McCabe what was "vile" code for.

277 Q. Yes.
A. I was shocked by that meeting.

278 Q. Mr. Barrett, I must just say one thing to you, that we are doing a separate module in relation to that, and I want to avoid the content of what was said to you in that regard.
A. Sure. I would be happy to facilitate the Tribunal. CHAIRMAN: But you don't know anything about it, Mr. Barrett, do you?
A. I know what happened at that meeting on the 31st, sir. CHAIRMAN: No, but you don't know anything about what happened at the car park?
A. Oh, only as only reported to me --
Q. Yes. You got an account of that, and we are not going into that at that moment. But my purpose of raising the minutes is: obviously, again, you and your solicitor, helpfully, in your letter of the 17th January drew attention to the fact that there were minutes?
A. Yes.
Q. And I am drawing your attention here to the fact that the Commissioner sent on the minutes of the meeting as a Section 41 report, almost immediately on each occasion she got them?
A. I am aware of that.

And in that context and in the context of the remark made by Mr. Dunne, you obviously knew, as everyone else did, that the preparation for the o'Higgins Commission was advancing, the hearings were starting. Do you regard it as a failure of management, as it were, and I 12:03 am not suggesting a personal failure on your part, that nobody seems to have planned for how the Commission would or might impact on Sergeant McCabe?
A. In any answer I might give you, it's going to be imbued with the benefit of hindsight. I had a very small part 12:03 in the period of time where a Chief Superintendent on my staff, Seán Ward, was assisting in gathering materials, and that was for a very brief interregnum. I couldn't possibly say. I have heard -- I've read the transcripts of what transpired here in relation to delay and concerns by the Chief State's office and various others. I was external to the process and I was quite -- very much at that time engaged in the kinds of issues that were discussed at the meeting on the 25th February, which the Commissioner chaired, the 12:04 one I dialled into. That was my agenda. And it's -it's outside the o'Higgins prep and O'Higgins contemplation. But to the degree that o'Higgins derailed the energy that was put in between February

25, March, April, I regret that that happened -282 Q. Yes.
A. -- certainly.

We11, obviously I am not suggesting you were in any way engaged in the preparation for the Commission, and you obviously weren't privy to the hearings or what happened and I can't ask you for your view on that. But in terms of what was occurring at the time from a preponderance of the evidence, your own and also departmental evidence and the Commissioner's evidence, it would appear that there was intended to be a very genuine engagement with all of the issues related to and connected with Sergeant McCabe up to that point, isn't that correct?
A. Certainly from my evidence and from my experience, sir, 12:05 that is absolutely true.

284 Q. Yes. And it seems from your own evidence, and I am only now asking about your own evidence, it seems to have been entirely genuine. But in these meetings, the 25th February and subsequent discussions, the Commission, as an element in that, seemed to have been entirely overlooked or left out, would that be a fair comment?
A. Absolutely, I was external to the Commission and any of the prep for it, so that wasn't even a feature of that meeting on the 25th. I wouldn't have raised the Commission with Sergeant McCabe, and in March either. That was more like a getting-to-know-you meeting. I must make this point, and maybe it's to some degree a
reflection of where the world I have lived in for most of my life: In dialling down any conflict at an individual or a collective level, trust is essential, and so I was seeking to do, and very much, you know, putting my trust in the dialogue we had on the 25th February around the Commissioner's conference room table, to which I dialled in, I felt there was an agenda there to which Sergeant McCabe would likely respond, based upon that initial meeting that we had, and I had no indication to the contrary, right the way up to the commencement of o'Higgins. In fact, if you look at Sergeant McCabe's correspondence, he ceases to correspond with the office of the Taoiseach and the office of the minister. He took many of the things that I asked him to do and actioned them. Equally, we 12:07 took on board the kinds of things that he had suggested to us and we sought to action them. The speech that I made at Templemore, which I subsequently copied to Sergeant McCabe and Lorraine McCabe, was an effort to say, I hear you and I am willing to stand in front of all of those involved in SVPS and bear testimony to that. Bride-building, it's an essential ingredient in dialling conflict down. And I have been asked repeatedly as to why then this event in May 2015 stands out. It was the first occasion when there was anything 12:07 other than collective commitment to the strategy I thought we had adopted on the 25th February. MR. MCGUINNESS: Thank you, Mr. Barrett. CHAIRMAN: I just want to ask you a few questions,

Mr. Barrett, if I may.

MR. JOHN BARRETT WAS QUESTIONED BY THE CHAIRMAN:

285 Q. CHAIRMAN: When we go back to this time, you are in Human Resources, it's 2015, it's early 2015, and you are in the job quite a short time, I think. You joined, what, the end of 2014 ?
A. Yes, 3 October '14.
Q. CHAIRMAN: Yes. So you had got to know the Garda
A. She was -- I met her before I accepted the job. She hadn't interviewed me, but I went to meet her in her office before $I$ joined the job.
287 Q. CHAIRMAN: And you made what offer?
A. I felt that she was going to try and bring about change in the organisation.
288 Q. CHAIRMAN: Did you feel she was a genuine person?
A. At that point I had absolutely no difficulty with the mission that she set out to me.

289 Q. CHAIRMAN: That is not the question I am asking you, Mr. Barrett.
A. Yes, I did feel she was genuine.

290 Q. CHAIRMAN: Did you fee1 she was a truthful person?
A. I did, I did, absolutely.

291 Q. CHAIRMAN: A11 right. And did you fee1, in terms of the engagement with Maurice McCabe and the whole idea of whistleblowers perhaps not being right, not always necessarily being saints, but the necessity to listen
to them and try to learn from what they were saying --
A. Absolutely.
Q. CHAIRMAN: -- did you feel she was genuine about that?
A. Yes, I believed that.

CHAIRMAN: And did you feel the efforts that you were putting in place, including the lengthy efforts that are detailed in the minute where you were driving along in your car, did you feel that they were actually engaged in, not from the point of view of public relations but from the point of view of setting things to right?
A. I absolutely believed that, and at the end of that journey, Judge, I was quite pleased with the day's work, yes.

CHAIRMAN: You were personally investing heavily in this as well?
A. Yes, my credibility, my time, my energy.
Q. CHAIRMAN: In the event that this turned into a success, clearly it would be a success that you would have 1ed as Head of Human Resources?
A. It would have been a collective effort. And I am not driven by individual accolades, but I would have taken some considerable personal pride had it been successful.
Q. CHAIRMAN: So there you are, you are in May, you are in 12:10 the job seven months.
A. Yes.
Q. CHAIRMAN: And your boss turns to you, having asked you to remain behind after a meeting with the Commissioner,
who is genuinely attempting to move the Gardaí forward and to engage with those who make protected disclosures, and your boss tells you: by the way, we are going to ruin it all before the o'Higgins Commission?
A. He didn't say that.
Q. Chairman: well, I am finding it hard to construe it any other way. We are going after Maurice McCabe before the o'Higgins Commission. How do I construe that, Mr. Barrett?
A. I am alarmed by it, but I don't understand it fully, Judge, that is the reality. I didn't understand.
299 Q. CHAIRMAN: You told me, Mr. Barrett, that you had a visceral reaction to it. Visceral, of course, refers to your stomach, your intestines.
A. Yes.

300 Q. Why did you have a visceral reaction to it?
A. I have genuinely invested, time, energy, commitment in trying to move this thing to a point away from conflict. Maybe it's naivete on my part, but I
thought, simply, Judge o'Higgins was going to review all of the facts of the matters that were arising on the terms of reference and make a judgment on those facts, that it wasn't going to be adversarial in its -that was my view. And clearly, what I had -- just the $12: 11$ shot fired across my bows was, this is something different. And I was conscious in hearing it, and it's easy to be wise after the fact, of Maurice -- of sergeant McCabe's doubts about the bona fides of the CHAIRMAN: And your visceral reaction, is what I asked you about.
A. I felt my stomach tighten.
Q. CHAIRMAN: why?
A. I have -- it's just a feature of who I am, sir. I respond to things physically if they either shock or surprise.

CHAIRMAN: Did you fee1 that the process you had started was going to be ruined in consequence of what Mr. Dunne revealed to you?
A. I didn't know that, but what I did know was, the process I was embarked upon was bearing fruit and I was protective of it.
Q.

CHAIRMAN: Well, what interpretation did you put on the remark you say that Mr. Dunne made to you?
A. The only thing that $I$, as I said in the transcript, the ${ }_{12: 13}$ only thing that I did was, I took a further look at the terms of reference and left the --

305 Q. CHAIRMAN: That is not what I am asking you. I am not interested in the terms of reference. I know the terms of reference. Right. You looked at them. What made to you?
A. That there would be conflict at O'Higgins of some sort.
Q. CHAIRMAN: And how would that impact on the work that
you embarked on?
A. I felt that it would damage it. I felt it could possibly damage it.
CHAIRMAN: Do you mean possibly, or were you more definite about that, given your visceral reaction?
A. Possibly. It could possibly damage it.

308 Q. CHAIRMAN: was it not appropriate, therefore, for you to ring the Garda Commissioner, a person whose genuineness you believed in and a person you trusted, and said, look, there may be a problem in relation to the o'Higgins Commission and the way it's being approached, could we have a word about it?
A. I very much regret not doing that, Judge.
Q. CHAIRMAN: I am wondering why you didn't do it? I am not wondering about your regrets, Mr. Barrett. I am wondering why you didn't do it?
A. I think that I was probably swept forward into all of the other things that were going on and didn't do it and let the matter unfold. To a degree, I vested trust in the process. I perhaps shouldn't have.

310 Q. CHAIRMAN: Maurice McCabe trusted you?
A. He did.

311 Q. And by not doing this, you were prepared to see somebody else, on your account of things, undermine his trust in the organisation, of which, by the way, you are a part.
A. It weighs heavily on me.

312 Q. CHAIRMAN: Whether it weighs heavily on you now or not, is neither here nor there. I am asking, why did you
not react by ringing the Garda Commissioner and asking her what was the explanation for this and pointing out to her, look, there may be issues ahead in the event that this particular strategy is followed through, which conflicts with the strategy that we had already agreed and settled upon in numerous meetings?
A. I don't have a good answer to that, Judge. I don't. I should have, and I didn't. I was troubled by it. And then the matters unfolded over the coming weeks. I sought to continue to build a bridge with Maurice. The 12:15 record shows that it's sustained. Many of the initiatives that were spoken of, as far back as February, did not continue.

313 Q. CHAIRMAN: It took you two years to tell him about this
remark that you say happened.
A. Yes.
A. Because the nature of my engagement -- I am representing the organisation in my dealings with him. There are very specific issues arising in that relationship, as I saw it. I was, as I said yesterday -- or Friday, in seeking to try and maintain Chinese walls, I wanted to represent the organisation.
Q. CHAIRMAN: I really don't understand this phrase about Chinese walls. I really don't know what you are talking about when you say "Chinese walls". It's a phrase, by the way, that is used in relation to large firms of solicitors that seem to be representing opposite sides of Government agencies through the same
firm. Now, I don't know what it means, but let's move on. Yourself and Mr. Dunne, have you stayed in contact since he left the organisation?
A. I shook his hand when I met him here on the 8 th.

316 Q. CHAIRMAN: That's not what I asked you.
A. We meet periodically.

317 Q. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Barrett, that's not what I asked you.
A. No, we are not socially engaged.

318 Q. Chairman: why not?
A. I have no good answer for that. I mean, we had a professional relationship. There are many people for whom I have had -- who have been working colleagues that I am not professionally engaged with, and there are people I have long, long engagements with.
319 Q. ChAIRMAN: That is fair enough. For those perhaps who read the newspapers, it may appear that the two of you have been in conflict in relation to the interpretation of certain issues over the course of the last year or so. would that be correct or incorrect?
A. The issue is the --

320 Q. CHAIRMAN: Forget about the issue. Just please answer the question.
A. On one specific case, yes.

321 Q. ChaIRMAN: On what?
A. The financial irregularities at the Garda college.

322 Q. CHAIRMAN: And you are saying what and he is saying what?
A. Well, this matter was played out in front of the Public Accounts Committee.

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. The issue of how those matters were investigated and dealt with.

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CHAIRMAN: And your view on the matter is directly contrary to his?
A. Partly contrary to his. Partly. At the very beginning of that process, which was May of 2015, Cyril and I were in lockstep as to what needed to be done.
Q. CHAIRMAN: It's made headlines, hasn't it?
A. I haven't studied the headlines in the last number of days, but I have followed it as it played out in the PAC.

CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much.
A. Thank you, sir.

MR. MCDOWELL: Judge, I think if it is going to be found in relation to this witness that he was motivated by a grudge against Mr. Dunne, somebody, yourself or your counsel, should put that --
CHAIRMAN: Now, Mr. MCDowe11, that is going too far. MR. MCDOWELL: Sorry, it's not.
CHAIRMAN: No, it is going too far.
MR. MCDOWELL: Otherwise your questions seem to be irrelevant, Judge.
CHAIRMAN: what exactly is the point you are making, Mr. McDowel1? is going to be inferred, from the matters that you have just raised with the witness, that he fabricated this remark on the part of Mr . Dunne as part of settling
some grudge, that should be put to him fair and square by somebody.
Chairman: And you suggest it should be done by me? MR. MCDOWELL: You asked the questions about his relationship with Mr. Dunne. Your counsel didn't. If that is -- if it is relevant, I think you should go the whole way with him, Judge.
CHAIRMAN: And all the remarks you have made during the course of this Tribunal about this being an inquiry, Mr. McDowe11, do they not apply to me as well? Am I not entitled to inquire?
MR. McDowell: well, I think, Judge --
Chairman: And do you think --
MR. McDowell: May I make this point, Judge?
CHAIRMAN: And do you think -- well, I need to make a point too, Mr. McDowe11, because you are very free with your language.
MR. MCDOWELL: I am not free with my language.
CHAIRMAN: Do you think, Mr. McDowell, that all the warnings about the judge entering into the arena are
lost or do they not apply in these circumstances?
MR. MCDOWELL: You are not a judge; you are an
inquisitor here. And if you have -- if it was relevant to make those points to the witness, I think the -that the inference that appears to be blatant in them should be put to him.

CHAIRMAN: Mr. Dignam asked the questions as wel1, didn't he?
MR. MCDOWELL: And Mr. Dignam has his instructions. I
am just saying that somebody should put this to him. Chairman, can I make this point to you --
CHAIRMAN: We11, Mr. McDowell, it very often happens -it seriously very often happens that two people meet, they discuss matters, one comes out saying the following happened and the other comes out saying no, that didn't happen at all. Now, it could happen, as well, that those people don't exactly get along. Perhaps it's because of a lack of an emotional connection that misunderstandings occur, but Mr. McGuinness has cleared it up. There is no misunderstanding here. It's not a question of, for instance, we are adopting our strategy and it's not going to be easy for Maurice McCabe. It's a question of the 'remark', in inverted commas, being absolutely correct. Now, I really have to inquire, in circumstances where a person who allegedly made the remark says he didn't make it and where the person to whom that remark was repeated within weeks, it seems, says, well, that never happened, as to precisely what
is going on, and I think I am entitled to do that, Mr. McDowell. And I feel if I didn't do that, I'd be failing in my duty to make an inquiry.
MR. MCDOWELL: Well, Judge, maybe perhaps I can put the question to the witness then.
CHAIRMAN: If you wish to put the question, you are certainly entitled to do so. But please don't ascribe to me anything that you don't know is in my mind. MR. MCDOWELL: Judge, you asked the questions. I
queried its relevance other than in this context.

MR. JOHN BARRETT WAS FURTHER CROSS-EXAMINED BY
MR. MCDOWELL:

6326 Q. MR. McDOWELL: Anyway, Mr. Barrett, in case anybody would draw the inference from your evidence that you have fabricated this remark by Mr. Dunne and that you have done so in part to settle some score with him or because you have a very poor relationship with him or you fell out with him, what have you got to say about that?
A. None of those assertions are true. Mr. Dunne hired me into the organisation. I respect his background, I respect his integrity. we have a difference of view on

12:22 one significant matter, which related to how we should proceed in relation to the investigation of financial irregularities at the Garda College. That is a matter of public record. I shook his hand here on the 8th January. I feel no animosity whatsoever from Mr. Dunne, and that is a matter of fact. CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

THE WITNESS THEN WITHDREW

MR. MARRINAN: The next witness, sir, is Superintendent Noel Cunningham, please.
MR. ROGERS: Chairman, we intend to withdraw.
CHAIRMAN: You do, do you? You will be back for7

Mr. Dunne, I presume? MR. ROGERS: Well, that is another day, I believe, sir. CHAIRMAN: Yes. I think it's set for when? Wednesday. Wednesday at 2 p.m., Mr. Rogers.

I think you are sworn, and you gave evidence -- perhaps in relation to this particular module, I am afraid I am bending to use the word "module", maybe you should be sworn. Everyone else was.




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 DIRECTLY EXAMINED BY MR. MARRINAN:

MR. MARRINAN: I think, Superintendent Cunningham -CHAIRMAN: Just before you start, Mr. Marrinan. I know there is some respects in which you say "I have legal professional privilege". Now, you are absolutely entitled to abide by that, you appreciate that?
A. Thank you, Judge.

CHAIRMAN: Yes. It's not a question of it's right or wrong or good or bad. If you want to waive it, you are entitled to, but not because of the pressure of being here. If you have made your decision beforehand, you have made your decision and that is it. You can change your mind, of course, but you can't be required under pressure to change it.
A. Thank you, Judge.
Q. MR. MARRINAN: I think, Superintendent Cunningham, you have already given evidence to the Tribunal in July of last year concerning the investigation into the
allegation made by Ms. D against Sergeant Maurice McCabe?
A. That's correct, Judge.
Q. And I am not going to rehearse that evidence, but you saw that to a conclusion, we know the file went to the Director of Public Prosecutions, and no prosecution was directed, and you subsequently informed Sergeant McCabe of that, having already informed Ms. D, and you have already outlined the circumstances in which that arose,
a11 right?
A. That's correct, Judge.
Q. So we are not going to be revisiting that aspect of it. You provided a statement to the Tribunal dated 14th January 2018, this year, and it's at page 4291, if we could have that up on the screen. And you say that you are preparing -- you refer to it as a report, but it's a statement to address issues that were raised on day 40 of the Tribunal's business. If I could just, first of a11, come to a report that was sent by Sergeant McCabe to Superintendent Clancy, and this is at page 4136 of the materials, if I could have that up on the screen, please. You are familiar with this report, isn't that right?
A. I am, Judge.
A. That's correct, Judge.
Q. In paragraph 1 there we see that --

CHAIRMAN: I am sorry, Mr. Marrinan, did you say 2018 ? MR. MARRINAN: Sorry, 2008. Did I say 2018? I beg your pardon.
Q. The complaint is headed:
"Re complaint from Sergeant Maurice McCabe concerning incidents on the 15th and 17th October 2007." Do you see that?
A. That's correct, Judge.

