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MR. MEGUNESS: Chairman, the first witness this morning is Superintendent Michael Flynn.

## SUPERI NTENDENT M CHAEL FLYNN, HAV NG BEEN SVDRN, WAS DI RECTLY EXAM NED BY MR MEGU NNESS: <br> SUPER NTENDENT FLYNN: Garda Telecommunications, <br> Mr. Chairman.

1 Q. MR. MEGI NESS: Superintendent, could you just briefly te11 us, how long have you been in An Garda Síochána?
A. I joined An Garda Síochána as, what is called a Regulation 14 recruit. So I was recruited because I had technical qualifications specifically to work in the Garda Telecommunications Section and that took place in 1991.

2 Q. Yes. And what were your qualifications up to that point or at that point?
A. At that point, I had Technician Diploma in Electronic Engineering and a number of City \& Guilds qualifications.

3 Q. Yes. And are you the superintendent in charge of the Telecommunications Unit?
A. That's correct, I am now.

4 Q. Yes. And what does that involve?
A. Well, I suppose telecommunications has a national remit. So we have technicians based in every division nationally. We'd also have a regional structure where
we have regional sergeants with additional technicians and then the national element of telecommunications then is run from Garda Headquarters where, you know what I mean, things are procured, issued and controlled from there.

5 Q. Yes. And you are in charge of that?
A. That's correct.

6 Q. And I think you have given evidence to the Fennelly Commission and in a number of courts over the years?
A. That's correct. I was actually liaison to the Fennelly Commission from 2014 to 2017.

7 Q. Yes. And you would be familiar, obviously, with the issues that arose there, but in particular in relation to former Commissioner Callinan's phone, I take it?
A. That's correct.

8 Q. And we will come to that in due course. But in connection with this, I think did you become aware of a scoping inquiry being conducted by Mr. Justice Iarfhlaith O'Neill in late 2016?
A. I was. I received a request just to provide material, os:08 relevant material that we had, that we gathered as part of the Logan Inquiry.
9 Q. Yes. Just to put it in context, Superintendent Taylor had made a protected disclosure, presumably you hadn't seen that as such, you wouldn't -- you weren't given that?
A. No, I've never seen it.

10 Q. Yes. But perhaps we could just look at one small section of it, volume 1, page 8 . It should come on the
screen now.
A. I have it there, Mr. Chairman.

11 Q. Yes. He describes various text messages in paragraph 2 , if we go down the page then, a huge number of interactions took place between himself, the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner.
"My tel ephones have been sei zed and taken fromme and are in the custody of An Garda Sí ochána. I understand that in the course of my intervi ews under caution that the phone had been forensically examined and so these text messages should be available on my devi ces. I did not del ete any text messages sent by me or recei ved by me whi ch i nvol ved the Commi ssi oner and Deputy Commi ssi oner O Sul I i van. "

Just on its face, and I appreciate you haven't seen that before but, he was apparently saying that there were text messages on the phones that had been seized from him. Now, I think you became aware as a much earlier stage that phones had been seized from him in the course of a Garda investigation?
A. I suppose in two ways, Mr. Chairman. In one way, Superintendent Taylor would have contacted me to tell me his phone had been seized and sought a replacement
for it, which we would have provided from
Telecommunications. But then a request was received then to have the mobile phones examined in what we refer to as the Electronic Media Examination Unit in

Telecommunications and these are specially trained technicians who carry out forensic examinations of devices that are seized in the course of investigations. So I would have received a request to carry that examination out and passed it to the inspector in charge of the unit and they would have actioned that. The process is, when they receive a device is, they take a snapshot of that device as it is once they have received it and that snapshot then can be used to re-examine that at any time again in the future. It creates, I suppose, a proof of what was on the device when it was brought into them. And from then on then they carry out the examination, they compile an electronic of that examination and pass it directly back to the investigation team.
12 Q. Yes. And I think that is colloquially referred to as downloading or dumping the phone, is it?
A. You normally download your examination, yes.

13 Q. Yes. But obviously you or your unit were responsible for reissuing phones to Superintendent Taylor as and when he required them?
A. That's correct. It would be normal policy or procedure that if somebody required a phone, that, you know, they'd make a request and then the request would be actioned. If they were based outside Headquarters in some rural division the phone would be actually posted down to the divisional technician to be issued there.

14 Q. Perhaps we could look at Commissioner O'Sullivan's response to Mr. Justice O'Neill's request and this is
contained in volume 3 at page 717. And this is in the context of her reply to Mr. Justice O'Neill in relation to this issue, and it's headed there:
"Tel ephone devi ce in possessi on of An Garda Sí ochána.
09:12

I note that both Superintendent Tayl or in his di scl osure and through his assertions to Sergeant MECabe refers to tel ephones that have been sei zed and taken from him and are in the custody of An Garda Sí ochána. "

Just to pause there. I take it you haven't seen Sergeant McCabe's protected disclosure either?
A. No, Mr. Chairman, I haven't.

15 Q. You didn't know what he was asserting that Superintendent Taylor told him?
A. No. I never saw the disclosure. Other than what was in the media, $I$ had no knowledge of it.
16 Q. okay.
"Superintendent Tayl or further states he understands these phones have been forensically exami ned and the text messages should be available on the devi ces. I can confirmthat in the course of a criminal

Superintendent Tayl or came into the possession of An Garda Sí ochána. As part of that investi gation two phones were techni cally exami ned. Attached for your
information are reports of Sergeant Niall Duffy and Superintendent M chael Flynn, Tel ecommuni cations Sections. I note fromyour correspondence of the 2nd Novenber wherein you indi cate that the data recorded on the phone, and now contained in the four reports prepared by Sergeant Duffy, is of direct rel evance to the subject matter of your review. You will note from the encl osed reports that the rel evant time pertaining to these devi ces cover the period Septenber to December ' 14, Decenber ' 14 to February ' 15."

And then it continues, but the Commissioner is referring to, inter alia, a report from you. And I think you had prepared a report for her information providing details relating to those two phones that had been seized and forensically examined?
A. I would have provided a report based on, I suppose, the interaction, the request coming in and the reports that were generated from the examination of the devices.
17 Q. Yes. okay. And could we look at that report? That is at page 730 of the same book. And these relate -sorry, it says:
"These reports were generated by Sergeant Duffy during his examination of two Nokia Lumia mobile phones.
Files N 1 to N 3 are the reports into the examination of the first device."

And it gives an IMEI number there. And that, I think,
represents the Nokia that had been issued to Superintendent Taylor from your unit on the 9th September 2014.
A. That's correct, Mr. Chairman.

18 Q. okay. And the second phone to which the files relate, they relate to a similar Nokia Lumia Mode1 925 and again that was a phone issued by your Department to Superintendent Taylor on or about 18th December when the first phone had been seized, as it were, by Chief Superintendent Clerkin?
A. That's correct. phone was issued and then seized in February 2015, isn't that correct?
A. That's correct.

21 Q. Yes. And you were aware of that at the time because the requests for the downloading of the phones came in and Sergeant Duffy had carried out this exercise and made those files available to the investigation team led by Chief Superintendent Clerkin?
A. That's correct.

CHA RMAN And if I can just stop, just to make sure that I am right. I think the relevance of this is, it's way after the time when Superintendent Taylor was in the Garda Press Office. So he was there from July 1st, 2012 to May 31st, 2014, and these relate to phones
given from September 2014 and from December 2015.
MR. MEGU NESS: Yes.
CHA RMAN Yes.
22 Q.
MR. MEGI NNESS: And the last paragraph of your report, I mean, I suppose I should just note that you got the files, you forwarded them to the Private Secretary to the Commissioner, she appears to have sent them to Mr. Justice O'Neill, but the final paragraph says:
"Our records would indi cate that the mobile phone Noki a 09:16 Lumi a model --"

And that is the September issue one.
"-- was issued to Superintendent Tayl or in or about 5th 09:17 of September. This was due to a reported fault with the phone, another Noki a but a model 820 with a different IMEI, whi ch had been previ ously issued to him in or around 31st October 2013. It's the bel ief of I nspector Mbroney, Tel ecommini cations, that that phone was not ret urned to Tel ecommini cati ons when repl aced."