334 Q. And at paragraph 1 he refers to the fact that you commenced your investigation in December 2006 in relation to an allegation by Mr . D and his wife, Mrs. D, on behalf of their daughter, Ms. D, isn't that right?
A. That's correct, Judge.
and then --
CHAIRMAN: I am sorry, could I just repeat, because I have just been warned in relation to something. We have tried to redact everything, and, as everyone will notice, particularly those in the media, the name of Ms. D, Mr. D, his wife, never appears at any stage. A rank, unfortunately, from time to time, is popping out, and it is an order of the Tribunal that the rank not be reported, and there is a very good reason for that. There is on7y, I presume, a couple of dozen sergeants in the relevant area and it just makes it too easy for an identification to occur. So I think -- I am sorry to intervene now, but it's actually half past, so we wil1 take a break for an hour. Thank you.
Q. MR. MARRINAN: Now, just before lunch, Superintendent --
CHAIRMAN: Mr. Costello, do you want to hang on for a few minutes?

MR. COSTELLO: Thank you, Judge.
337 Q. MR. MARRINAN: Just before lunch we were dealing with a report that had been sent by Sergeant Maurice McCabe to Superintendent Clancy and it's at page 4136. If I could have that on the screen, please. It's headed:

## "Complaint from Sergeant Maurice McCabe concerning

 incidents on the 15th and 17th October of 2007."Those incidents relate to what, Superintendent?
A. Well, I wasn't hugely familiar with them at the time, Judge, but $I$ believe they refer to incidents where Ms. D and her mum, Judge, had confrontations with Sergeant McCabe, Judge. I wasn't involved in the
investigation or anything to do with them, Judge.
338 Q. I think that, in paragraph 1, Sergeant McCabe sets out the history and refers to you having conducted an investigation into an allegation made by Mr. D, isn't that right?
A. That's correct.

339 Q. I think that paragraph 3 then -- paragraph 2 is redacted. Paragraph 3:
"The allegation Mr. D and his wife, Mrs. D, made against me is totally groundless and maliciously made. I give an account hereunder of the problems I had with Mr. D since I arrived in Bailieboro on 21st October 2004."

Isn't that right?
A. That's right.
Q. And I think if we turn over the page then to 4137, Sergeant McCabe itemises all the problems that he had in relation to Mr. D, isn't that right?
A. That's correct, Judge.
A. Well, I think there was others, Judge, in some of the complaints, Judge, where he was saying that Mr. D was
allowing others, Judge, to work their weekends -- or not work their weekends and claim them, that there was occasions when -- that Mr. D was -- yes, in relation to some other people at the barbecue again.
342 Q. Yes. No, other people are mentioned. But the complaints, insofar as they can be --
A. The complaint is ostensibly against Mr. D.

343 Q. Mr. D. And then if we could just go over the page at 4138, he concludes:
"I am a very dedicated member of An Garda Síochána and each officer I have worked with can vouch for this. I am married with five children, and this scurrilous allegation has ruined my life forever. I am a
completely changed person in that I don't trust anyone anymore. I urge you, if you can, to ask the DPP to allow the full DPP directions to be conveyed to me and the other party, in particular Mrs. D, in this particular case, due to the fact that all parties work in close proximity and I would really appreciate it. That's all I'm asking."

And then he says:
"All I seek is fairness and the decision of the outcome of the investigation to prevent further attacks on me."

And that's signed by Sergeant Maurice McCabe, isn't that right?
A. That's correct, Judge.

344 Q. Now, you were requested by your chief superintendent to conduct an investigation of those allegations that had been made by Sergeant McCabe, isn't that right?
A. Yes, Judge, I was directed to do so.

345 Q. And with that in mind, you met with Sergeant McCabe on the 25th August 2008 at Mullingar Garda Station?
A. That's correct, Judge.
Q. And if I could have 4129 on the screen, please. This is a report that was prepared by you and addressed to the Chief Superintendent Monaghan, isn't that right?
A. That's correct, Judge.

347 Q. And it doesn't appear to have a date, but it's stamped the 12th September of 2008, is that right?

348 Q. Pardon?
A. That's correct, Judge.

349 Q. Yes. Now, you, along with Sergeant Yvonne Martin, had met with Sergeant McCabe, is that right?
A. That's correct, Judge.
Q. And I will come to the notes of that just shortly, but the meeting concerned his allegations against Mr. D, isn't that so?
A. That's correct, Judge.

351 Q. And in your report we can see in paragraph 3:
"Sergeant McCabe stated that this report --"

And "this report" referred to the report that I just opened to you earlier on in relation to allegations against Mr. D.
" -- was composed by him to highlight matters that occurred in Bailieboro district while he was sergeant in charge at Bailieboro Garda Station. He stated that the report was a bid by him to have the full DPP directions conveyed to him and the Ds in relation to the allegations made against him by Ms. D and the subsequent investigation."

Isn't that right?
A. That's correct, Judge.

352 Q. Now, if we can go on to page 4131, if we go to the
second paragraph down:
"Sergeant McCabe stated that he did not want this matter to come back to him. He stated he does not want this thing to cause him any further ill health and he just wanted the matter ended today."

Is that right?
A. That's correct, Judge.
"Notes of interview were taken down in writing by Superintendent Cunningham and are attached. Sergeant McCabe declined to sign these notes. These notes are witnessed by Superintendent Cunningham and Sergeant Martin."

And then, further down:
"Sergeant McCabe at all times during the interview displayed signs of strain and stress. He was advised of the services of peer support and of the welfare service. He was informed by Superintendent Cunningham that the welfare officer would be notified if he so wished. Sergeant McCabe stated that he would only require the services of the welfare officer if we returned to interview him in relation to this matter."

And then if we just turn over the page, 4132, I think that you indicated the developments will be reported in early course. Would it be fair to say that it was
abundantly clear from your interview with Sergeant McCabe at that time that he didn't want to progress the allegations that he had made against Mr. D?
A. Yes, Judge.

354 Q. And he wanted to let matters rest there, is that right?
A. That's correct, Judge.

355 Q. Now, if we could then just look at the notes that you took of that meeting, they're at page 4133, if that could be put on the screen, please. Perhaps, would you mind just reading your handwritten notes there from beginning to end?
A. I may have difficulty, Judge. I know I typed these for the Tribunal.
"Notes of interview of -- taken --" I think " -- by
Superintendent Cunningham, Sergeant McCabe, in the presence of Sergeant Yvonne Martin at Mullingar Garda Station on 25/8/2008. Want to seek advice from Association and solicitor re making a statement because states he high1ighted these incidents to me in 2006 at time of Ms. D investigation and believed they were to be included in file to DPP. I have informed M. McCabe that I --" and I can't see it, Judge. It's covered.
"I have informed M. McCabe that I am aware of some of the details, but not all, that are included in the report of the 25th February 2008 to Superintendent Clancy. Sergeant McCabe states as follows: In relation to most of the serious matters --" sorry
" -- issues raised by me in my report to Superintendent Clancy on 23rd February 2008 as sergeant in charge in Bailieboro Garda Station, I dealt with these issues -Mr. D in relation to a disciplinary context and I
warned him in relation to his behaviour and I stopped
A. Sorry, Judge.

CHAIRMAN: Is this you telling Sergeant McCabe or is this you noting this to yourself?
A. I'm noting this. You see, Sergeant McCabe had said -I had tried to tie him down, Judge, to the issues that I was there to investigate, and Sergeant McCabe wanted to talk about other issues, other than the things I was there to do. It was clear, as outlined, Sergeant McCabe wanted this to go away. He didn't want me coming back, and I noted that from his demeanour. He was very stressed and very upset about all of this. CHAIRMAN: So are you telling yourself this?
A. And then I'm telling myself this, exactly, Judge. CHAIRMAN: All right. That is fine. Thank you.

356 Q. MR. MARRINAN: If you wouldn't mind just continue
A. Apologies.

[^3]as I did with other members, which was my role and responsibility. I don't want this matter coming back to me. I don't want the State causing me further ill health. I just want the matter ended today as I
thought it was in May 2007, when I read the DPP -directions of the DPP in relation to the investigation into the allegation made by Ms. D."

And I signed it, Judge. And then Sergeant Martin signed it, Judge.

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357 Q. Okay. It doesn't entirely correspond with the typed note at page 4162, but the differences are only very, very marginal, so we needn't go through those.
A. Thank you.

358 Q. But as far as these matters are concerned, that is where matters rested, is that right?
A. We11, Judge, when I went back -- you will see at the end of the report I sent to Chief Superintendent Clancy -- sorry, Chief Superintendent Rooney, it is clear that $I$ had a conversation after this meeting and he directed me to go back and investigate the matter, and he did so in writing. And, in fact, at one stage, Judge, and these notes have been sent to the Commission, he told me even in the absence of a statement from Sergeant McCabe, that --

CHAIRMAN: I am sorry for not following, Mr. Marrinan, but were these notes the notes of the meeting in Mullingar on the 25th August '08?
MR. MARRINAN: Yes.
A. They are notes I wrote. CHAIRMAN: These are those notes?
A. Yes, Judge.

MR. MARRINAN: These are the notes.
CHAIRMAN: Thank you. And that's the one that Sergeant 13:43 Martin co-signs as being a note of the meeting, so to speak?
A. And more so a part of the meeting, at the end of the meeting, more so than the full meeting, Judge.

CHAIRMAN: Yes.
A. Because I wasn't writing notes during the full meeting, I only wrote these at the end, because it was clear to me Sergeant McCabe didn't want to pursue these matters, Judge.
CHAIRMAN: And we're at all times talking about the Ds, 13:43 the courthouse, the street --
A. The allegations against -- well, it wasn't -- no, no -CHAIRMAN: -- and the barbecue.
A. It was specifically the allegations in that complaint letter, Judge.
CHAIRMAN: No, I get you.
A. Just those, that's all I was dealing with, Judge. I wasn't dealing with anything else.
CHAIRMAN: Al1 right.
359 Q. MR. MARRINAN: Now, there matters rested. And the next 13:43 involvement that you had in relation to this was that you were aware of the fact that Assistant Commissioner Derek Byrne and Chief Superintendent Terry McGinn were examining some aspects of complaints that had been made
by Sergeant Maurice McCabe, isn't that right?
A. I was, Judge.

360 Q. And if we could have page 4166 on the screen. This is -- I think it is a report by you, it's to Assistant Commissioner Derek Byrne, and it's dated 3rd December 2009, isn't that right? Can you see that?
A. I can, Judge, yes.
Q. Yes. I'm not going to go through all this, but some aspects of this may or may not be important. If we could look down at paragraph 4 on the first page:
"I have been asked about my working relationship with
Sergeant Maurice McCabe. I have known Sergeant McCabe for many years, as both a member of garda and sergeant rank. Our relationship was, I believe, one of mutual respect and professionally based. I found him to be satisfactory in his role as sergeant in charge."
A. Yes, Judge.

363 Q. Then over the page at 4167:
"My dealings with Sergeant McCabe in his role as
sergeant in charge, Bailieboro Garda Station, he did not express any concerns to me in relation to his welfare. His concerns always revolved around his perceived lack of support of Superintendent Michae1

Clancy."

And then if we just skip the next paragraph. The following one is:
"As previously stated, my working relationship with Sergeant Maurice McCabe was one of mutual respect and professionally based. Notwithstanding this, Sergeant McCabe's attitude to me changed in December 2006."

And if we could just move on then. At page 4172 of this report, the last paragraph, at the end of that page:
"During the time that Sergeant McCabe was non-effective for duty, I had no difficulty making contact with him and did so by phone and letter. I was then directed by assistant commissioner northern region to carry out an investigation into allegations made by Sergeant McCabe in relation to Mr. D. Having commenced the investigation, sergeant McCabe informed me that the Superintendent Clancy was drafted by him in a bid to have the full directions of the DPP conveyed to him in relation to my investigation into the Ms. D case. My
correspondence to Chief Superintendent Cavan-Monaghan division of the 12th September 2008 has reference. I subsequently received correspondence from Séan Costello \& Company, Solicitors, requesting that I make no further contact with Sergeant McCabe. I reported this fact to my authorities."

So there's another -- a reference there in that report to the Mullingar meeting, isn't that right?
A. That's correct, Judge.

364 Q. And you're, in both reports, making a clear reference to the fact that the allegations by Sergeant McCabe had been made to Superintendent Clancy and not against him, isn't that so?
A. Yes, Judge.
Q. So --

CHAIRMAN: And the allegations in all these cases are to do with Mr. and Mrs. D, the daughter, the incidents, the barbecue?

MR. MARRINAN: Yes.
CHAIRMAN: And it's nothing to do with anything else, like the incident on the bus or whatever?
A. Oh, no.

CHAIRMAN: No.
MR. MARRINAN: No.
CHAIRMAN: All right.
366 Q. MR. MARRINAN: If we could then move to the o'higgins Commission and the build-up to it. I think that you attended a consultation with counse1 on the 12 th May of

2015, is that right?
A. That's correct, Judge.

367 Q. And you've waived your right to privilege in relation to this meeting with your legal team, isn't that right?
A. That's correct, Judge.
Q. And this is, at page 4292, is a handwritten note from Annmarie Ryan of that consultation. Do you recall who was present during that consultation?
A. Chief Superintendent Fergus Healy, Inspector о'нara, Ms. Annmarie Ryan, Mr. Colm Smyth, Mr. Garret Byrne and 13:49 Mr. Michael MacNamee.
Q. Yes. And I think, in fact, Inspector McNamara was present as well.
A. Oh, McNamara. I'm sorry, did I give the wrong name? Sorry, McNamara.
Q. At page 4292 we have a note of that. And does this accord with your recollection of that meeting?
"(Over 26 years service)."

That relates to you, is that right?
A. Yes.

371 Q. "Up to 2008 Noel never had one single complaint against him by anyone."
was that discussed?
A. Yes, it was.
Q. Did you inform counsel of that?
A. Yes, I just raised this -- .

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Q. these allegations."

And then:
"These allegations that Noel didn't carry out proper investigation. No adverse finding to date but some stil1 ongoing."

Is that right?
A. That's right, Judge.
Q. So here, quite clearly, during the course of the consultation, you're advising your solicitor and counsel in relation to your own personal history, that you've 25 years service, and that, up until 2008, that you'd never had one single complaint that had been made against you, is that right?
A. That's correct, Judge. But then you're identifying 2008 as a time when things changed and that you had a number of complaints that were made against you, that we needn't go into, from members of the public, and you raised a question whether or not, in fact, Maurice McCabe, Sergeant McCabe may have been behind these complaints, is that
A. I raised the question of whether he was yes, Judge.

376 Q. Pardon?
A. Yes, I raised a question as to whether he was behind
them.
377 Q. You then go on:
"Noe1 met up with McCabe in Mullingar -- "
A. If you just move it up, please.
Q. Sorry?
A. Sorry, I can't see.

379 Q. If we can scroll that down.
"Noel met up with McCabe in Mullingar with Yvonne
Martin in 2008 about complaint to Mick Clancy."

Again, I underline the word "to" because we know that that is relevant.
A. Yes Judge.
Q. "McCabe wanted his DPP file."

Do you recall --
A. I don't think it is "file".

381 Q. -- how that got into it?
A. Because it was more DPP directions. It's just -- it wasn't my note obviously, but it would be DPP directions I would be talking about, rather than file, Judge.
382 Q. "Noe1 made a report of this meeting the next day."

And in brackets:
"(He has a copy of this.)"
A. Yes.

383 Q. Did you bring a copy of that report to the consultation?
A. No. Definitely not.

384 Q. Definitely not?
A. No.

385 Q. "Send this report to Monaghan. This was his response for making complaint to Mick Clancy."
A. Yeah. I think he --
Q. "This was his reason --" sorry.
A. If you see, I think the line is joining it.

387 Q. I will read that again:

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { "This was his reason for making complaint to Mick } \\
& \text { Clancy." }
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A. Yes.

CHAIRMAN: It says "to", yes.
A. "To", Judge.

MR. MARRINAN: Yes.
388 Q. So this is twice now there is a note of you referring complaint "to" Mick Clancy?
A. Yes.

CHAIRMAN: Where is the first one, Mr. Marrinan? Just, I may have missed it. I'm sorry about that, if I did. MR. MARRINAN: Just in the same paragraph, sir, at the 13:53 beginning. I will read it again:
> "Next met up with McCabe in Mullingar with Yvonne Martin in 2008 about complaint to Mick Clancy."

Is that right?
CHAIRMAN: Thank you. I see it.
389 Q. MR. MARRINAN: "MCCabe wanted his DPP file. Noel made report of this meeting the next day. He has copy of this. Sent this report to Monaghan. This was his reason for making complaint to Mick Clancy."

So that is the second reference to it there. And then at the end there, we can see:
"Get Gardaí to send me report by Noe1."

Is that right?
A. Yes.

390 Q. "Counse1 want this."
A. Yes, Judge.

391 Q. So is that your recollection of the meeting, and is it clear in your mind that when you were recounting this to counsel and to solicitor, that you were making it abundantly clear that it was a complaint to Mick Clancy and not about --
A. Absolutely, Judge.

392 Q. -- Mick Clancy?
CHAIRMAN: And what we're referring to as not being
there, Mr. Marrinan, excuse the interruption, but is
that 4129 , is that what we're talking? That is the, I suppose, by now famous report of the meeting in Mullingar, on 25th August '08, that is to say the typed
version, is that what we are talking about -MR. MARRINAN: Yes.

CHAIRMAN: -- as not being at the meeting? MR. McGUINNESS: Yes.