Now, can I just ask you, firstly, one question in general about the IMEI number in general, we are not going to be reciting them throughout the course of your 09:17 evidence at all, but what is the importance of an IMEI number?
A. I suppose an IMEI number was developed by the GSM Association internationally to be able to uniquely
identify a mobile phone handset. And the way it's structured is that the first two digits are the reporting agency or the issuing agency of the IMEI. So in the case of the IMEIs that are before the Tribunal, 01 would refer to primarily Apple devices that were issued through a US authority, and the 35 number would relate to European allocated models. The next section of the IMEI, the next six digits actually defines the make and model of the handset. So if it's a Nokia Lumia 925, that is all defined in the next six digits. They can be converted into the make and model. The next six then after that are the unique serial number of that make and model handset. And the last digit then is called the check digit, which is referred to as Luhn's algorithm, which is effectively a check digit to make sure there is no errors in the previous 14 digits. For the purposes of comparison it's best to ignore the Luhn's algorithm and just remove it.
23 Q. You just ignore that.
A. The final digit, just ignore it. And then, it's clear then that you are talking about the same two devices because the check digit can change in some of the reports.

24 Q. Yes.
A. It can be a number between 0 and 9 , so it can change periodically.
25 Q. Yes. But effectively, that number is the electronic and unique identity of the phone, the handset itself?
A. That's correct. It's coded into the handset so it's
Q.

Yes. Now, just the issue of replacement there -CHA RMAN Sorry, Mr. McGuinness, do you mind me stopping you because I suppose amateur's knowledge is getting in the way here. I was just wondering about this whole thing of you get a new phone but you take the SIM from one to the other and I am just wondering does that make any difference; you take out the SIM card and put it in a new phone, maybe could I be helped on that just to see if it's going to bring us anywhere. o9:19 MR. MEGI NESS: Yes. I was going to deal with that obvious7y.
27 Q. At this stage, superintendent, could you just explain? A phone, as I understand it, needs a SIM to communicate with the telecommunications network, is that right?
A. That's correct. In modern mobile telephony networks the SIM card is the interface with the network. So, whereas in the past a lot of power and a lot of information was stored on the SIM card, now the SIM card is really just a link into the network. It stores 09:20 very little information.
A. But the SIM card has no impact on the IMEI, IMEI will remain the same no matter what SIM card you install in the phone.
Q. Yes.
A. So the actual handset, given its capacity and its power and its memory space, can store a lot more information.
permitting, change a SIM from one phone to another and it has no effect on the IMEI.
A. That's correct, it has no effect. And we'd have had occasion to replace a SIM card if -- some of them would go faulty. If we were replacing a phone to a newer model the SIM cards were getting smaller, so we went from a full size SIM card, which everyone is familiar with, to what is called a nano SIM card now, so that would require the SIM card to be changed. But again, would have no effect on the IMEI of the handset.
31 Q. Yes. And I think technically speaking, SIM cards have their own unique identification number?
A. That's correct. They have, an ICC ID is the serial number of the SIM card, that is printed on the SIM card and it's stored then in the electronics of the SIM card 09:21 as well.

32 Q. Yes. And then a phone number attaching to a phone, that isn't embedded in the phone, isn't that right?
A. That's correct. The phone number is called, it's referred to as an MSISDN by the mobile operators and it's effectively an easy way for somebody to communicate, it's an easy, rememberable number, where if you had to remember a string of 14 or 15 digits to make communications it would make communications very difficult, so the network carries out translations from 09:21 the phone number to the root, to the correct mobile phone.

33 Q. And in some of the reports that is referred to CTN, a cellular telephone number, isn't that correct?
A. That's correct.

34 Q. And we will come back to the issue of providers in a few minutes, but in terms of the last line of this report here, Inspector Moroney, he will be giving evidence himself, but he certainly -- you are reporting 09:22 his belief there that Superintendent Taylor's previous phone wasn't returned. Now, is that something that would be normal or not, or what was the practice at that time? we are talking about October 2013.
A. At that point, there was no defined policy where somebody had to return a device to receive a new device, you know what I mean. So, somebody could come, seek a replacement of a phone, receive the handset and then have to acquire it because there may be information stored on it, there could be SMS messages stored that they need to refer or there could be photographs that they want to download.

35 Q. Yes. But in terms of the procedure then for getting a new phone, I mean, would the member, even of Superintendent Taylor's rank, have to present himself with the old phone and say, $I$ need a new phone for $a$ given reason?
A. The normal thing would be that the member would make the request first because again, because we are short staffed, we have low numbers in Telecommunications, it's not a drop-in service as such. The member would have to make an appointment with the Telecommunications staff to meet them at a certain time and date. It would be key that the member would attend because a lot
of information is now stored on our Pulse network, so in relation to a smartphone, the member would have to there to enter their own private details, like the registered number and their password to access pulse. Once they did that then the phone would download a copy of their emails, their contacts and their calendar entries from the Pulse service.
36 Q. Yes. But that has got nothing to do with transferring data from the old phone, is that right?
A. No. Like, photographs, SMSs, they wouldn't be touched by this process. SMSs wouldn't be stored on Pulse, photographs wouldn't be stored on Pulse. So all that would be transferred when the new phone was configured and the password entered would be the member's pulse profile with their emails, their contacts and their calendar events.
37 Q. Yes. But in terms of texts and Superintendent Taylor's assertion that the texts that he had been sending or receiving, whatever their content, relating to the commissioners and Sergeant McCabe, are texts
transferred, in your unit, from a member's old phone to a new phone?
A. Not presently, because there is too much information on a phone. To download a smartphone can take a number of days and then to re-enter that information onto another 09:24 smartphone could take another number of days, so we just don't have the time or the effort to do it. So what happens is, really, the member is left with the device if they need to access something. okay. All right.

CHA RMAN So the net result of that seems to be it's pretty normal for a garda to keep his old phone or her old phone, like for family photographs or anything else or indeed voice recordings or whatever that is on it, so they can download them in their own time to their own computer at home?
A. That's correct, Mr. Chairman. That was the norm. Now not everybody took the old phone away, some of them left it in Telecommunications, but --
CHA RMAN Okay. So it's pretty hit-and-miss?
A. It was, yeah.

40 Q. MR. MLGU NNESS: In any event, you made a statement then to the Tribunal I think on the 13th March, and just for the benefit of my colleagues, that is in volume 16 at page 4190. And I think you set out your qualifications there, but in the third paragraph you are bringing to the attention of the Tribunal that:
"As the bill payer, An Garda Sí ochána has the ability to access data for out going contacts (calls and text billing events) for all Garda mobile phones for a period of the previ ous 24 months. So, for example, on today's date we can currently access mobile phone
out goi ng call data in searchable format back to the 13th March 2015."

And I think that's an in-house Garda system, is that correct?
A. No, Mr. Chairman, the --

41 Q. Or is that from the records themselves?
A. The two-year period I am referring to is the data retention period that is defined in the 2011 Act.

42 Q. Yes.
A. In Telecommunications, we would have access on our live system of the last year's worth of billing but could request then further information for the next 12 months --

43 Q. Yes.
A. -- up to the maximum two-year period. And that's all we could get from Three or Vodafone in the case of Garda mobile phones.
44 Q. Yes.
A. But I suppose in relation to this, we discovered that

Three had stored and archived printed bills of the Garda accounts for a seven-year period.

45 Q. Yes.
A. So we made a request for those then as part of this. Yes. But I am just trying to distinguish between the run, as it were, a live search internally from your own system on mobile phone calls made by mobile phones belonging to An Garda Síochána for a 12-month period?
A. That's correct, Mr. Chairman. And that information would be analysed for financial purposes quarterly.
47 Q. Yes. And then you can request billing information from your service provider for the previous 12 months?
A. That's correct.
Q. But they are not -- just to be clear about that, they are not applications for anyone's data under the 2011 Act, they are not subject to that process?
A. No, they are billing events. So, it's calls that were made from the device, texts that were sent from the device, just the actual event because it has a financial event for An Garda Síochána so the financial aspect is managed by a system in Garda Headquarters. Yes. You say then:
"I n rel ation to landl ines, Garda Tel ecommini cations itself retains data of all incoming and out going calls at Garda Headquarters and other maj or centres up to seven years. So, for example, at the time, where the data is available, we can access in searchable format all Iandline calls fromthe connected centres dating back to the time of installation of the local server." CHA RMAN Mr. McGuinness, before you go on to that, I want to make sure that I understand. So what is actually kept is what a lot of people would be familiar a particular time, it lasts so many seconds, that is a11, and that is effectively what you are being charged for.
A. That's correct, Mr. Chairman. And it's only outgoing events from the device, it's not incoming events to the device.