CHAIRMAN: Yes.
393 Q. MR. MARRINAN: If we can just go to page 73. These are typed notes that were made of the same meeting by Inspector McNamara. We see the bottom box there, 12 th May 2015. We see:
"Meeting with Colm Smyth, Mr. MacNamee and Mr. Byrne, Annmarie Ryan."

And then there is a reference to other issues that we're not concerned with. And then you will see:
"Consultation Superintendent NC."

That is you, Noe1 Cunningham. You see there:
"McCabe supervising sergeant --" and then "notes" and you will see there is some reference there to Regina McArdle that we're not concerned about. And then over the next page, page 74 , at the top:
"Letter of demand from Sergeant McCabe for file of superintendent to DPP in 2008 report."

Do you see that?
A. Yes.
Q. "He's alleging he got no support. Meeting in Mullingar. Sergeant Yvonne Martin present. He said reason making complaint --" again " -- to Superintendent Clancy was to force his hand to get copy 13:56 of file."

Is that right?
A. Yes.
Q. So there's two independent notes confirming the same discussion?
A. Yes, Judge.
Q. Now, arising out of matters that evolved at the Tribunal on the 15th May, a letter was prepared by your legal team, who were also representing the Garda Commissioner, and this letter was sent -- a copy of this letter was sent to you, is that right?
A. That's correct.
Q. Now, if we could have -- just see that letter on the screen. It's page 4075.
A. It was sent to several of us, Judge. There was several people contributing to this letter, Judge, if I remember.
Q. Now, I am not going to go through the whole letter with you, but did you understand the importance of this letter, because it was setting out --
A. Yes.
Q. -- the position in relation to an attack on Sergeant McCabe, or a challenge, should I say, to Sergeant

McCabe's motivation?
A. Yes, Judge.

400 Q. You understand that?
A. I understood, yeah. This came up --

401 Q. You understood it at the time?
A. This came up on the Friday, I think. And obviously, Judge, I wasn't party to the course of questioning. I didn't know what the course of questioning being taken by counse1. But when this matter arose, Judge, I was then asked to clarify issues $I$ had in relation to, I suppose, the background information I had given to counsel in relation to my dealings with Sergeant McCabe, Judge.
402 Q. If we could have page 4078 up on the screen, please. Paragraph 19 --
A. Yes, Judge.

403 Q. -- of this 1etter:
"Having been appointed to investigate Sergeant McCabe's complaint against Superintendent Clancy, now
Superintendent Noel Cunningham, having attempted on a number of occasions to meet with Sergeant McCabe, eventually met with Sergeant McCabe by appointment on the 25th August 2008 in Mullingar Garda Station to receive details of his formal complaint.
Superintendent Cunningham was accompanied to this meeting by Sergeant Yvonne Martin. Notes were taken at the meeting and countersigned by Sergeant Martin and a detailed report of the meeting was prepared by

Superintendent Cunningham and its contents agreed with Sergeant Martin and forwarded to Chief Superintendent Rooney. In the course of this meeting, Sergeant McCabe advised Superintendent Cunningham that the only reason he made the complaint against Superintendent Clancy was 13:59 to force him to allow Sergeant McCabe to have the full DPP directions conveyed to him."
A. Yes, Judge.
Q. That's clearly wrong, isn't that right?
A. Clearly wrong.

405 Q. And it's wrong in two portions of the paragraph, where it twice recounts that these complaints were made against Superintendent Clancy, isn't that right?
A. That's correct. If you could please go back to paragraph 18, because I think it may give some clarity to it, because it actually contradicts paragraph 19. Because paragraph 18 is accurate, Judge.
"Pursuant to complaint made by Sergeant McCabe on the 26th February 2008 to Superintendent Clancy, Chief Superintendent Rooney appointed Inspector Noe1 Cunningham.'

406 Q. Yes.
A. Unfortunately, Judge, in reading it, one often reads the way one knows it should be, and clearly that's correct, and then the next paragraph it's wrong.

407 Q. We11, you see, if you go over to page 4079 again, please, that's your signature below Eileen Creedon, Chief State Solicitor, isn't that right?
A. Absolutely.
Q. Isn't that right?
A. Absolutely. And if I can, I think I've tried to endeavour to explain what happened that morning, Judge, in that, Ms. Ryan, who was very fastidious in everything she did and very good and a great worker, unfortunately, on that morning, Judge, the on7y morning I believe she was late, she was late, and I didn't get an opportunity to read that in hard copy, and unfortunately I signed it incorrectly. And I think this is clarified by me, when -- in fact, on day 5, Judge, when the issue was actually cleared up, when Judge O'Higgins saw the mistake, Judge, I think I said on that date, and I was cross-examined by Mr. McDowe11, I think my comment was, this is the first time I have seen this document. And, in fact, Judge, it was the first time I had physically gone through it in hard copy, and I clearly pointed out the mistake on day 5, Judge, in relation to that word, and I think -- and I'm working from memory, I think it was stated by Mr. Smyth 14:01 it couldn't be more eloquently put than just that -than by the superintendent, the "against" should be the "to". So that was the problem, Judge.
Unfortunately -- and I'm embarrassed by the mistake, because I would be usually very careful in everything I 14:02 did, and I'm embarrassed if it has in any way caused any distress to Sergeant McCabe, because it certain7y was never any intention to do that, because it was, Judge, a mistake, nothing more, nothing less, Judge. A
mistake.
409 Q. Well, how is it that you didn't pick up on the mistake?
A. I didn't see it, Judge. I did not see it. I know that the next -- the morning I was going in -- I travel to Dublin every night -- or not every night. I travel to Dublin on the Sunday night, Judge. This was Sunday night/Monday morning. And I know, if best, I looked at it on my phone, and then clearly didn't see it, and then I didn't get reading the hard copy, Judge. I believe, Judge, if, that morning, I had taken the five minutes -- there was a rush to get this document away out of my hands, Judge, literally handed to me. Even my signature is atrocious on it, Judge. If I had held on to the document and said no, I'm not going to hand it over, and read it, there isn't a shadow of a doubt I'd have seen it, Judge. Not a shadow of a doubt.

410 Q. We11, when was the letter sent to you?
A. It was sent to me I think on the Sunday. I know I've privilege, but I'm not trying to hide anything. I'm simply saying, Judge, I did not see it. I should have seen it. I did not see it. Unfortunately, others should have seen it too because they would have been aware, but I'm not passing any responsibility, other than for myself. I made a mistake, and it's a pity I made a mistake.

411 Q. Had you retrieved a copy of your report that was sent to Superintendent Clancy of the meeting on the 25 th August --
A. I actually brought that report that morning, Judge,
because I was told to. And I brought it in. And to my knowledge, and I can only refer to -- I always believed it was, and I see Judge, in volume 2, part 1 of your documents, Judge, page 781, that I actually did, because I see that Ms. Ryan gave copies of my report and my notes to counsel and to the Judge and to Mr. McDowe11 that morning, Judge.
412 Q. So as far as you're concerned, whatever about there being an error in the letter in paragraph 19, it was clear from your report that it was letter -- a complaint to Superintendent Clancy and not about Superintendent Clancy?
A. Absolutely, Judge. And my evidence would always be based on my notes and my reports, not on anybody else's documents. On my notes, Judge.
CHAIRMAN: I mean, this is important, Mr. Marrinan, because there's been two versions of this. I had always understood, well certainly from the time that Annmarie Ryan gave evidence, that the letter, 781 , that is to say the report of the meeting in Mullingar on 25th August 2008, was handed in to the o'Higgins Commission at the same time as this letter was handed in.

MR. MARRINAN: Yes.
CHAIRMAN: In other words, that they contradicted each other.

MR. MARRINAN: Yes.
CHAIRMAN: Now, I didn't know that it was handed around more widely than that, but maybe that is -- I don't
know.
A. Well, that is on page 781, Judge, of volume 2, part 1, that is Ms. Ryan's contemporaneous notes, Judge, I believe, of the day. I got them in the book that the Tribunal provided to me, Judge.
CHAIRMAN: Is there something there?
A. It says Judge --

CHAIRMAN: Sorry, Mr. Marrinan, do you want to move there, if that is convenient?
A. Pardon me?

CHAIRMAN: What page is it again?
A. Judge, it's page 781, on part 1, volume 2, Judge, of the books, Judge.
413 Q. MR. MARRINAN: This refers to the hearing on the 18th May?
A. This is the morning the letter went in.

414 Q. Of day 3. I was just going to come to these.
A. Sorry.
Q. It says --

MR. MURPHY: Chairman --
MR. MARRINAN: You're referring there to, what line are you referring to?
A. If you go to the bottom of it, it takes up about a quarter way up the page:
"Noe1 Cunningham -- "

May I read it, Judge?
416 Q. Yes, please.
A. It says:
"Noe1 Cunningham's documents referred to in our letter of the 18th May 2015, three documents handed to Judge."

And then below that, it goes:
"Judge/David O'Hagan directed me to give McCabe's legal team our letter of the 18/5/15 and docs referred to in same to them. Gave them three copies."
Al1 right. So you're happy that --
MR. MCDOWELL: If you look at the line that has been crossed out, there may be some significance there.
CHAIRMAN: "Handed copy documents to McDowe11." MR. MCDOWELL: If you look at the next paragraph, Judge.
CHAIRMAN: "Judge/David O'Hagan directed --" is it "us"? "-- me to give McCabe's legal team our letter of 18/5/15 plus docs referred to in -- referred, to ensure to them, gave them three copies."

I think, Mr. McDowe11 -- no, the on1y dispute, Mr. Marrinan, was, I think, Mr. McDowe11, you had said you'd a clear recollection of not getting the document on the day, yes.
MR. MCDOWELL: I got the letter.
CHAIRMAN: Yes. Well, there may be other things with it. I'm not doubting you for a second or saying you're not correct or anything, Mr. McDowel1.

MR. MCDOWELL: I'm just saying that's all we got, because I think the transcript shows that that is all we got.
CHAIRMAN: We11, unfortunately, in -- even in High Court cases, sometimes paper comes in like confetti. So I don't know. Maybe the witness's evidence might be of relevance on this.
418 Q. MR. MARRINAN: We're concerned with your state of knowledge, first of all --
A. Yes.

419 Q. -- at the time?
A. Yes.

420 Q. And that is primarily what we're concerned with at the moment.
A. And I handed in the documents that morning, Judge.

421 Q. As far as you were concerned, you had handed over the report, is that right?
A. That's correct, Judge.

422 Q. Had you handed over the notes as well?
A. Yes.

423 Q. A11 right. And when it says the three documents, what is the third document?
A. I think the first one was the letter of complaint, the first letter of Sergeant McCabe's.
424 Q. Right.
A. So to put it in order, to explain it, Judge.
Q. Right. So the three documents that were handed over were the original letter of complaint that I opened earlier on today of Sergeant McCabe, your report of the
meeting of the 25th August of 2008 in relation to your investigation of that complaint and then the notes of that meeting?
A. Yes, Judge.

426 Q. And as far as you were concerned, all those materials were handed over to Annmarie Ryan and you were under the impression that they were also handed over to Sergeant McCabe's legal team, is that right?
A. Well, they were handed out, they were distributed out that morning, Judge, that was my knowledge.
CHAIRMAN: A11 you saw was stuff going around the room, I presume?
A. Absolutely. There was documents flying, Judge, because there was a lot of fresh stuff coming in all of the time, Judge. There was constantly documents going out, 14:09 Judge.

CHAIRMAN: Okay.
427 Q. MR. MARRINAN: Now, if we could just come to -- you gave evidence yourself on the 18th May, is that right?
A. I started my evidence on the 18th, that's correct.

428 Q. Yeah. And do you recal1 Sergeant McCabe then gave evidence later on the afternoon?
A. I thought, but maybe I could stand corrected, I thought the evidence stopped with me, Judge. Oh, sorry, the 18th now.

429 Q. This is day 3.
A. Oh, this is now day -- I think I did. I'd have to just go back, Judge. Maybe if you can assist me.

430 Q. We11, I'm asking you do you recall Sergeant McCabe
giving evidence?
A. I recall Sergeant McCabe giving evidence, I do.

431 Q. So you were in the room at the time?
A. Oh, I was in the room, Judge, yes.

432 Q. Well, if we could just have page 979 up on the screen, please. If we go halfway down.
A. If you stay at the top, Judge, I just see the reference, Mr. Smyth says:
"I want to ask you, Sergeant McCabe, the first one is on the 26th February 2008, you sent a letter to Superintendent Clancy.'

So that is accurate.
433 Q. Yes. "Containing a number of complaints that you had, 14:11 is that correct?"
A. Yes.

434 Q. The answer is:
"Yeah."
"Q. One matter I want to ask you again just arising finally out of that, $I$ think that Superintendent Cunningham met you for the purpose of discussing that, is that correct?"

The answer is:
"He met me on the last day that $I$ was sergeant in charge.
Q. Sergeant in charge in Bailieboro?
A. which was 19th March 2008.
Q. He has the 25 th August 2008 you met.
A. Sorry, we met in mullingar.
Q. He met you in mullingar on 25th August 2008?
A. Yes.
Q. This is an issue of credibility I want to put to you.
A. okay.
Q. There was a meeting there in Mullingar Garda

Station and that meeting was the sergeant, is that correct?
A. That is correct.
Q. I think there were notes taken at that meeting?
A. There was, by each side.
Q. A detailed report was prepared by Superintendent Cunningham, there is no dispute about that.
A. There is. I didn't see it. He has given his version.
Q. Al1 right. It was forwarded, that report, to

Superintendent Rooney. This is the issue I want to ask you about.
A. Yeah.
Q. In the course of that meeting, Sergeant, you advised Superintendent Cunningham that the only reason you made a complaint against Superintendent Clancy was to force him to allow you to have the full authority directions conveyed to you.
A. That is absolutely false.
Q. Right
A. Absolutely, Judge."

Then Mr. Justice O'Higgins intervened:
"The only reason?
MR. SMYTH: The on1y reason, and this will be the evidence of Superintendent Cunningham, the on7y reason that you wrote those list of complaints for

Superintendent Clancy, do you understand, that you made 14:13 the complaints about Superintendent Clancy, was that you wanted to put pressure on Superintendent Clancy to get the full directions from the authority conveyed to you.
A: That is absolutely false. Absolutely."

And then:

> "Fair enough."

So if you were present there for that, there seems to be some confusion in Mr. Smyth's mind and the question that he's asking in relation to it.
A. I'd agree.

435 Q. But he has certainly put it to Sergeant McCabe that the 14:13 only reason that he made a complaint against Superintendent Clancy was to force the DPP's directions to be made known, isn't that right?
A. That's as it reads, absolutely, Judge. Sergeant McCabe and thinking, well, that's a little bit confused and it's actually not correct?
A. I don't recall being that clear in my mind, Judge, on that day. I don't recall being that clear in my mind, Judge.
But in any event, you didn't alert anybody to the error. Had you been aware of it you --
A. I'm sorry for interrupting. If I had heard it -- if I had been clear in my mind, I'd have said that is wrong, because it was clearly wrong and -- you know what I
mean.
439 Q. Because if we could move on to page 1439. These are the written submissions that were sent on in on your behalf --
A. That's correct.

440 Q. -- and also on behalf of --
A. And others, yes.

441 Q. -- the Garda Commissioner.
A. And others, yes.

442 Q. And these were sent to you dated the 11th June?
A. Yes.

443 Q. And they were sent to you for your approval, isn't that right?
A. That's correct.

444 Q. And do you recal1 receiving them?
A. I do.

445 Q. And do you recal1 receiving an instruction from Annmarie Ryan --
A. I do.

446 Q. -- solicitor, saying that they should be examined closely?
A. Yes.

447 Q. To make sure that they were accurate, is that right?
A. That's correct.

448 Q. If we could turn to page 1452 on the screen, and in particular paragraph 69. We11, I will start at 68, in fairness:
"Sergeant McCabe's next actions are not absolutely
clear, that the witnesses' memories of their conversations with him differ slightly. But it appears that he wanted something additional from the DPP so as to establish his innocence to the complaining party. It is possible that these differences are because Sergeant McCabe himself changed his approach slightly over time and with different colleagues. It appears that he requested from Chief Superintendent Rooney that he contact the DPP to seek a declaration of his innocence. It is understood that should he give evidence on this point, Superintendent Michael Clancy wil1 say that Sergeant McCabe also contacted him seeking the DPP's file in order to show it to the complaining party. Whatever the exact nature of the request, they each refused. Chief Superintendent Rooney's evidence is that Sergeant McCabe was very angry at the refusa1."

Paragraph 69:
"Sergeant McCabe then made a series of complaints against other officers in Bailieboro station, including Superintendent Clancy, against whom he alleged a lack of support. Chief Superintendent Rooney appointed Superintendent Cunningham to investigate these complaints. Superintendent Cunningham attempted to meet Sergeant McCabe to discuss the complaints and finally did so on the 25th August 2008. On this occasion, Superintendent Cunningham was accompanied by

Sergeant Yvonne Martin."
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well, that is clearly incorrect --
A. Clearly incorrect.

449 Q. -- isn't that right? And very obviously so?
A. Absolutely.
Q. So why wasn't this corrected?
A. Well, Judge, what I can say is, and I know I have claimed privilege, what $I$ can say is I did send the document in relation to the report of 2008 back to where this document came from, to clarify or to put in context that matter, Judge. I can only say -- that's as much as I can say, Judge. I sent that, my report of 2008, back in, Judge, again.
CHAIRMAN: So you sent 4129 back?
A. Back in to -- in response to this, Judge.

CHAIRMAN: To Ms. Ryan, or whoever?
A. I think it was -- it was Ms. Ryan, yes.

CHAIRMAN: Was this a kind of an email circle that's going?
A. It was, yes.

MR. MARRINAN: Sorry, we haven't heard about this before, have we?
A. Well, I appreciate this -- I claimed privilege in relation to matters, Judge, but I believe it was or may 14:19 well have been raised by another witness, Judge. But I certainly know that I did that, Judge.