CHA RMAK Sure. And if you get the other device you can marry the two up together and you can have a chart as to who is contacting whom at what time particular time and you can go further than that, you can show also what mast it's being bumped off and if there is movement you can show movement from place to place, from mast to mast, as phone calls are made one after the other.
A. That would be correct in criminal cases, but in relation to billing events you wouldn't get the location that the call or text took place.
CHA RMAN A11 right. So, what you are not getting is, 09:29 you are not keeping and nowhere are texts actually stored by the Gardaí, they are on the phone, or they are on the server, that is to say the telecoms company, like Three or whatever it is, but they are not in Garda Headquarters?
A. That's correct. We don't store the content of any transaction.

CHA RMAN Yes.
50 Q. MR. MEGU NESS: So in relation to the landline and the data there referred to in the fourth paragraph, again
that is just data relating to the fact of the call, its duration and its direction, $I$ suppose, is that right?
A. That's correct.

51 Q. Yes. And obviously there is no content recorded at al1
as far as that data is concerned?
A. No. Other than 999 calls into Garda centre control rooms, there is no other telephony recorded.

52 Q. Yes. And then in the next paragraph you describe what you have already referred to briefly, that you became
aware that Three Ireland archived their mobile phone billing data for auditing purposes. And I think you have seen correspondence from Three Ireland which explain that they keep it for the purpose of the Companies Acts, the Revenue Taxes Acts and for other purposes, and that's the billing data relating to An Garda Síochána that we are talking about, isn't that correct?
A. That's correct. We asked the question and they informed us that they did retain this data for a seven-year period.

53 Q. Yes. And you say that you "al so became aware that this inf ormati on was available to An Garda Sí ochána as we are the customer and owner of these official mobile phone accounts." So this is An Garda Síochána having these accounts with Three Ireland, paying the bills for the phones that they own, and are the phones provided by Three Ireland to An Garda Síochána?
A. All the Three phones would have been identified as being provided by Three, except there was one in one of 09:31 our reports that Three couldn't verify, was a handset that they had supplied, but all the others were.

54 Q. Yes. So you are entitled to get the bill that you pay for the phone that you own from the service provider
you have engaged to provide the services?
A. That is the information they gave us, so we made a request then to receive that billing.
55 Q. And you say:
"Thi s inf or mation is cont ai ned in four naj or accounts, each contai ning up to 500 mobile phone bills. I nspect or Mbroney, Tel ecommuni cations, and [you] i dentified the account containing the billing inf ormation for the three mbile phones of Commissioner Nói rín Ơ Sullivan, former Commissi oner Martin Callinan and Superintendent David Tayl or. It's not possible for Three Irel and to extract an indi vidual phone bill associ at ed with a maj or account. They can only supply the data for all bills associ ated with that account in the form of hard copy printouts."

And I think you detail in the next paragraph that:
"On the 1st March 2017, the billing information for account 264114641 was requested from Three Irel and by I nspector Mbroney and del i vered to [you] on 6th march 2017."

So presumably that is one of the four accounts you have previously referred to?
A. That's correct. It was delivered in, I suppose, 24 boxes that are the same boxes that reams of paper are delivered to, you know what I mean, with multiple reams
in a box, like a fairly substantial box, and each box contained a month's worth of printouts for the accounts on that account -- or the mobile phone numbers on that account.

56 Q. Yes. And you say:
"This bill contai ned billing information on 426 official Garda mobile tel ephones for the period 28th May 2012 to the 27 th May 2014. It was contai ned in 24 boxes, each contained billing information for one month. "

And then you describe going through the boxes, extracting the bills for each of the three persons;
former Commissioner Callinan, for his number, Commissioner o'sullivan and for Superintendent Taylor. And you've set out in a table there the various invoice dates which were in the different boxes. And you have made those available to the Tribunal, isn't that correct?
A. That's correct.