451 Q. We11, you see, we haven't heard factually that you sent any response at all to Annmarie Ryan in relation to
these written submissions.
A. I think that was because I claimed privilege, Judge.
Q. Are you saying that you corrected in the first instance, and I will come later to other paragraphs, are you saying that you corrected 69?
A. I'm saying I sent -- yes, in relation to those matters. I know I responded twice in relation to this: one in relation to an earlier part of it, about a probationer garda; and another part then $I$ sent in again my report, Judge, of 2008.

453 Q. We11, you see, Sergeant McCabe has been cross-examined on the 18th by Mr. Smyth in your presence, where he puts a totally wrong proposition to Sergeant McCabe and you don't correct it, and here we are with paragraph 69, where a totally wrong impression is being given that Sergeant McCabe has made complaints against other colleagues and Superintendent Clancy and that this was the matter that you were investigating in August of 2008, which is completely wrong?
A. Sergeant McCabe had made complaints, but I didn't investigate them. I think there was -- if one reads the report, Judge, there seems to be three documents being referred to, Judge. There is a January document of Sergeant McCabe, which I had no dealings with whatsoever, that he gave to Superintendent Clancy, Judge.

CHAIRMAN: You're referring there to the letter of the 28th January --
A. Yes.

CHAIRMAN: -- '08.
A. I knew nothing of that until the Commission. CHAIRMAN: which deals with supervision --
A. That's right, Judge.

CHAIRMAN: -- non-completion of work and Pulse.
A. I had no dealings with that whatsoever, Judge. That was between himself and Superintendent Clancy. Then there was the February letter, which is the one that I investigated, Judge, in relation to Mr. D. And I believe then there was other documents, and if one reads the report, which is in relation to his complains against other members, dealt with by the Byrne/McGinn investigation, Judge. So there seems to be, as it were, a mix-up of all of these documents, Judge, in that sentence.

454 Q. MR. MARRINAN: If we go on to paragraph 70 of 1452:
"It is understood that Superintendent Cunningham and Sergeant Martin will give evidence that Sergeant McCabe said at that meeting --"

The one referred to in paragraph 69.
" -- that the complaint which he had made alleging 1ack of support as referred to in the preceding paragraph --"

And therefore against Superintendent Clancy.
" -- was a bid by him to have the full DPP directions conveyed to him and to the complaining party. This is recorded in a report of the meeting prepared jointly by Sergeant Martin and Superintendent Cunningham."

That latter line is correct, but the preceding lines are totally incorrect, isn't that right?
A. We11, again, it's mixing up the two reports, Judge; it's mixing up my letter and other letters, Judge, other reports.
"It is submitted that these interactions are critical to the understanding of the behaviour of sergeant McCabe and of the responses of the various officers to his complaints. Prior to this, the complaints he had made were few in number and adequately dealt with. Thereafter, they multiplied and showed a tendency to exaggeration, such as in relation to this incident, which was recognised by, among others, Assistant Commissioner Byrne and Chief Superintendent McGinn."
A. I wouldn't have contributed to that paragraph, because I wouldn't.

456 Q. Paragraph 72:
"These issues will be relevant to subsequent modules where they can be considered again. However, in relation to this specific module, it is submitted that Sergeant McCabe's disaffection motivated him to contact

Ms. Browne to encourage a complaint to GSOC and to include it in his 'Brief Proven Facts Pertaining to My Complaint' document."
A. I wouldn't have contributed to that either, so --

457 Q. You see, Superintendent, isn't it abundantly clear that 14:24 the matter that you were investigating at the request of Superintendent Clancy in August 2008 was Sergeant McCabe's complaint in relation to Mr. D?
A. That's correct. That has always been my evidence, Judge.
458 Q. And yet it is being portrayed here that the complaint related to Superintendent Clancy, which is false, isn't that right?
A. Well, that particular complaint that I dealt with certainly did not have anything to do with Superintendent Clancy, other than it was sent to him. But if you even look at that paragraph 71, it is clear that the drafter is referring to other documents in relation to Byrne/McGinn investigation, which I wouldn't have been familiar with, Judge. They were complaints, serious complaints. And the person most complained about in those documents, or in relation to Byrne/McGinn, was, in fact, Judge, Superintendent Clancy. He was the person most complained about. And then myself and others Judge.
459 Q. Well, regardless, you having read the submissions, and this is your evidence, noted that this was giving a false impression and, as a result of that, you say that you sent in your original report --
A. Yes.

460 Q. -- to Annmarie Ryan, is that right?
A. I think it was to Chief Healy. I think he was corresponding with us, I'm nearly sure. I just sent back in that report, again because it is very clear in relation to what was happening or what I was doing, Judge.
461 Q. If we could have page 3162 up on the screen. This may be of assistance to you. This is a document over which previously there had been a claim of privilege, all
right? It's a schedule, yes. Page 3162.
CHAIRMAN: It's a file really, isn't it?
MR. MARRINAN: Pardon?
CHAIRMAN: It's really a file?
MR. MARRINAN: Yes. Page 3162, please. Scroll down 14:27 the screen to paragraph 15 , I think this is correct. MR. MCDOWELL: what volume is this?

CHAIRMAN: 3162 is --
MS. LEADER: 5.
MR. MARRINAN: Volume 5.
CHAIRMAN: It's the end of 5.
MR. MARRINAN: Paragraph 15:
"Copy of an email from Superintendent Noe1 Cunningham to Chief Superintendent Fergus Healy dated 9th June.
Forwarded by Chief Superintendent Fergus Healy to Annmarie Ryan, solicitor, who wil1 forward it to Garret Byrne, Colm Smyth and Michae1 MacNamee."

It's dated 9th June 2015. And the important part of it is "with attachments". Do you see that?
A. Yeah.

462 Q. Are they the attachments that you are referring to that you sent, and is that a report?
A. Yes.

463 Q. And is that in consequence of having read the submissions?
A. Yes. And there was another part in relation to the probationer guard as well. Sorry, just putting some notes that $I$ had in relation to my dealings with him, Judge.

464 Q. Did you subsequently read the submissions to check and make sure that they had, in fact, been corrected?
A. I don't know if I did. I mustn't have, Judge.

465 Q. And then on the 24th June you came to give evidence, do you recal1 that?
A. That's correct, Judge. That was day 5, I think, is classed of the --

466 Q. And if we could have page 1493 up on the screen, please. This is after this matter had arisen. Mr. Justice Kevin O'Higgins had corrected the situation and the misleading paragraph 19, and it had been corrected earlier on in the morning, do you recall that?
A. It was, Judge. When the document was put before me, and that's when I refer to what I said to Mr. McDowe11, I had identified the word -- paragraph 18 was correct, paragraph 19 was wrong.

CHAIRMAN: We11, we're on the 24th June now, 2015, isn't that right, Mr. Marrinan?

MR. MARRINAN: Yes.
CHAIRMAN: So it is day number 5 .
MR. MARRINAN: Yes, the 24th, day number 5.
467 Q. This is you. We'11 start at the top of the page:
"What I am saying is, Judge, and I gave it in my evidence-in-chief the last day and I sent it in my report to Chief Superintendent Clancy."
A. That should be Rooney.

468 Q. "That I believe from this meeting with Sergeant McCabe, I believed it in 2008 and I believe it today, Judge, having been given a transcript of a tape that I didn't know was being made, that the only reason that Sergeant 14:30 McCabe was making these allegations was --"

And then Mr. Justice O'Higgins asks:
"What allegations?"

Your answer:
"The allegations in this report of the 28th February."

And then Mr. Justice O'Higgins said:

> "Not against Clancy."

Your answer:
"No. Against Mr. D, was to in some way, the result of it would be that the DPP's directions which I had received and had given him would be available to himself and to the D family."

So that matter is clarified at that juncture, isn't that right?
A. That's correct, Judge.

469 Q. If we go on to page 1497 to get the flavour of the case that you were making at that time, down to line 21.

This is you referring to a change in him, following the refusal by you to give him the directions:
"Well, Judge, I had known Sergeant McCabe for years, 15 , maybe 20 years. I'11 say even to this day that I haven't had a cross word with Maurice McCabe. In fact, the opposite. I would respectfully suggest that I have supported him in everything he did. I have ample incidents that I can write with that, Judge. I was now meeting him, a man I had known for years. He was taping me. He was, if you see, even questions put to me 'no, let's talk off the record'. Maurice McCabe knows me well, I don't do 'off the record', you know what I mean. I would deal with things in the way I am supposed to deal with it as a policeman, the professional way. I'm supposed to deal with things. I don't go off the record and I don't do agendas. I
don't do any of that, Judge. I do my job as best I can. This is what I do. I felt that Maurice McCabe's attitude to me changed completely after I was directed to carry out an investigation and $I$ was directed to do it, Judge, in 2006. It wasn't my choice to do that."

14:32

You're asked a question:
"Q. What way did his behaviour change towards you?
A. His attitude to me changed, Judge. He said it himself, even in conversations, that he didn't trust anybody any more. It had impacted on his life. It affected him. But he had no reason not to trust me, Judge. I had never in any of the time with Maurice McCabe tried to treat him other than with complete and total professionalism and support, yet here was a man, as I said, taping me without my knowledge, trying to steer me and it is clear, Judge."

That really summarised your attitude at that time to Sergeant McCabe, isn't that right?
A. well, Judge, as I stated, I had what I believed a very professional relationship with Sergeant McCabe. I would even go so far as to say we were friendly, Judge. I remember going back as far as 2004, Judge, I bought my first people-carrier and he had one and I sought his advice and he advised me not to buy the one he had, Judge, and I bought a different one. That was the kind of conversations, because I knew he knew his cars. we
walked to town numerous occasions, Judge, in Clones during football matches, and we talked about absolutely everything. I had a very open relationship with Sergeant McCabe, and then, Judge, this started. And as I said, the whole thing seemed to change, and even to this day Judge, even to this day, I can't understand why Sergeant McCabe made the complaints he made against me, complaints that he subsequently withdrew, all the complaints which were found to be unfounded. Sergeant McCabe knew me and knew that, whatever about anything, Judge, I did my best to do my job and do it professionally. I didn't do agendas. I didn't do any of that type of thing, Judge. I just did my job. And I met people as I met them on the day, and that was just the way I dealt with people, Judge, and that's the 14:35 way I dealt with Sergeant McCabe, no different than I dealt with anybody, Judge.

470 Q. We11, Superintendent Cunningham, you made that clear, and we're not really investigating --
A. Oh, my apologies.

471 Q. -- that. We're looking into the o'Higgins Commission. Page 1501, please, on the screen. This is Mr. Gillane summarising the state of the evidence at that time:
"In other words, if it was put to Sergeant McCabe, and I'm sorry if it is a clumsy question but $I$ just want to be as accurate as I can, if it was put to Sergeant McCabe that he had said to you that the only reason he made a complaint against Superintendent Clancy was to
force the release of the DPP's directions, Sergeant McCabe said that was absolutely false."
A. $\mathrm{Mm}-\mathrm{hmm}$.

472 Q. "It just seems from your evidence this morning that we were all in agreement that he is correct about that, am 14:36 I right?"

And you accepted that he was right.
A. Absolutely.

473 Q. Isn't that right?
A. Absolutely.

474 Q. And I suppose the position that led the Commission of Investigation to deal with this, was that, in the first instance, a letter had been sent with, we know, the offending paragraph 19 that has your signature on it, and that had been misleading in relation to this matter. I think you'd accept that, isn't that right?
A. Yes.
Q. It had Sergeant McCabe's evidence on the third day when he was cross-examined by Mr. Smyth, and this was on the 14:36 18th May, when, again, the contents of the letter are put to Sergeant McCabe, again giving a misleading impression, isn't that right?
A. Well, it was rather confusing, as you said, in relation to how it was put. But I accept what you are saying, the question was put. And then we had the submissions that had been sent in by counse1 on behalf of yourself and the Garda Commissioner, again with paragraphs that were
misleading in relation to this matter, isn't that so?
A. Yes, Judge. And the first --

477 Q. And in the intervening period of time, the Commission had the benefit of a transcript of a tape that had been provided by Sergeant McCabe, isn't that so?
A. Yes.
A. That's correct.
Q. And in ease of you, you had, when the letter had originally gone in, as far as you were concerned the Commission had the benefit of your report, of the original complaint that had been made by Sergeant McCabe and also the notes, is that right?
A. Yes. And I think this was referred to by Mr. O'Higgins in the opening of that day 5 , that he essentially said my notes and the tape corresponded and my report -- my report, my notes and the tape corresponded but the
letter was incorrect. But as I said, Judge, my evidence would always be based on my notes, on my report, on nobody else's documents, but on my own documents.
480 Q. And again on the 11th June we note that you sent the sent to Annmarie Ryan for the benefit of the legal team were again a copy of the report?
A. Yes.
Q. Of the two reports?
A. And all of the documents leading up to the report, I believe; in other words, my appointment to investigate, and then the difficulties experienced with the investigation. I think the whole thing was sent as a package, as it were.
482 Q. And I think, at the end of the day, there is little, if no, difference between the thrust of your notes and the report and the transcript of the meeting that was provided by Sergeant McCabe, isn't that right?
A. No, difference, Judge, no.

MR. MARRINAN: Thank you. Would you answer any questions, please.
CHAIRMAN: Before we go on, I think I need to go back to something in relation to this morning. I'm aware that obviously the media are here on behalf of the public and the public are here as well. Now, one of the things that was put on the screen had a reference to shouting, so, over lunch, I had an electronic search conducted on the transcript of the o'Higgins Commission as to whether the word "shout" or "shouting" appears in any place and, if so, where is it and in what context. We have come up with two references only. Apart from Mr. Gillane asking people to speak up in the context of, would you please shout it out, or that kind of thing, and there's two references. On day 6, Sergeant Maurice McCabe being cross-examined by Mr. Smyth, and Mr. Smyth says:
"Sergeant, just a few questions. I will try to keep my voice up. I hope you don't think I'm shouting at you."

To which the answer from Sergeant McCabe is:
"No. No problem."

And then there's a reference on day 10, and again it's in the context apparently of acoustic problems:
"At the time that you were compiling your thoughts about this and the memo at tab 15 , were you aware that Sergeant McCormack -- I'm sorry if I am keeping my voice up, I'm not shouting at you -- were you aware that Sergeant McCormack had, in fact, conducted house to house Inquiries?"

And the answer was:
"Yes."

So those are the only two. Just for fear what appeared on the screen, which wasn't actually read out, might be taken out of context. I don't think the context would support the relevant matter, and obviously what people feet is different, perhaps, to what people actually observe are they in a position to be completely objective and detached about things. So I just thought I should make that correction for fear there may be
another error occurring. Sorry, Mr. McDowell. Yes.

SUPERINTENDENT NOEL CUNNINGHAM WAS CROSS-EXAMINED BY MR. MCDOWELL:

MR. MCDOWELL: Good afternoon, Superintendent Cunningham.
A. Yes, Mr. McDowell.

I will keep my voice up, but I won't shout at you. Can you assist me with one matter. You were there on day 2 14:41 of the inquiry, of the commission of Investigation, Friday 15th May, isn't that right?
A. That's correct, Judge.

484 Q. And you heard, as a result of objection which is initially taken by Mr. Gillane and then by me to the questions that were being put to Chief Superintendent Rooney, the Chairman of the Commission directed that if any line was going to be pursued, and we'11 just leave it neutral at the moment, questioning Sergeant McCabe's motives or credibility or integrity, that that would have to be reduced to writing before it could be proceeded with. Do you remember that?
A. That's what occurred. When Chief Superintendent Rooney was giving evidence this matter arose, Judge.
485 Q. And as I understand it, just I want to get the chronology correctly, almost as soon as that day's proceedings finished, yourself and -- counsel for the Commissioner and yourself and Superintendent Rooney went into conclave with Chief Superintendent Healy, is
that right?
A. No, we didn't go into conclave at all, Judge. My memory of that meeting, because $I$ saw that and I couldn't ever remember sitting down personally with the counsel that was referred to, $I$ think we all returned to the room, and that was the whole team, Judge. The people who were giving evidence, counse1, junior -- two junior counse1 and Ms. Ryan. I certainly never sat down and had a one-to-one discussion with anybody, Judge, in relation to this matter.

486 Q. I didn't suggest it was one-to-one. I suggested that you and Superintendent Rooney and counse1 went into conclave? That was my understanding.
A. I don't know if "conclave" has a suggestion that it was a sitting down and it was discussing a specific issue. I don't think it was just that, that specific, Judge. We were certainly told that a letter was going to have to be --

MR. MURPHY: Sorry, Chairman, can I just interrupt at this point. The witness has indicated he is asserting privilege and I have a concern that this line of questioning is going into that area.
CHAIRMAN: Yes, well once we're aware that there is a privilege and you're entitled to claim it, it's entirely up to you as to say, look, this is the answer to that, but $I$ can't jump in and say you have a privilege, because I'm not on your side, I'm not against you.
A. I appreciate that.

CHAIRMAN: But you have to do it yourself.
A. Essentially, Judge --

CHAIRMAN: And again, as I said, look, if you want to say forget about privilege, it is your actual privilege to do that. If you want to have privilege, the law
gives it to you, I don't give it to you, and you're perfectly entitled to have it, and it's only in circumstances where you voluntarily waive it with full knowledge and full consent and not under any pressure that I would accept there is any waiver occurring at a11. So that is the story on that.
A. I appreciate that.

CHAIRMAN: So, Mr. McDowell, just with that caveat in mind.

MR. MCDOWELL: I fully respect the law in relation to privilege. I'm not trying to --

CHAIRMAN: No, I appreciate you're not. You're probing matters, yes.
MR. MCDOWELL: And if the witness at any stage wants to claim privilege, I'11 immediately consider that claim.
487 Q. But in any event, you see on day 49 of this Tribunal, Mr. MacNamee said:
"Ms. Ryan did not sit in with me while I was taking these instructions. I took out my notebook and I wrote 14:45 down longhand the instructions that were being given to me, Chief Superintendent Rooney and Superintendent Cunningham."

And I just want to know, now that -- you probably read Mr. MacNamee's evidence; I presume you're following all these events. Is that correct or incorrect?
A. I have no memory of that conversation, Judge, taking place like that. Absolutely not.
"As far as I'm concerned -- "

This is on day 49 as we11:
" -- we did what we did. It's plain to see that we did it on instructions."

He later said:
"Mr. McDowe11, I can speak for myself in respect of this. I was left in no doubt about this. My clear perception was that this was 'against' rather than 'to' at this time."