57 Q. Okay. And you have provided them to Assistant Commissioner Corcoran and he provided them to the Tribunal then?
A. That's correct. requested billing information for the period to bring it up to the end of May, and you got that, I think?
A. And delivered that as well.
A. From what I can recall there, 62055 was Commissioner o'Sullivan's landline when she was Deputy Commissioner Operations.
61 Q. As Deputy Commissioner, yes.
A. And 2010 was the Commissioner's number then.

62 Q. Yes. Now, the Tribunal wrote to the Commissioner and to the former Commissioner looking for details of phones, inspection facilities, etcetera, all relevant inquiries, and the first letter is at 4192. And I don't know if you saw that letter yourself, but you were probably made aware of what was required in it?
A. Yes. I am not sure if I saw the actual letter, but I would certainly be aware that the request had been made 09:36 by the Tribunal --
63 Q. The request to Commissioner O'Sullivan is at page 4194, and it's in similar terms. And it's also asking for records in relation to Superintendent Taylor, and also
requesting the surrender of handsets, in particular in relation to Superintendent Taylor which the Tribunal had been informed were in the possession of An Garda Síochána. But Assistant Commissioner Corcoran replied at page 4196, and I think you had some input into the reply, and if I could just --
A. That's correct.

64 Q. -- be clear about what that input was. In the first instance, at the bottom of the page 4196, it's details of Commissioner Callinan's phones and presumably you were involved in that and you provided a report which is at tab $C$ and we will come to that in due course, is that right?
A. That's right.

Details of his email addresses are set out at page 4197, and was that your responsibility or Superintendent Ryan's?
A. It would be Superintendent Ryan's responsibility.
Q. Yes. There is information then in relation to the SIM card at the bottom of page 4197 under the heading:
"Three: Inf ormation in rel ation to SI M cards."

And did you provide that information?
A. We would have extracted that from our systems as well, that's correct, yes.
67 Q. Yes. The Tribunal saw on Wednesday a list of potential questions that Superintendent Ferris had been involved in preparing for the Commissioner in, I think, October

2015, but one of them -- one of the questions highlighted was relating to the loss or destruction of Mr. Callinan's SIM card. You obviously became aware of that in and around the time of preparing for the Fennelly Commission, isn't that right?
A. I would have became aware of that element during the reporting on the initial findings of the Fennelly Commission.
Q. Yes.
A. They issued an interim report and it was mentioned in that, that the SIM card had been removed from the device.

69 Q. Yes. Now, we will come to it later, but you do refer to the SIM card as having been deactivated, is that right?
A. That's correct. I suppose, Inspector Moroney primarily would look -- we issue bulletins, staff bulletins and on that it will 1ist the people who have retired from the organisation. At times we will only know that a member with a mobile phone is retired at that point. So Inspector Moroney would look down through the list, if there was any mobile phones there he would send a text to the member to tell them their phone was going to be deactivated and then it would be remotely turned off through the mobile operator.
Q.

That doesn't obviously affect the ability of the phone to operate, but it's dependent upon the SIM card being active, is that right?
A. What it does is it disables the account. So, in that
case, 8282300 would have ceased to either receive or make calls.

71 Q. Yes. And is that done in Garda Headquarters or is it done through Three?
A. It's done through Three.
okay. In any event, can we --
CHA RMAN Sorry, please excuse my difficulty in just ensuring that $I$ understand properly. Is a SIM card removed in Garda Headquarters, is that what you are saying, Mr. McGuinness? That doesn't -- anybody can do 09:40 that, I would have thought.

MR. MEGI NNESS: No, anyone can remove a SIM card, but deactivating it remotely can be done, isn't that correct, Superintendent Flynn?
CHA RMAN That is just taking someone off service, is 09:40 that the idea?
A. That's correct. That is what we are talking about here. Is that, we didn't have the phone or the SIM card so Three were instructed to remotely disable the SIM card.

CHA RMAN I get you now. So they just took that particular device off service?
A. That's correct.

CHA RMAN So it had no service for that SIM card.
A. That's correct.