You've read that?
A. And I cannot for the life of me understand that. I had read Mr. Smyth's statement where he said it was a misunderstanding that had occurred.

489 Q. Yes.
A. And then it seemed to change. But I couldn't for the life of me understand how anybody, or how I could, for one scintilla of a second, say that it was a complaint
against Superintendent Clancy. Because clearly if it was, $I$ wouldn't have been able to investigate it. And I think it came out at the last time I sat here, I think the expression used by counsel when he put it to me was, you didn't put your hand up to do this investigation. And I certain7y did not, Judge. But when I went to do it, Judge, and I sat down with Sergeant McCabe in Mullingar, if he had said he'd made this complaint against Superintendent Clancy, I'd have said thanks very much, shook his hand and out the door. 14:47 And I would have reported it, Judge, to my divisional officer, saying I cannot do this, Judge, because this is -- or chief, because this is a rank at that stage equivalent to me. It has to be a rank above the rank that is being investigated against, Judge. In 2015, I 14:47 had been doing internal investigations, Judge, since 1996, an average of about seven to ten a year. None of them, Judge, were ever challenged, none of them ever collapsed, Judge, because I was very particular in how I did my work, Judge.
CHAIRMAN: These are all Garda discipline?
A. Internal Garda discipline.

CHAIRMAN: where you need inspectors?
A. The only one that was ever questioned, Judge, was, Ms. D challenged my investigation in relation to -- she 14:48 reported me to GSOC, and that allegation didn't stand either, Judge. That allegation -- it was held that I had carried out a proper and thorough investigation, Judge. All of my other investigations have stood. If,
for one second, that I believed that this investigation was against Superintendent Clancy, I couldn't have done it, simply couldn't have done it, Mr. McDowell.
MR. MCDOWELL: We11, I don't think it in any way
invades your privilege then to say that so far as you're concerned, what's in the -- the incorrect matter that's in the letter of the 18th May, was counsel's error and not yours?
A. Well, I'm not saying -- what I'm saying is, I didn't correct it. There was an obligation on me to see it, and unfortunately I didn't see it.
I accept -- I'm not challenging you on that for a moment. I'm just asking you, the fundamental error that you didn't see, you're saying was counsel's fault, is that right?
A. With respect, Judge, it's not for me to apportion blame. I'm taking responsibility for what I did wrong. I didn't see it, unfortunately, and it is to my embarrassment that I didn't see it. I should have seen it, and I didn't.
492 Q. Can we agree with this proposition: that you did nothing to give rise to the error in the letter of the 19th?
A. Well, I believe that I was very clear in everything and every time I mentioned this investigation, and I think the notes present it and my reports support that assertion, Judge. I very clear on my thought process.
493 Q. Well, now, would you agree with me that it is your position that you did nothing to give rise to the error that was contained in that letter?
A. I did, because I didn't see it.

494 Q. Sorry, no, no, no --
A. I contributed to it because I didn't see --

495 Q. First of all, the letter had to be in that form --
A. Yes.

496 Q. -- before you saw it at al1?
A. Yes.

497 Q. And in the text that was submitted to you, there was an error, isn't that right, which you didn't notice?
A. That's correct.

498 Q. But you did nothing to give rise to the insertion of that error, is what you are saying?
A. Well, I'm saying at all times my instructions and my documents were very clear, were very clear.

499 Q. I understand that, but I think it's fairly simple question.
A. Maybe I'm not answering it properly.
Q. Are you saying that you did and said nothing which could have given rise to that error?
A. That's my belief, yes, absolutely.

501 Q. Now, you've given an account of the circulation of drafts, and I understand you're claiming privilege in respect of that, is that right?
A. That's correct.

502 Q. But on the Monday morning you say you had only a fleeting opportunity to see the document and to put your name underneath it?
A. That's correct.

503 Q. In writing. And what did you think you were doing when you were writing your name on that occasion?
A. I didn't think -- I knew I was signing a document that put certain responsibility on me for that document.
504 Q. Yes.
A. I'm not stepping back from that.

505 Q. Yes.
A. I'm just saying unfortunately, the unfortunate issue was, Judge, that I should have been more firm and said, look, I need to read this. Unfortunately I wasn't.
506 Q. Could I ask you to go to the Module 1 submissions, 1439.

CHAIRMAN: These are the submissions of the 11th June '15, I take it?
MR. MCDOWELL: Yes. These claim to be -- on page 1439, they're described as "written submissions on behalf of the Commissioner of An Garda Síochána and others". Paragraph 1 says:
"These written submissions are made on behalf of the Commissioner of An Garda Síochána, Superintendent Noel Cunningham, Superintendent Karl Heller, former Assistant Commissioner Catherine Clancy, former Chief Superintendent Colm Rooney and former Superintendent Maura Lernihan."

Now, Ms. Ryan said that she circulated these to you. Did you read them?
A. I think you've opened your question, Judge, with, I'm
claiming privilege in relation to these things.
507 Q. Okay. I won't push you any further on that.
A. Thank you.

508 Q. Did you ever see them, as a matter of interest?
A. I think it's the same question asked differently, Judge.
509 Q. You're going to claim privilege on the issue as to whether you ever saw the submission which was made in your name?
CHAIRMAN: Well, it seems a reasonable question,
Mr. McDowel1. I just want to see where we're at at this, because the document circulating it, the email circulating it starts out with a kind of a warning, a bit like don't eat sushi fish in Japan unless it's been prepared by the proper chef. Sorry, that is perhaps a crazy way of getting to the exact point, is: what is in this is important. You need to check every word, and please come back if there's anything that is incorrect; in other words, it's a serious business.
A. And I think I answered you, Judge, I answered counsel in relation to that, that I sent in certain documents, Judge, in relation to the matter. I think I have already said that, Judge.
CHAIRMAN: okay.
A. I sent in the report and indeed I sent in all of the 14:54 supporting documents. I've already answered that, Judge.
CHAIRMAN: So it's 3162 is the answer to that. It's your 9th -- the 9th June schedule which refers to
your -- sorry, it's the schedule which refers to your 9th June email with attachments, unspecified number.
A. Yes.

CHAIRMAN: That's your answer to that.
A. That's correct, Judge.

CHAIRMAN: Mr. MCDowell, is that fair enough? MR. MCDOWELL: I think that's as far as we're going to get to, obviously, so I'm not going to prise any further on that issue.
But could I ask you now to go to page 1452? Have you got that? At page 1452, having recited various matters, it says:
"At this stage, unbeknownst to then-Superintendent Cunningham, Sergeant McCabe had been aware of the directions for almost three weeks. As Sergeant McCabe was unaware that Inspector Cunningham had not received the directions during this period, he appears to have inferred or surmised that, for whatever reason, this delay was calculated to prolong the distress of the investigation. Inspector Cunningham, since promoted to superintendent, will absolutely deny he was guilty of any deliberate delay and he will say that the delay was as a result of the procedure he had put in place which was calculated in the utmost of good faith to spare were to have been accessed by any member but Inspector Cunningham."

That, I take it, must have come from you?
A. Yes.

511 Q. And then paragraph 67:
"Inspector Cunningham informed the complaining party first and then sought to meet Sergeant McCabe to inform him. Sergeant McCabe initially refused to meet him but the meeting took p1ace on 8th May 2007 and Sergeant McCabe was accompanied by Sergeant McArdle."

Can we just stop there. She was there in her AGSI role, is that right?
A. Well, she was there -- when I went in initially, Judge, I had facilitated Sergeant McCabe with this meeting at 8:00pm in the evening after my day's work. I travelled to Bailieboro to meet him in a location he asked me to do so. And on entering the small room in the hotel where he had arranged, I noted sergeant -CHAIRMAN: No. I take it -- I take --
A. You know that.

MR. MCDOWELL: Sorry, it doesn't really matter what stage it's at --

CHAIRMAN: Let's just hang on. I mean, both of you can take it as a fact that $I$ remember absolutely everything.
MR. MCDOWELL: I shouldn't have asked the question.
CHAIRMAN: No, no, don't worry about the question. It's fine. But I remember absolutely everything about this. And Superintendent Cunningham was saying, look,
there was a number of things: firstly, I was in another station; secondly, I got back; third7y, $I$ had to go to victim first; fourthly, I was constrained to say insufficient evidence, but I didn't know the State solicitor had read the thing out over the -MR. McDOWELL: Yes.

CHAIRMAN: But it's there, Mr. McDowe11, I appreciate it. But if there was something extra that you wanted to ask or if it's in a particular context, please do.
512 Q. MR. MCDOWELL: I just want to ask him about paragraph 67.

CHAIRMAN: Yes.
513 Q.
MR. MCDOWELL: "Inspector Cunningham informed the complaining party obviously and then sought to meet Sergeant McCabe to inform him. Sergeant McCabe initially refused to meet him but the meeting took place on the 8th May 2007 and Sergeant McCabe was accompanied by Sergeant McArdle. Superintendent Cunningham informed Sergeant McCabe that the DPP's direction recorded the phrase 'nothing of a criminal nature in the complaint'."

Now, did you tell him that?
A. Well, my knowledge of it was that I -- my memory of it was, Judge, that I told him that there was insufficient 14:58 evidence. But I can only say that I didn't take notes, but Sergeant McCabe and Sergeant McArdle did take notes. Now, I've never seen those notes, they've never been discovered, Judge to say -- because why it is
important is that, in sworn evidence, that's exactly what Sergeant McCabe said to the Tribunal. That's the language he used. But he obviously has a note of that meeting. I don't. I don't have a note.
514 Q. I'm just asking you --
A. If I may be clear; on the day that I met them, Judge, the two of them, Sergeant McArdle had a large list of notes -- of questions, sorry, and asked me would I answer them. And I said I would if I could and I wouldn't answer what I couldn't answer.
A. But I've never seen them, Judge, since, so I don't know what the questions were or what the answers were. But all I can say is, I believed that I told him what I told him. I could well have told him that, Judge, because Sergeant McCabe recorded that in his sworn evidence at the Tribunal that that is what I told him. He had a note of it, Judge. I didn't.
516 Q. I just want to be clear --
A. But I was acting in accordance with the instruction, Judge, from the DPP at the time, and I have them there Judge.
517 Q. You see, here is your counsel telling the Commission of Investigation that you informed him that the DPP's direction recorded the phrase "nothing of a criminal nature in the complaint", which is a fairly accurate description --
A. Yes.

518 Q. -- even if in shorthand --
A. Yes.

519 Q. -- of what we now know to have been the DPP's directions, isn't that right?
A. Yes, Judge.

520 Q. And I'm just wondering, did you give him that account on the day?
A. I can't recal1. I honestly cannot recal1, Judge.

521 Q. Did you ever say that to the $D$ family, nothing of a criminal nature in the complaint?
A. Judge, I don't -- I sat with the D family for some time 15:00 that morning, it was a very distressing, distressful morning. I would have been -- complied completely with what the DPP's directions said. And just on that note, Judge, and to be clear as day, I was at all times in my actions trying to protect both Maurice McCabe and
Ms. D. In normal circumstances, those directions would simply go to the station, they would be recorded as such. I asked for it to be done differently, to be sent to me personally so they didn't go out for general circulation. In normal circumstances when directions like that are received, they're sent down to the sergeant in charge, sent to a guard, to deliver them. I didn't do that. I delivered the directions personally to both parties, again to protect all of the parties. I was at all times acting in the best faith to try to protect these people who, as Sergeant McCabe described, as working in very close circumstances and anything which would antagonise that would create a problem. And I was, Judge, in the best faith, trying
to protect all parties in this regard, and doing jobs, in fact, that weren't my job to do, that I could have easily, Judge, delegated out to somebody else to do, but I didn't.
522 Q. Now, paragraph 68 says:
"Sergeant McCabe's next actions are not absolutely clear as the witnesses' memories of their conversations with him differs slightly but it appears that he wanted something additional from the DPP so as to establish his innocence to the complaining party. It is possible that these differences are because Sergeant McCabe himself changed his approach slightly over time and with different colleagues. It appears that he requested from Chief superintendent Rooney that he contact the DPP to seek a declaration of his innocence. It's understood that should he give evidence at this point Superintendent Clancy will say that Sergeant McCabe also contacted him seeking the DPP's file in order to show it to the complaining party."

Now, we stop there on the reference to the DPP's file. Both notes that we've spoken about in relation to your evidence make reference to the DPP's file.
A. Mm-hmm.

523 Q. You know that?
A. I saw that.

524 Q. And I take it that must have come from you?
A. Well, I certainly would never have said the file,
because he never looked for the file, certainly from me. Now, I don't know what he looked for from other people, because they're not referring to me. Those two paragraphs are referring to two other people. But he never sought the file from me. He sought the DPP's directions. well, he sought them, he wasn't actually seeking them from me, but that was the purpose of the letter, is what he said. He was seeking from superintendent Clancy that the DPP's directions be released to both parties.
A. Not the file, Judge.people who took a note of your consultation which you've waived privilege on, both refer to the file, seeking the file?
A. I saw that. But I don't know how that would have arisen, because he never looked -- I wouldn't have got the file in any event, Judge, but he never -- to -from me, and certainly in relation to his letter of complaint to Superintendent Clancy about Mr. D, it was not seeking the file, Judge. So I could never have given that instruction to file, because the file, he simply wouldn't have got. And Sergeant McCabe would know he wouldn't get the file, Judge. It was the DPP's directions specifically he was looking for.

527 Q. But you've waived privilege in respect of two separate manuscript notes from two separate people which show
you as saying that he was seeking the file?
A. Well, shows that they recorded, that that's how they recorded it.
Q.

Yes. And you can't explain that?
A. No. Because I would never have said the file. He certainly was never, to my knowledge, ever looking for the file.
Q. I see.
A. Ever.

CHAIRMAN: And then the cross-examination refers to
"the full authority directions", whatever that means. It's a new phrase on me.
A. It's the way people use terms and terminology, Judge. CHAIRMAN: Anyway, it's where it is.
MR. MCDOWELL: It appears that he requested from Chief Superintendent Rooney that he contact the DPP to seek a declaration of his innocence, and you're not responsible for that.
"It is understood that should he give evidence at this point, Superintendent Clancy will say that Sergeant McCabe also contacted him seeking the DPP's file in order to show it to the complaining party. whatever the exact nature of the request, they each refused. Chief Superintendent Rooney's evidence was that Sergeant McCabe was very angry at the refusa1."

And the next paragraph --
A. And I think with respect, sir, that might give some
clarity to the drafting, because I don't think Superintendent Clancy in his report ever suggested it was looking for the file. It was for the DPP's directions, that's what I followed up in 2008. So I think it may be a wording issue.
ChaIRMAN: Well, I mean, sorry, Mr. McDowell, if i can just maybe intervene, it may be helpful, I hope it is. I mean, I've never heard even of a public discussion as to whether, you know, people who are the victims of crime should get the full investigation file. I've never heard, even more extreme, the whole notion that a victim of a crime, let's suppose there is a victim of a crime, is going to get the DPP's file with kind of notes to --
MR. MCDOWELL: I agree.
CHAIRMAN: -- DPP assistance, etcetera.
MR. MCDOWELL: I fully agree.
531 Q. I think, Superintendent Cunningham, it would have been quite extraordinary for someone to seek the file itself, wouldn't it?
A. Absolutely.
Q. Bizarre, almost. It's just not done?
A. No.

533 Q. Perpetrators can't look for the file against them, isn't that right?
A. Essentially they can't even look for the DPP's directions, Mr. McDowell.

534 Q. And innocent people who are -- against whom no prosecution is brought, can't go hunting for the file
either?
A. Absolutely. Or the DPP's directions. They can only be told what they can be told in accordance with the guidelines for prosecution, dating, at that stage, 2006, and that's what I acted in accordance with, Mr. McDowe11.

CHAIRMAN: But if they sue, they can get discovery, I think. There's a case on that. I know because I was on the losing side of it.

MR. MCDOWELL: We11, I think sometimes there is a -- 15:07 anyway, listen, I don't want to get diverted into --

535 Q. But I am suggesting to you it would have been a most remarkable --

CHAIRMAN: It's Kelly v. DPP, 1980. MR. MCDOWELL: It would be a most remarkable request to 15:07 see the file, would you agree with that?
A. Pardon?

536 Q. It would have been a most remarkable request for Sergeant McCabe to say 'I want to see the file'?
A. Absolutely.

537 Q. And high1y un1ike1y, I suggest?
A. Oh --

538 Q. "Sergeant McCabe then made a series of complaints against other officers in Bailieboro, including Superintendent Clancy, against whom he alleged a lack of support. Chief Superintendent Rooney appointed Superintendent Cunningham to investigate these complaints."

And you have made it very clear that that immediately raises the red flag: how would a superintendent be investigating a complaint against a fellow ranking superintendent, isn't that right?
A. In fact, I was inspector when I was appointed initially to investigate it. I was appointed subsequently by the time we got it done. So it couldn't have happened. You're right, Mr. McDowell.
539 Q. so you're saying that that first sentence in paragraph 69 simply makes no sense at all?
A. Well, I think it probably does in relation to once you stop at --
540 Q. It has a meaning, but to a garda it would be an obvious nonsense, is that right?
A. It wouldn't -- it doesn't -- well, it does make sense, provided it's not me that's appointed to investigate it. He could have made the complaints against anybody, but I couldn't have investigated it.
541 Q. And then it says:
"Superintendent Rooney appointed Superintendent Cunningham to investigate these complaints. Superintendent Cunningham attempted to meet Sergeant McCabe to discuss the complaints and finally did so on the 25th August 2008. On this occasion Superintendent 15:09 Cunningham was accompanied by Sergeant Yvonne Martin."

And then it says at paragraph 70:
"It's understood that Superintendent Cunningham and Sergeant Martin will give evidence that Sergeant McCabe said at the 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's directions conveyed to him and the complaining party. This is recorded in a report of the meeting prepared jointly by Sergeant Martin and Superintendent Cunningham."

Now, two things: We know now that Sergeant Yvonne Martin was never contacted at all and had nothing to do whatsoever with this paragraph, isn't that right?
A. Oh, yeah, absolutely.

542 Q. The Tribunal knows that?
A. She wasn't there, no.

543 Q. You can assume --
A. She wasn't there.

544 Q. -- this is total news to her, that this was happening, and secondly -- or that she will be giving evidence along those lines. Do you suggest that somebody else may have given them that information or is that your information?
A. We11, if you take out what's actually in the brackets, the accurate -- the paragraph is correct.
545 Q. Yes. So if you --
A. If you take out just what's in the brackets, the paragraph reads correctly.

546 Q. Yes. And you're not to blame for what is in the
brackets, is that right?
A. The brackets, I would respectfully suggest, is putting together three documents.
547 Q. I see.
A. Two of which I had nothing got to do with.
"It's submitted that these interactions are critical to the understanding of the behaviour of Sergeant McCabe and of the responses of the various officers to his complaints."

If we stop there. Was that what you believed?
A. No, that wasn't my -- that paragraph is nothing got to do with me.

549 Q. Yes.
"Prior to this, the complaints he had made were few in number and adequately dealt with. Thereafter, they multiplied and showed a tendency to exaggeration, such as in relation to this incident which is recognised by, among others, Assistant Commissioner Byrne and Chief Superintendent McGinn."

Now, just two things there. The allegation of assault on the bus.
A. Oh, this is going back in --

550 Q. Yeah. We're talking about Lorraine Browne.
A. Yes, I think that wasn't agreed with, and I think it was discussed here last week in relation to what occurred.
Q. Yes.
A. It was very unpleasant behaviour. But on the levels of sexual assault, $I$ think $I$ have written on a file very recently and it was actually very same type of incident happened in the shopping centre and unfortunately the DPP said it didn't reach the threshold for prosecution and it was almost a similar incident, Judge.
CHAIRMAN: Well, there was a groping, someone grabbed somebody's backside.
A. Yes, that is what I am talking about.

CHAIRMAN: Young men talking volubly about her private parts. To say the least, it was unpleasant. It wasn't 15:12 the kind of bus journey you or I would have liked to have been on.
A. Certainly not. It was drunken behaviour, Judge. MR. MCDOWELL: what I wanted to elicit from you, Superintendent Cunningham, was it on your instruction that the allegation that exaggeration was made?
A. No, no. Absolutely not.

553 Q. You didn't believe that he was exaggerating?
A. I didn't comment on it, Mr. McDowe11, irrespective of what I thought.

554 Q. And then we come to 72:
"These issues will be relevant to subsequent modules where they can be considered again. However, in
relation to this specific module, it is submitted that Sergeant McCabe's disaffection motivated him to contact Ms. Browne to encourage a complaint to GSOC and to include it in his 'Brief Proven Facts Pertaining to My Complaint' document."
well, now, first of all, in relation to those remarks, did you instruct anybody to say that Sergeant McCabe had become disaffected?
A. No, no.
A. We11, certainly having gone through what I've gone through for the last ten years, $I$ think I'm doing well, still as loyal and as robust as I am today, Judge, and I am certainly anything but disaffected. I'm very committed. It's not a good thing to say about anybody. 15:14 It was not my assertion. It was not my paragraph. It was not my contention.
559 Q. I have got to suggest to you that you would take offence if I were to accuse you of disaffection, and I've got to suggest to you that to Sergeant McCabe it was a very offensive remark.
A. I'm sure it was.

560 Q. And having accused him of disaffection, they said that it was that that motivated to tell Ms. Browne to contact GSOC?
A. Again, not my contention.

561 Q. Yes. We11, we've heard here from Mr. Smyth that there was nothing wrong in him doing so according to Mr. Smyth in his sworn evidence before this Tribunal. In any event, the suggestion in the written submission,
which unfortunately was put in in your name among others, is that Sergeant McCabe was disaffected because of the previous matters that were referred to, all of which appear to be erroneous, and that this caused him to behave wrongly in respect of the Lorraine Browne matter.
A. I made no contributions to that paragraph, Judge. None whatsoever.

562 Q. Now, can I ask you then to look at the overa11
submissions that were made, at 2897, in Volume 5. CHAIRMAN: This is at the entire end of O'Higgins? MR. MCDOWELL: This is at the end -- these are the overal1 submissions, in early 2016.
563 Q. Can I ask you to go to page 2902, paragraph 47. I don't know, have you got that ahead of you there? CHAIRMAN: Just remind me of the date, if you wouldn't mind, please.
MR. MCDOWELL: This is 1st February 2016.
CHAIRMAN: Yes.
MR. MCDOWELL: Again, according to paragraph 1 on page 2881, these were -- sorry, paragraph 1 on page 2897, these submissions were made on your behalf and on behalf of the Commissioner. They say:
"These written submissions are made on behalf of the Commissioner of An Garda Síochána, the members of the force in general and, in particular, Chief Superintendent Michae1 Clancy and Superintendent Noe1 Cunningham."

And at paragraph 47 they read:
"The Commission has heard from a number of witnesses in relation to the effect of them of the allegations made by Sergeant McCabe."

And this is allegations of corruption and malpractice.
"This includes emotional and reputational effect and in some cases being forced to resign from their positions."

Was that done on your say-so, that suggestion? I'm only asking you to speak for yourself. I'm just asking you, did you authorise your counsel to make those submissions, that people had been forced to resign because of their positions because of Sergeant McCabe?
A. I certainly didn't know of anybody who resigned.

CHAIRMAN: Well, the last time that question was asked, obviously the obvious resignee at that point was Commissioner Callinan.
A. Well, I don't know why he resigned, Judge.

565 Q. MR. MCDOWELL: The next paragraph reads:
"Also affected were the victims of crime with whom Sergeant McCabe dealt with directly who were erroneously led to believe that they were being
disserved by An Garda Síochána. This, in turn, led to those victims being put through further unnecessary suffering."

Was that done on your account?
A. I think, didn't Mr. O'Higgins find that Sergeant McCabe acted with full propriety in relation to --

566 Q. This is before he makes his findings. This is a submission in your name.
A. Well, I -- no.

567 Q. And you're one of the particular Gardaí particularised for this. That is not your view of the matter?
A. No.

CHAIRMAN: Well, just if I might just intervene there. There was a reference you made in the transcript to having a people-carrier, and you've said that just today, and you were going home, effectively you were the taxi from time to time for young people coming home from discos or parties, or whatever.
A. Yes.

CHAIRMAN: And that you had considerable disrespect when young lads had a few drinks. There was also a reference to, and I don't want to bring up the name, if you don't mind, a meeting concerning a dangerous driving causing death, a really tragic case.
A. That was tragic.

CHAIRMAN: And for whatever reason, you felt that --
A. Absolutely.

CHAIRMAN: -- that being raised was due to Sergeant
McCabe. I think it is fair to say that, on the basis of the transcript, those matters were mentioned.
A. And on the basis of what I learned, Judge, subsequently, because I didn't know who made the complaint.
CHAIRMAN: I'm not going into that.
A. I appreciate that.

CHAIRMAN: That's certainly what you believed at the time.
A. Absolutely.

CHAIRMAN: whether you were right or wrong, I can't decide one way or the other.
A. Absolutely.

MR. MCDOWELL: You see, the point about that, Judge, is 15:21 this: if the Tribunal would now look at page 2786. CHAIRMAN: Yes. Is that the bit I've just referred to, Mr. McDowell?

MR. MCDOWELL: Well, it's the bit that comes after the bit that you've just referred to.

CHAIRMAN: No. I get it. This is, I've been -- "we've been sold a pup"?
MR. MCDOWELL: It's where Mr. Justice O'Higgins says:
"Just before going on to the next witness, I think that 15:21 some response is necessary in relation to what Mr. McDowe11 has said.'

CHAIRMAN: Yes.
MR. MCDOWELL: "There were matters adduced in evidence this morning, given in evidence by Superintendent
Cunningham which are of no relevance whatsoever to this inquiry. They were matters, one of which has been already referred to in an earlier module, being subject to comment by the Commission, and the other two referred to incidents in which people were named in the 15:21 context of investigations that are of no concern with this inquiry. The matters mentioned in relation to Sergeant McCabe which was already referred to in another module is of no concern to this inquiry and I
will not be dealing with it in the report and it was not helpful to the Commission in its work that those matters were mentioned."

I just want to --
CHAIRMAN: No, I do understand that, Mr. McDowell. Mr. McDowe11, I do see your point.

MR. McDOWELL: Yes.
CHAIRMAN: But I think the point here is that if they weren't relevant then, they are certainly not relevant now. What may be relevant is that Superintendent Cunningham had a particular view in relation to a particular meeting, and, please, let's not bring up that meeting. I dread what may happen if we do. MR. MCDOWELL: Judge, I think if you just let me develop the point slightly.
CHAIRMAN: Yes. We11, could we just leave names out of it, if you wouldn't mind, Mr. McDowe11.
MR. MCDOWELL: I don't want to get any names into anything, Judge. Sorry, Judge, I just want to make
this point, if you would let me, Judge, I want to make this point: that having received a ruling from the Commission that this was irrelevant, they subsequently put in a submission relying on all this material as an overview. That is the point I'm making.
CHAIRMAN: I see your point. Yes.
MR. MCDOWELL: And this goes straight to the terms of reference of this Tribunal, that matters which should not have been relied upon were relied upon, in this
way. And, I mean, the witness is saying, and I fully accept it if he says it, that he had nothing to do with preparing those three paragraphs in the submission, but counsel on behalf of somebody made submissions on matters that the Commission had already ruled were irrelevant and asked the Commission to draw adverse inferences about Sergeant McCabe on that basis. CHAIRMAN: I see your point. And I also recall you saying in the transcript that, look, if we were to give evidence on this, we would have a very different view. MR. MCDOWELL: I said if we were to give evidence on this matter of credibility, we would be back in a few weeks' time, I said.
CHAIRMAN: We11, you did. But you said also, look, we would take a very different view to the view that seems 15:23 to have been taken.

MR. McDOWELL: Exact7y.
CHAIRMAN: Yes. I mean on evidence, obviously. A11 right. So those matters were mentioned, and the question is: Having been mentioned and having been -okay, Mr. Justice O'Higgins did listen to you in relation to the two points we've mentioned, the people-carrier, what people were saying to you, and then the other issue in relation to the very, very --
A. Yes.

CHAIRMAN: -- awful case and what you thought you learned from somebody else, and let's not go there. That seems to have informed the submission and that's what Mr. McDowe11 is asking you about.
A. We11, I thought the submissions were actually referring to the cases being dealt with before the Commission, not other cases. That was my understanding of reading that paragraph, but then -- that's my understanding of it, not referring to this stuff at all. And this stuff -- pardon me -- this was in context of how it was -- pardon me, I'm sorry -- affecting me, Judge. Nobody else. Sorry, I lost my breath.
MR. MCDOWELL: You see, also I think you were -- before the Commission when Mr. Justice O'Higgins went on, it's not in the core documents of this Commission, of the -it's not in the core documents which have been circulated, but the Commission itself ruled that, because of the content of what had been said by you on that day, that the transcript would not be circulated?
A. Well, I think in context, what I had said was, that I had never referred to the fact that $I$ had carried out an investigation. That was the context of it. It was in a negative, Judge.
CHAIRMAN: Yes.
A. what I had said --

CHAIRMAN: I appreciate that. But the more we go into this, I think the worse things get, Mr. McDowe11.
MR. MCDOWELL: I'm trying to get it very clear that the submission that was put in, in February 2016, relied on 15:26 material which the o'Higgins Commission had ruled inadmissible and irrelevant.
A. Well, that wasn't my interpretation of it. CHAIRMAN: Indeed, that could be true, but then the
reference on day 3 to the real or perceived grievance that comes up in the question of Mr. Smyth, I mean, that could be the same.

MR. MCDOWELL: We11, I was going to come back to that now, Judge.
569 Q. If there had been a clear understanding and no failure of communication and absolute clarity that when you went in August of 2008 to Mullingar to speak to Sergeant McCabe, you are not there to investigate any of the complaints which the o'Higgins Commission of investigation was inquiring into, which you weren't, isn't that right?
A. That's correct.

570 Q. Can you tell me, if that had been clearly understood -well, firstly, that letter could never have been written, isn't that right?
A. which letter?

571 Q. The letter of May 18th, 2015, couldn't have been written?
A. If what?

572 Q. If they had understood and clearly understood and appreciated that you were there to investigate --
A. Yeah.

573 Q. -- an entirely different matter, which was your problems with Mr. D?
A. I don't grasp it, I'm sorry. CHAIRMAN: You didn't have any problems with Mr. D. That's Sergeant McCabe's -MR. MCDOWELL: Sorry, Sergeant McCabe's problems with

Mr. D. Sorry, 1et's go back over this. In August of 2008 you finally met Sergeant McCabe in Mullingar, isn't that right?
A. That's correct, Judge.

574 Q. You met him there on the instruction of Chief Superintendent Rooney?
A. That's correct.
Q. He had left Bailieboro in March of 2007 -- 2008, rather, the previous year, is that right?
A. I think it was later. I took over in March 2008. I think it was a little bit later that he actually left. He went sick, and then I think it was very soon after that he went to Mullingar.

576 Q. We11, roughly around March 2008, are my instructions.
A. Months, mm-hmm.

577 Q. You were sent to investigate what?
A. The complaints against Mr. D.

578 Q. Yes.
A. The allegations he had set out in his letter in February.

579 Q. Yes. And I've got to suggest to you that nothing you discussed with him that day and nothing he said to you that day could ever have been relevant to the question of his motivation or credibility?
A. I didn't say it was. I never --

580 Q. No, I'm not asking --
A. I never said it was.

581 Q. I'm not asking you to say that you did say it was. I'm asking you to agree with me, that if everybody had
understood with crystal clarity what you were doing --
A. Yes.

582 Q. -- in August 2008 --
A. Yes.

583 Q. -- it spoke nothing as to his credibility or his motivation?
A. No, no.

584 Q. Would you agree with me?
A. Absolutely, yes.

585 Q. And therefore, I'm suggesting to you that the whole exercise that was carried out that weekend was not merely on a clerical error, it was on a massive intellectual and factual mistake?
A. Well --

586 Q. That, somehow, what you said or did with Sergeant
McCabe on the 28th -- sorry, in August 2008, was somehow relevant to his motivation and his credibility?
A. Well, Judge, all I can say is, I gave the details of a lot of things in relation to my dealings with Sergeant McCabe --
587 Q. Yes.
A. -- I didn't know how, indeed if any of it was going to be used, and then subsequently it was.
588 Q. Yes.
A. And then I ended up contributing to the document. Its significance or otherwise, Judge, was in relation to -that I had to put in the details or ensure the details in relation to my dealings with Sergeant McCabe were correct. But in relation to, and I think it's been
clear in this module, that meetings took place and a decision was made as to challenging his motivation, I wasn't party to those meetings, I wasn't present.
589 Q. Yes.
A. I didn't even know they happened, Judge.

590 Q. We11, that is very useful, because I didn't want to pry into your privilege --
A. Well, I have no difficulty, because I wasn't -- and I didn't, and I wasn't consulted, Judge. And I think it's clear, it's not going in on my privilege because $I_{\text {15:30 }}$ think it came up in the transcripts who attended those meetings, and my name didn't come up, because I wasn't there? So it's not going on -- near my privilege.
591 Q. What I'm really trying to get you to, and I think you agree with me on this so I don't think there is much difference between us on this, that nothing that took place in Mullingar that day, that you arrived in with Yvonne Martin on the instruction of Chief Superintendent Rooney, had anything to do with Sergeant McCabe's motivation or credibility?
A. It was only to do with -- no. It was only to do with the allegations he'd made against Mr. D. That is what I was there to deal with. That and that alone.

592 Q. And therefore, what I am suggesting to you, not merely could that letter not have been written with the word "to" or "against" properly put in, but that the letter itself was based on a huge error of understanding?
A. We11, I can't say how anybody else understood it or misunderstood it. I can only say my understanding of
it. My understanding of it is very clear. Well, I hope it is very clear.

Clancy had been asked by Sergeant McCabe orally to have 15:32 the DPP's direction conveyed to the D family in order to alleviate the tension in the station?
A. Yes.

We know that Superintendent Clancy said, and he may have said: I don't think I can do it for you, but put 15:32 it in writing to me why it is you say that $I$ should do this. Isn't that right?
A. And I learned that at the O'Higgins Commission, Judge, because when I got that document, I didn't know the genesis of it. I didn't know and there's nothing -- I 15:32 have provided all of the documentation to the Commission, Judge. It is simply sent to me as a standalone document --
Q. Yes.
A. -- investigate these allegations, period. It was never 15:32 explained to me. I know it came out in o'Higgins, Judge, that it was, I think the expression was used, a business case.

596 Q. Yes.
A. And I think that terrible word arrived from yourself in 15:33 relation to blackmail.

597 Q. Yes.
A. And I think it was the first time I said I'd ever heard that word being used, and I think Mr. O'Higgins
interjected and used a more benign term, to lever Superintendent Clancy.
598 Q. Well, now, can we do two things. Can we clarify that when you set out on that journey to Mullingar, you did not know or appreciate that Superintendent Clancy had requested --
A. No.

599 Q. -- Sergeant McCabe to write him that letter?
A. No.

600 Q. Is that right?
A. No, I didn't.

601 Q. So it looked to you like just a blast of complaints against Mr. D?
A. Well, it was setting out what he wanted. At the end of it, he clearly said the DPP's -- but there was, unfortunately, as you'd expressed it, a blast of complaints.
602 Q. Yes. And it looked as if -- it looked on the face of it as if he was making a demand and making complaints against Mr. D in the same breath, so to speak, for the first time?
A. Yeah, I'm not sure if "demand" is the right word. But he certainly --
603 Q. A request?
A. Yeah. And he was very pleasant in his language in that 15:34 request, you know what I mean? Asking as nicely as possible.

604 Q. Yes.
A. But in the middle of it, unfortunately, was this list
Q. Bullet-points.
A. Serious allegations. Well, they are serious allegations. From a policing perspective it was serious allegations.

606 Q. We11, for instance, I mean, I don't know whether you knew it at the time, but the bullet-point dealing with Mr. D's behaviour at the suicide scene --
A. Had been dealt with.

607 Q. -- had been dealt with before?
A. Yes.
Q. And had been fully documented by Sergeant McCabe in a report, hadn't he?
A. And I think I made that clear to Sergeant McCabe at the meeting in Mullingar.

609 Q. Yes.
A. That I knew about that one.

CHAIRMAN: And then it actually was in the file prepared by superintendent Cunningham to the DPP as an issue in the background that could be important.
MR. MCDOWELL: Exactly.
610 Q. So that you knew that long before?
A. That one.

611 Q. And that was a fairly serious matter?
A. Oh, yes, absolutely.

612 Q. Because it involved a suggestion that he had behaved wholly inappropriately?
A. Absolutely.

613 Q. And that he used an unmarked Garda car while drunk?
A. Absolutely.

A. And I know the correspondence shows I had difficulties actually getting a meeting with him, and eventually we did, on that date.
620 Q. Even if you take a few months off it, it seems to have been over a year old this letter, and you're sent to investigate the charges?
A. Yes.

621 Q. And I've got to suggest to you that Sergeant McCabe was very distressed --
A. Yes.
A. Mm-hmm.
Q. Asking you to desist from this, that it was only adding to his stress and difficulties?
A. And I reported that along the line and I was directed to go back and do it.
Q. Yes, exactly.
A. That was my -- it's a disciplined organisation, Judge. I didn't make this call.
Q. Yes.
A. I wrote as I found it and I wrote as Mr. Costello wrote 15:37 to me, and each time - it's on the document submitted, Judge, here - I was directed to go back and do it.

627 Q. And then that Mr. Costello then wrote to the assistant commissioner for human resources in An Garda Síochána?
A. I didn't know that.

628 Q. You didn't know about that?
A. No.

629 Q. You probably will remember the next bit; and that eventually there was a change in that position and Nóirín O'Sullivan became the assistant commissioner for human resources, and that she eventually directed that your investigation should be stood down and that the matter should be subsumed into Byrne and McGinn?
A. That's right.
Q. Isn't that right?
A. Thank God, yes. That is what happened.

631 Q. So that what I am suggesting to you now, looking back, and hindsight is $20 / 20$ vision, we know that, this was no basis on which to impugn Sergeant McCabe's
credibility or integrity, the contents of that letter?
A. No. I don't see how it would.

632 Q. Isn't that right?
A. I don't see how it would.

633 Q. It couldn't have been?
A. It was an allegation against a colleague.
Q. Yes.
A. It wasn't impugning -- now, I don't know, I don't think he actually did follow it up. Sergeant McCabe will know better than that. I don't know if the allegations 15:39 were actually ever pursued by McGinn/Byrne, I don't know that, because they took over the investigation and maybe that could be clarified. But, you know, what I mean, he made these serious allegations. I'm not sure
if they were ever pursued. I don't know because I didn't do them. They were subsumed into the McGinn/Byrne, as you said, Judge.
What I am really suggesting to you is that what happened over the weekend of the 15th to 18th May 2015 seems, on the basis of what you're telling us here now, to have been based on a massive misunderstanding of what you were doing in Mullingar that day, why you were there, why Sergeant McCabe had ever written the letter, and that none of it spoke to his credibility, integrity or motivation?
A. We11, somebody clearly misunderstood that the complaint was against Superintendent Clancy, when it never was. And, you see, what worries me about this, and I do have to put this to you, and I hope you don't take offence, is that, I presume that at some stage you became aware of what was in the letter of the 18th May. You heard Mr. Smyth on day 3 put its contents to Sergeant McCabe?
A. Well, I wasn't clear that that was its contents, Judge. Mr. Smyth was running his examination in accordance with what he was doing. I couldn't have an idea what Mr. Smyth was doing. I wasn't instructing him per se in relation to what course he was taking.
637 Q. Did your ears not prick up when Sergeant McCabe said that the drift of this letter was absolutely false?
A. I don't think the letter was referred to at all. I don't think the letter was referred to until the morning of day 5 when the letter was handed to me.
638 Q. The substance of the letter was?
A. Well, that may well have been. But I didn't -- you know, $I$ didn't know the mistake was there. So it wouldn't have meant anything to me, if you understand. If I knew the mistake was there on that day, I would have clarified it and cleared it. We wouldn't be dealing with this now. If I had seen it on the morning of the 18th, I'd have said that's wrong, that's wrong, because it was clearly wrong. And not only that, it contradicted itself because paragraph 18 was right, paragraph 18 was correct - complaint to Superintendent Clancy. And then, in fairness, if one reads them, they should be joined, they're one and the same paragraph.
639 Q. Yes.
A. Because it says "having been appointed", I think is how paragraph 19 starts. So there's clearly referring to the first one, which was right. So the assumption would be that the second paragraph was right if the first paragraph was right, but unfortunately it wasn't. That assumption would be wrong, was clearly wrong.
640 Q. I follow you on all of that and I'm not differing with you in respect of the points you're now making, but what I am really -- what I am saying to you is, that Mr. Smyth put it to Sergeant McCabe that he had admitted that, owing to a grievance he had, that he was only making the complaints against Superintendent
Clancy arising out of a grievance he had against An Garda Síochána?
A. I don't think that's shown in that piece that we saw in relation to it. And as I said, it was very confused,
as outlined by counsel for the Commission, when you read it, because one bit of it was right, the next bit of it was right, the next bit was wrong, and the next bit was right again, so it was very confused.
641 Q. You --
A. Sorry, if I may finish. I don't think the word "grievance" appears in those two pages at all.
642 Q. You were there when Sergeant McCabe rejected Mr. Smyth's questions or suggestions as absolutely false?
A. I was present. As I say, I can't say I was hanging on every word, but I certainly was present.
Q. We11, surely those words would mean something. If counsel for you put something to Sergeant McCabe and he's told on two occasions that the suggestion is absolutely false, surely you wondered what's happening up there now?
A. I can't say I recall it. My mind wandered, Mr. McDowe11, I can't honestly say that I was sitting listening to every -- hanging on every word that was going on, Judge.

644 Q. We11, can we then go to the submission of the 11th? I know you're claiming privilege as to your involvement in that document, but you don't stand over its contents, is that right?
A. It's mixed up. And that's why I gave the answer I did to counsel.

645 Q. And I just want to be clear about this, you never instructed counse1 to query Sergeant McCabe's
motivation or credibility?
A. No, no, not at all. Absolutely not.

MR. MCDOWELL: Thank you very much.
A. Thanks, Judge.

CHAIRMAN: Is there anything arising out of that?
MR. SREENAN: A few questions then, Chairman.

SUPERINTENDENT NOEL CUNNINGHAM WAS CROSS-EXAMINED BY
MR. SREENAN:

646 Q. MR. SREENAN: Do I understand it, Superintendent Cunningham, that Sergeant McCabe, and just casting your mind back now to May of 2015, Sergeant McCabe had made a number of allegations not just against Mr. D and other members of the force, but also against Superintendent Clancy, is that right?
A. We11, not in this document, but I think --

647 Q. No, not in this document, but generally?
A. I think at that time there was -- around that time, and I couldn't tell you exactly, the Byrne/McGinn investigation started, and $I$ think at that stage Sergeant McCabe was making allegations against lots of people, Judge, yes.
648 Q. And were you aware by May of 2015 that, in particular, Sergeant McCabe had made allegations against Superintendent Clancy in January of $2008 ?$
A. I didn't know the date, but I was aware that he had made allegations against them, that were investigated by Byrne and McGinn. I didn't know when.

649 Q. And at the meeting that you were at, do you recollect any mention being made of allegations having been made against Superintendent Clancy by Sergeant McCabe?
A. I'm sorry?

650 Q. At the meeting that you were at on 12th May 2015?
A. 12th May?

651 Q. Yes.
A. No, I didn't deal with anything to do with Superintendent Clancy, Judge.
652 Q. Okay. Do you remember anybody else mentioning it?
A. Oh, God --

653 Q. And in relation to the letter of the 18th May, that you fairly accepted that there was an error --
A. Yes.

654 Q. -- and that you didn't see it --
A. Yes.

655 Q. -- but I take it that you accept that, in relation to that letter, which was an important letter, counsel, who may not have been as familiar with factual history and the organisation of the Gardaí at that point in time as you would be, were relying on you and others to check the veracity of that letter and what is said in it?
A. Yes.

656 Q. And in relation to submissions generally, and again I 15:46 appreciate you're relying on your privilege, as you are perfectly entitled to, and I don't want to trespass on that in any way, but again in relation to the checking of what was in that counsel would be relying on you and
others who were looking at it to identify factual errors?
A. Yes, me and others, yes.

657 Q. You were talking about the letter of the 18th May being handed into the o'Higgins Commission on day 3, and the fact that the letter and the attachments were not just handed in to the Commission but also given to Mr. McDowell, and at one stage you said also, I think, if I heard you correctly, that they were handed to the Commissioner's counsel, the attachments, but I must suggest to you, you are in error in that respect because the attachments weren't handed to the Commissioner's counsel as I understand it on that day?
A. Well, my understanding was that they were, but if I've to be corrected -- they were given for that purpose.
They were brought for that purpose. Because they
wouldn't have been -- ever been there before that date.
CHAIRMAN: Yes, I think that was the evidence of Annmarie Ryan now, but I'm going to check that, Mr. Sreenan, obviously before my make my mind up but I think it was handed in.
MR. McDOWELL: Judge, I omitted to put one point to this witness.
CHAIRMAN: Do you mind stopping for a second? mR. SREENAN: Well, I'm almost finished, Chairman.
CHAIRMAN: If we let Mr. Sreenan finish.
MR. SREENAN: And if Mr. McDowell comes back so that we're not going over and back.
CHAIRMAN: Yes.

Q. MR. SREENAN: In relation to the transcript that you were referred to of day 3 and the cross-examination of Sergeant McCabe, if you could look at page 979 again. If we could get 979 up on the screen. This is the question being put in relation to that 25th August 2008 15:48 meeting in Mullingar. And over on page 199 of that transcript, page 980 of the Tribunal's record, question 733, where it's put incorrectly to Sergeant McCabe that:
"The sergeant had advised you, Superintendent Cunningham, that the only reason he made the complaint against Superintendent Clancy was to force him to allow you to have the full authority directions conveyed to you."

Do I understand your evidence to be that Sergeant McCabe did accept at that meeting that the reason he made the complaint not against Superintendent Clancy but against Mr. D was to have the full DPP directions conveyed?
A. Yes. Yes. It was -- well, it was in the letter, it was in the minute that was sent to Superintendent Clancy.
659 Q. Yes. And it was in your record of the meeting as we11 I think?
A. And it was certainly reported of me, it was certainly reported, but $I$ would have been reflecting on the 1etter, on the letter of complaint plus my interview
notes.
660 Q. Yes. And in that respect I think you've indicated that the allegations that were made against Mr . D were serious allegations from a policing perspective?
A. Absolutely.

MR. SREENAN: Thank you Chairman.
CHAIRMAN: Mr. MCDowe11, do you want to come back?
MR. MCDOWELL: I think I should clarify one thing, I
didn't want to prolong things and I shortened things too much. Could the Tribunal go to page 1130, and the witness be shown that?

CHAIRMAN: which day is this we're on now?
MR. MCDOWELL: It's the transcript of day 4, Judge.
CHAIRMAN: Right.
MR. MCDOWELL: Mr. Smyth is talking about, at question 116, he's examining the witness in relation to what happened at Mullingar.

CHAIRMAN: Yes.
MR. MCDOWELL: And you'11 see at the bottom of the page, this is this witness, he says:
"I left the meeting and that was fine. There was then the issues raised, which Chief Superintendent Rooney has referred to, issues raised by Sergeant McCabe in relation to this report of 25th February 2008. So this report had happened on 25th February where Sergeant McCabe had sent the report to Superintendent Clancy. I was then directed, and I couldn't be sure of the date, but I am sure the documentation will show it, I was
directed by Chief Superintendent Rooney to investigate those issues. I endeavoured on several occasions to meet sergeant Maurice McCabe in relation to that investigation. On 25th August 2008 in the company of Sergeant --"

And I think that is Yvonne Martin.
"-- I met with Sergeant Maurice McCabe at Mullingar Garda Station."

And then I said:
"Judge, at this stage I understand from a letter that was sent to us that a written record of this meeting was prepared by this witness."

And Mr. Smyth says:
"Judge, if I can be allowed to deal with it."

And Mr. Justice O'Higgins said:
"We will hear the application and then the response."

And I said:
"I need to see the written record. It hasn't been given to me and I do not want to be in a position of
being handed it at a late stage. I need to it. MR. SMYTH: Well, Judge, the documents were handed to the Commission."

CHAIRMAN: which could only have been on the Monday, yes.

MR. MCDOWELL: And then Mr. McDowe11 says:
"I haven't got them.
MR. SMYTH: The notes and when the matter was ruled inadmissible I had assumed that -MR. McDOWELL: Sergeant McCabe has never seen these documents."

I said.
"Very good --"

Said Mr. Justice O'Higgins.
"-- you will be given an opportunity to see the document. Could the document be --"

And Mr. Smyth said:
"Certainly. Could Mr. McDowe11 specify the document?"

And I said:
"I understand from the letter which was handed to us the other day, on 18th May, from paragraph 19 of the notes were taken at the meeting and countersigned by Sergeant blank and a detailed report of the meeting was prepared by Superintendent Cunningham."

So Mr. Smyth then says:
"So the notes on the report are available and will be handed. I just want to clarify what notes we are talking about. Superintendent, you have the notes which were countersigned and you have your report, is that right?
A. Yes.
Q. We11, I think copies of those can be made available 15:52 to the Commission and can be given to Mr. McDowe11."

## CHAIRMAN: Yes.

MR. MCDOWELL: And Mr. Justice O'Higgins says:
"Have you got them, Mr. McDowe11?"

I said:
"No, I haven't."

And Mr. Smyth said:
"They will be given now, Judge."

So, that explains that.
CHAIRMAN: Yes. And, Mr. McDowell, you know, it wouldn't be the first time something like that had happened, unfortunately.

MR. McDOWELL: No, no, no, I'm, not saying there's anything mysterious. It's just, this witness seemed to be under the impression that everybody had everything from day 1 and they didn't.

CHAIRMAN: I'm remembering the evidence of Annmarie Ryan --

MR. MCDOWELL: I am not saying there is anything sinister about it, Judge.
CHAIRMAN: -- of traffic, arriving late, for all I know there could have been any number of issues.

MR. MCDOWELL: It's just that Annmarie Ryan's note, even with the deletion and the subsequent paragraph, seems to suggest that they were given to us. They weren't at the time, Judge.
CHAIRMAN: I take your word for that, but Mr. McDowe11
for all I know, as I say, it's like lots and how many times have I --

MR. MCDOWELL: I'm not making anything of it.
CHAIRMAN: No, no. How many times have I sat on the bench and stuff gets handed in. I always say to people 15:53 don't hand me anything original because it's going to get lost if you do. It happens. But you did get it on day 4.

MR. MCDOWELL: We got it --

CHAIRMAN: Well, you should have anyway. There's nothing in the transcript to say you actually got it. MR. MCDOWELL: We got it some time thereafter, I don't know when.

CHAIRMAN: I don't know when you got it either. But anyway, the Commission got it. And I suppose, look, if the Commission read it - and it's very hard, something is handed in to you, I don't necessarily read everything of what is handed in to me - they would have noticed the contradiction, but you have got to focus on 15:54 the thing to notice it.

MR. MCDOWELL: I'm not making much point on it. CHAIRMAN: No.
MR. MCDOWELL: I'm merely saying that the suggestion that we had it and that we were failing to see this obvious error was not correct.

CHAIRMAN: We11, I can understand that. Was there any questions from the Garda then?
MR. MURPHY: Yes, Chairman, just a few if I might.

THE WITNESS WAS THEN EXAMINED BY MR. MURPHY:
661 Q. MR. MURPHY: First of all, I think in relation to
Mr. McDowe11's questions, he asked you or suggested to you, as I understand it, there was approximately a year between the letter at page 4142 and your meeting in
Mullingar. I think the letter at 4142 is dated February of 2008, is that right?
A. And I met in August 2008, that's correct. MR. MCDOWELL: That is my fault.

MR. MURPHY: Yes.
CHAIRMAN: Pardon?
MR. MCDOWELL: That's my fault.
CHAIRMAN: It's what?
MR. MURPHY: It's a period of six months, not 12
months.
CHAIRMAN: You better go back. I'm sorry.
MR. MURPHY: Could I have page 4142 please, Chairman, on the screen?

CHAIRMAN: Yes.
MR. MURPHY: And could I have the document focus in on the date on the top right-hand side.
MR. MCDOWELL: I accept that, Judge. I got the year wrong.
CHAIRMAN: 25th February '08.
MR. MURPHY: Yes. I think there's no dispute between us. Just to clarify, Mr. McDowell in error said there was a 12-month gap between this letter and the meeting in Mullingar, in fact it's six months. That's accepted now.

CHAIRMAN: Yes. More importantly it's 4142, instead of 4136, so --

MR. MURPHY: Yes. Thank you.
CHAIRMAN: Is that it?
MR. MURPHY: That's it. Effectively it's not a
12-month period, Chairman, it's just a period of six months.

662 Q. I think the position, superintendent, is that you've also been asked by Mr. McDowe11 about the DPP's
directions and I wonder if the parties could have up on the screen a document that has just been circulated today, Chairman, and therefore I don't have its page reference. This is the DPP's directive from 2006, Guidelines for Prosecutors?

CHAIRMAN: Yes.
MR. MURPHY: In particular could I ask if 5040 could be put up on the screen? I think, superintendent, this is a document with which you were well familiar in 2008 and 2006 and 2007, and this is section 12 entitled:
A. Yes.

664 Q. Can I ask you to confirm to the Chairman were those the rules and guidelines under which you operated at that time?
A. Yes.

665 Q. And can I ask you to go please to paragraph 12.6, do you see that?
A. It's not up yet. Yes.

666 Q. And I think 12.6 says:
"When the Director of Public Prosecutions decides not to prosecute in a particular case, the reasons for the decision are given to the local state solicitor and the 15:56 investigating garda. It is the Director's policy not to disclose this information publicly. The policy may be justified on a number of grounds. If reasons are given in each case they must be given in all. In many
cases the giving of reasons publicly will be tantamount to stigmatise a person as a criminal without there having been a trial. The policy was upheld by the supreme Court in H v. DPP [1994] as follows --"

This is the Supreme Court talking:
"The stance taken by the Director of Pub7ic Prosecutions is that he should not in general give reasons in any individual case as to why he has not brought a prosecution, because if he does so in one case he must be expected to do so in all cases. I will uphold this position as being a correct one."

End of quotation. So in terms of your understanding as 15:57 to the limits imposed upon you by the DPP, does that paragraph express those limits clearly and do they reflect your understanding on the day when you spoke to Sergeant McCabe?
A. They do, Judge.

667 Q. Now I think also in the course of this process, again questions have been asked in relation to complaints, and I wonder if you could be shown document 1940 please?
CHAIRMAN: what day are we now?
MR. MURPHY: This is an extract from day 10, on 1st July 2015.

668 Q. Now just by of way example, I think you've mentioned to the Chairman that you were the subject of a number of
complaints in the Commission by Sergeant McCabe. And just taking this one in particular, Chairman, you will see that this I think relates back to module 1, part 4, which was an incident in Cootehill in County Cavan. And do you see the top of page --

CHAIRMAN: Is this the girl who was walking home and was pulled up an estate driveway that was being built? MR. MURPHY: Yes, Chair.
669 Q. I think you can confirm that, superintendent, can you?
A. That's correct.

670 Q. Yes. And I think insofar as this is concerned, can I ask you to look please at page 1940, I think by this stage there had been progression in the matter in that the previous day I think Sergeant McCabe had been questioned and had indicated that he was withdrawing this particular allegation against you?
A. That's correct.

671 Q. I think the allegation is at line 3, question 145:
"You refer to Superintendent Noe1 Cunningham, that he saw no problem and had no issues with this gross dereliction of duty."

Do you see that?
A. Yes.

672 Q. In the next paragraph, line 416:

> "I know you have recounted in a sense in that that you say now you have apologised to him yesterday for making
that statement?"

Do you see that?
A. I do.

673 Q. And then further down, it's put at line 19:
"Superintendent Cunningham, he wil1 say that all the way up to Guerin and the inquiries that were conducted, there remained for him a considerable amount of stress and it was on7y yesterday that he had an apology and withdrawal of the allegation."

Is that correct?
A. That's correct.

674 Q. And then can I ask you to move forward, please, to page 15:59 1945, which we've heard of previously, and here I think Sergeant McCabe at line 2 is asked why he made the allegation, and he said:
"I made the allegation on the basis of what $I$ knew in this case and I only made an allegation, I didn't actually say he did it, $I$ made an allegation."

Was that the first time you understood that that was the basis upon which Mr. McCabe had made this particular allegation against you?
A. It was, Judge.

675 Q. I think we know from other extracts from the O'Higgins Commission Report, which was accepted, that the Court
found that any allegations of corruption against you had no foundation and that they had been deeply hurtful, isn't that correct?
A. That's correct, Judge.

676 Q. Can I ask you, how did this affect you in terms of the stress that is referred to in this part of the transcript?
A. Well, in that particular case, I think I was -- the allegation was that I lied and that I covered up, Judge. And I suppose other than corruption to a police 16:01 officer, an allegation that you're a liar, that you were covering up, is as hurtful and as damaging as you can get, Judge. I said to this day I can't understand how Sergeant McCabe would make such allegations because I kind of stand on ceremony in relation to how well I try to do my job, how professional I try to be, but here I was in a position, Judge, and have been for some time, that professional people who know me, I'm 37 years in Monaghan, so I'm well known, Judge, and coupled with this stuff and what the media carry, Judge, it's been very difficult. Leave it at that.
677 Q. I think can I ask you to move on, please, to deal with one last point, which is the question of the documents being handed in on the 18th June. -- sorry, May, I beg your pardon. I think in relation to date, was it your understanding that your document had been forwarded to the legal team on your side and had been circulated to the Commission?
A. I'm sorry, I missed that part.
A. Yes.
Q. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN: There was a break after that exchange? transcript in the next sequence.

CHAIRMAN: Yes.
MR. MARRINAN: Sorry, sir, there's just one matter.
Q.

THE WITNESS WAS THEN RE-EXAMINED BY MR. MARRINAN:
MR. MARRINAN: Superintendent, as I understand your evidence, when you arrived at the o'Higgins Commission you had a consultation with your 1egal team on the 12th 16:03 May of 2008, and -- 2015, but you had a consultation with them and you referred them to a report to the Chief Superintendent in Monaghan dated 12th September of 2008, where it set out very clearly your dealings with Sergeant McCabe, isn't that right?
A. That's right, Judge.

683 Q. And you also attached the report, the notes of that meeting, which have been signed by yourself and by Sergeant Yvonne Martin, isn't that right?
A. That's correct, Judge.
Q. Those notes actually reflect what took place at the meeting, isn't that right?
A. That's correct, Judge.
Q. And that was confirmed by the tape that was produced by Sergeant McCabe, isn't that right?
A. That's correct, Judge.
Q. Now both yourself and Sergeant Martin, I think as far as Sergeant Martin is concerned she never even gave evidence at the o'Higgins Commission, isn't that right?
A. That's correct, Judge.
Q. She never made a statement in relation to the o'Higgins Commission?
A. I don't know, I don't know that.
Q. To the Commission. And all she did was to acknowledge
and sign notes that we know to be correct --
A. Yes, Judge.

689 Q. -- isn't that right? Now because of leaked material
from the Commission, it was suggested that both you and she were about to perjure yourselves and give false evidence to the Commission, do you remember that?
A. I do, Judge
Q. That is obviously completely false, is that right?
A. Completely and absolutely false. No truth to it whatsoever.
691 Q. And it's noted that no party today has suggested to you that at any stage were you to give or intended to give false evidence to Mr. Justice o'Higgins, isn't that so?
A. That's correct, Judge.

692 Q. Thank you very much.
MR. SREENAN: Chairman, I think there may have been an inadvertent error in Mr. Marrinan's question and premise to it: He referred to the witness turning up and handing over documents to his legal team on the 12th May 2008, I think that should presumably be 18th May 2008.
ChaIrman: well, it's the Monday. Isn't that the Monday? Did I say, is that the Monday? It was in my head to say was that the Monday, I am not sure I said it. Well, we're all agreed it's the Monday, aren't we?
mr. SREENAN: It should be the 18th may, not the 12th. Chairman: Yes. well, that is a Monday. And the Friday is --
mR. SREENAN: Yes, that is the Monday.

CHAIRMAN: And the Friday is the 15th.
MR. MARRINAN: Sorry, sir, I thought I had indicated that Superintendent Cunningham turned up on the --
A. No, it was on the morning of the 18th that $I$ handed over the documents.
Q. That you handed over the documents?
A. Yes. That was the morning of the 18 th, in relation to the letter.

694 Q. The 12th May was the --
A. The 12th May was my first and only -- my first consultation with counsel when I referred to the fact that the complaints were against or were to Superintendent Clancy.
695 Q. And you did so twice and they're recorded in the notes --
A. Yes.

696 Q. -- of Inspector MacNamara --
A. Yes.

697 Q. -- and also Annmarie Ryan, isn't that right?
A. That's correct. That's correct.

698 Q. You didn't on that occasion have available to you --
A. No.

699 Q. -- your report --
A. No.

700 Q. -- of the 12th September 2008?
A. No, no.

701 Q. But you subsequently on the 18th May handed those over?
A. That's correct, Judge. MR. MARRINAN: Thank you very much.

## THE WITNESS WAS THEN QUESTIONED BY THE CHAIRMAN:

702 Q. CHAIRMAN: I wanted to ask a couple of things to make sure I have got this right. If we could maybe, could we have, what is it, 5019 please just on the screen just to try and get these in chronological sequence. Now this is a letter from Sergeant Maurice McCabe to Superintendent Clancy, who was then the superintendent in Bailieboro, isn't that right?
A. This is the January letter, yes. Judge, I wasn't aware 16:07 of this letter until o'Higgins Commission, Judge.

703 Q. CHAIRMAN: No, and I appreciate that. And there was no intervening inspector as such, so it would have been, he was going to his superior in relation to this?
A. Yes.

704 Q. CHAIRMAN: So this is issues that he was having and these translated ultimately into Byrne/McGinn, into Guerin, into O'Higgins Commission, isn't that? It says:
"I list a number of issues that need to be addressed at Bailieboro Garda Station:

- members not turning up for duty on time.
- not turning up at all.
- not signing on or off.
- not doing foot patrol.
- investigation files not being done.
- files very poor.
- incidents not being investigated.
- members constantly hanging around the station.
- public officers --"

That is people, I presume, who work --
A. Member in Charge of the station.

CHAIRMAN: -- at the back of the hatch, yeah.
"-- reading a newspaper and watching television while on duty.

- calls not attended to.
- garda members making out detail duty."
which is, who is to do what, I presume. The same as the army.
"- members not performing the duty they are detailed for.
- summonses not being followed up.
- warrants not being executed.
- no briefings.
- no supervision on a 24 -hour basis.
- crime unit not performing public order duty at weekends.
- no guidance for junior members.
- members' non-performance.
- cliques forming.
- coffee/tea breaks constantly.
- very unprofessional approach to incidents by probationer Gardaí.
- incidents reported to Gardaí not created on the Pulse system."

So, those are the things. And he says:
"They are quite serious and $I$ have tried and attempted to address them but I'm failing through no fault of my own. If the above is an acceptable standard in Bailieboro I'm receiving no help. Can't put up with it any longer. Under Health and Safety I request an hour-long meeting at you convenience to discuss the matters. It's unfair on probationer garda that these low standards are being accepted and not dealt with and that they are being trained into the system of low standards. For your information and attention."

That is the start of anything to do with what we are talking about.
A. Yes. I think so.

706 Q. Chairman: And possibly you would have had some sympathy with that, obviously you weren't the superintendent there?
A. No.

707 Q. ChAIRMAN: But it's perfectly proper for a sergeant, I take it, to write that kind of a letter?
A. Absolutely. And on the 24th of May I had a conversation with Sergeant McCabe. I was now in Bailieboro, and superintendent, and Sergeant McCabe was off sick, and $I$ know this document is given in also. I
had a conversation with Sergeant McCabe and I was ringing from a welfare perspective and he wanted to talk about issues that happened with Superintendent Clancy. Because as you know, Judge, I actually asked Sergeant McCabe to stay on as sergeant in charge on my arrival on the 18th, and in fairness Sergeant McCabe did say over the phone to me I think you and me would have run a tight ship and I recorded it and I think we probably would have. I'm not casting aspersions on anybody else. I'm simply saying that that is why I wanted him to stay on.

708 Q. CHAIRMAN: What you seem to be saying is that, look, I would have taken this letter very seriously --
A. Absolutely.

709 Q. CHAIRMAN: -- and you wouldn't approve of any of this carry on --
A. Absolutely not.

710 Q. CHAIRMAN: -- where people apparently turn up for a job to be there as opposed to work?
A. You're well paid to do a good job, end of story.

711 Q. CHAIRMAN: All right.
A. Provide a service, Judge.

712 Q. CHAIRMAN: So the next thing in chronological sequence then is that it seems there was a meeting with Superintendent Clancy and Maurice McCabe was asked to make a business case in relation to the DPP letter?
A. Yes.

713 Q. CHAIRMAN: And then there follows from that the 25th February '08, which is 4142 , just to make sure that I
have got this right.
MR. MCDOWELL: I think you're right.
Chairman: I think so. But what if I get it wrong? Better to check now. This is the letter about --
A. Yes.

714 Q. CHAIRMAN: -- what happened on the 15th and 17th October '17, the barbecue and various other events, some of which have been blacked out for very good reason.
A. Yes.

715 Q. CHAIRMAN: All of which, if you look at them are very serious --
A. Very serious.

716 Q. CHAIRMAN: -- from a policing point of view. Now, I'm not saying anybody is right or anybody is wrong but that was the next thing. You were appointed to investigate it. So yet again, effectively the poisoned chalice was handed to you, it seems?
A. That's correct.

717 Q. CHAIRMAN: And you'd already had the poisoned chalice of the D investigation, even though you knew both parties and GSOC had said later on that it is not appropriate in future for somebody who knows both parties to be investigate. Anyway, that is what happened?
A. That's correct.

718 Q. CHAIRMAN: So then, there was the meeting in Mullingar, you try to arrange -- and it's 4129, the notes are on 4133. And that is effectively about the D family?
A. Yes.

719 Q. CHAIRMAN: And there is a note to the effect that the report to Superintendent Clancy was made in the context of a plea being made that the DPP's directions be sent to the D family and to him?
A. That's correct, Judge.
Q. CHAIRMAN: And you didn't know about that either?
A. No.
Q. CHAIRMAN: Or about the business case --
A. No.
A. Yes.
Q. CHAIRMAN: -- on the whole?
A. That was in relation to allegations being made against me by Sergeant McCabe and in answering some of them I think it goes on and deals with some of the cases that he alleged, Judge.
Q. CHAIRMAN: Yes. His feeling at the time, which possibly, $I$ don't know, you accept, was made in good faith, although wrong, and I appreciate the hurt that these things might cause, was to the effect that you were in dereliction of duty and not --
A. Yes.
Q. CHAIRMAN: -- I suppose coming down on the people who
weren't doing their job in relation to the things that should have been done on the ground?
A. Yes, Judge. The allegation was against me but $I$ had actually shown in all of the files that were examined that I had actually done my job and done it well. That 16:14 I had actually been very critical of, not only of guards but also of supervising sergeants in that regard.
CHAIRMAN: Yes. And you can't help me beyond the fact then -- which is the very last thing I wanted to ask you about. This is your report of the 3rd December 2009, beyond saying look, I gave the 1etter - I keep calling it a letter, but in fact it's a report - to Superintendent Clancy about the D family and everything to do with all of that and the business case for the releasing the DPP's letter, that report of the 25 th August '08, you gave that, you believe, on the Monday, which was the --
A. The morning.

727 Q. CHAIRMAN: -- 18th May 2015.
A. That's correct.

CHAIRMAN: It was handed to the Commission and vis-à-vis whether it was the 25 th August -- sorry, it was that day or day 4 --
A. Or the following day.
Q. CHAIRMAN: -- or later entirely when there was a break, it was drawn to Mr. McDowell's attention?
A. Mr. McDowell said it was the following day, Judge, the 19th, that he got it.
CHAIRMAN: Yes. All right. And vis-à-vis the actual questions put, what you're saying is you were half listening or something to that effect?
A. It appeared, Judge, even reading it back, it appeared in the middle of dealing completely with probationer garda. It lasted a page and a half. The transcribers will say how long that lasts in actual time. And then it was back into dealing with the probationer again. So I can't say I gave it great attention, Judge. CHAIRMAN: There was just one thing I wanted to ask you about that, and that is: Chief Superintendent Rooney gave evidence to the effect that he was required to be out of the room for some of it, were you required to be out of the room for any of it?
A. No.

733 Q. CHAIRMAN: Were you there for the whole thing?
A. I think I was missing for the day that Mr. Shatter gave evidence, $I$ think that's the only day that I was missing. But I obvious7y read the transcript and I see how he did as I did, outlined to the Commission the effect it was having on him.
CHAIRMAN: A11 right. Well there it is. Thank you. Thank you very much.
A. Thank you.

MR. McDOWELL: Just arising out of that -CHAIRMAN: You're going to have to stay. MR. MCDOWELL: No, it's not a question for the witness. If the Tribunal will look at page 1133.
Chairman: Yes. Can we just have it on the screen and I will have a look at it there. Yes. which is day? MR. MCDOWELL: which is day 4.
CHAIRMAN: Yes. There's no need to read it out again. MR. MCDOWELL: No, no, sorry, if you just look at the first paragraph.

CHAIRMAN: Yes.
MR. MCDOWELL: Mr. Gillane applies to stand down Superintendent Cunningham --
CHAIRMAN: All right. I know.
MR. MCDOWELL: -- in the light of the documents which had just then been circulated.
CHAIRMAN: Yes. This is day 4 you're talking about. A. That's on day 4.

MR. MCDOWELL: Yes. Because he says:
"Judge, in relation to the current position and the circulation of some documents there, it might be appropriate to stand this witness down just for present purposes --"

CHAIRMAN: Yes.
MR. MCDOWELL: "-- and we will have... recalled hopefully later today. The documents circulated just put us on inquiry in relation to some other matters."

And he didn't come back later that day. I think that's the situation.
A. Unfortunately because it would have probably been cleared up that day. Because clearly Mr. Gillane saw the conflict.

MR. MCDOWELL: He wasn't called back until 24th June, Judge.
CHAIRMAN: A11 right.
MR. MCDOWELL: And in the meantime, on the 11th June
the second set of -- or the first set of submissions were put in, Judge.

CHAIRMAN: Yes. And the 24 th June is actually day 5. MR. McDOWELL: Yes. But I am saying that after this documentation was circulated, the submissions which
didn't appear to take account of them were entered. CHAIRMAN: I appreciate what you are saying. A11 right. Thank you, superintendent. Mr. McGuinness, would you mind giving me a heads-up on the schedule please.
A. Thank you Judge.

## THE WITNESS THEN WITHDREW

MR. MCGUINNESS: Yes, Chairman. There's no sitting

CHAIRMAN: Yes.
MR. MCGUINNESS: It's intended to sit on Wednesday at 2:00pm, when the witnesses scheduled are Ms. Marion

Mannion and Mr. Cyril Dunne. And we're envisaging probably sitting on the Thursday morning, and we just have to try and confirm some witnesses yet, but we probably should notice --
CHAIRMAN: AS I understand it, witnesses weren't available, were they, until the Wednesday?

MR. MCGUINNESS: Yes, that's correct.
CHAIRMAN: which is only the day after tomorrow. MR. McGUINNESS: Yes.
CHAIRMAN: And if it's Thursday morning, yes, all right, we will see and publish anything on the website. But that is the way it looks. And then that is the end of this matter?
MR. MCGUINNESS: Certainly until Sergeant McCabe's evidence is taken, yes.

CHAIRMAN: Yes.
MR. MCGUINNESS: Thank you.
CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

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[^1]:    "He said that the majority of the station party are

[^2]:    "No further correspondence on this issue. He was

[^3]:    "I don't want these issues as I did with --" sorry " --