CHA RMAN And even if you put that SIM card into another phone it wouldn't work either.
A. That's correct.

CHA RMAN A11 right.

73 Q. MR. MEGI NESS: And in terms of storing information it doesn't store information?
A. Like I said, not any more. All the processing is on the actual smartphone now rather than the SIM card. It stores a small bit of information but nothing really of 09:41 interest.
A. No. We have no knowledge because at that point Commissioner Callinan had retired and his liaison with the Fennelly Commission was directly with the Fennelly Commission, it wasn't through us in Garda Headquarters.
75 Q. Yes. In any event, in terms of texts they would not have been stored on the SIM card and if they were anywhere on the phone they might be recoverable from the phone?
A. They would be stored on the actual phone handset rather than the SIM card.
CHA RMAN I thought, now I may be wrong about this, but relying on Superintendent Flynn's expertise, I thought you could actually instruct your phone to store onto SIM card? Certainly that was possible in the past.
A. That is correct, Mr. Chairman, you could force material 09:42 on to it, but the SIM card wouldn't store enough messages now. When you look at what is stored on a smartphone, like there could be --
CHA RMAN I get you, the capacity for storage as
between the SIM card and the actual device itself, I don't know, it's maybe one to a thousand or one to a million, $I$ have no idea what the actual ratio is, but I know there certainly used to be a command whereby, for instance, you could, if you had a photograph or you had 09:42 a document that came to your phone, you could command it to be stored on to the SIM card; is that not right?
A. That was right in the past, but I'm not sure if that is the case now. I don't think -- I wouldn't be sure if it's the case that you can actually force material onto the SIM card any more.
CHA RMAN It's not a question of forcing, it's just -it's how you export the material, and you could export to SIM card, certainly with some devices, I don't know when that ended.
76 Q. MR. MEGU NESS: We11, Superintendent Flynn, just in terms of your experience, contacts are maybe stored on a SIM card, isn't that correct, and are frequently automatically stored on a SIM card?
A. In the past, definitely it was automatic that they were 09:43 stored on the SIM card, because all the processing took place in around the SIM card but I think with the advent of smartphones and then with the advent of our own Pulse system where we remotely stored people's contacts in the Pulse servers, so if they did lose the device or misplace it we could get them back up and running fairly quickly.
77 Q. And some people choose to store their contacts both on their phone and their SIM card, or perhaps not on their
phone and just on their SIM card, have you experienced that?
A. Not recently. They more or less have the option within An Garda Síochána to store the contacts on the phone or on the Pulse server. correct?
A. That's correct. Again, it would be superintendent Ryan.

79 Q. Superintendent Ryan can deal with that. If we go then perhaps to page 4206, and this deals with the phones that had been issued to Commissioner o'Sullivan. And just to be clear, I think you understood the task to be to identify the phones during the period when Superintendent Taylor was Press officer; in other words, sort of the two-year period from the middle of May 2012 to the end of May 2014?
A. That's correct. We used the dates that were in the terms of reference to high1ight the devices that were in use during that period.
80 Q. Yes. And just looking at page 4207, it's perhaps easier to look at the model and the first phone associated with the first number is an iPhone and that has the same IMEI number and the same SIM number throughout, isn't that correct?
A. That's correct.

CHA RMAN Is the IMEI there, Mr. McGuinness, on that particular chart? It is. So it's one, two, three four across --

MR. MEGU NESS: Fourth column across.
CHA RMAN -- and the manufacturer Apple and the mode1, the date of issue, etcetera.

MR. MEGI NESS: Yes.
81 Q. Now, just one query, the second column "Report Date", what does that signify?
A. Periodically Inspector Moroney would receive reports from Three that would show the linkage between what handsets were in use with what Garda accounts and it's extracted from those reports.
82 Q.
okay. So is that a normal form of reporting, it wasn't done specially in relation to the Commissioner's phones?
A. No, this is a normal reporting that we receive. The extraction would have been the special -- you know, the request was made to extract the material from that to identify those handsets.
Q. Yes, yes. And I think you became aware that, or did you become aware that the Tribunal wrote to the Commissioner or the Chief State Solicitor's Office on behalf of the Commissioner noting that as of the 3rd of 09:47 June no phones had been handed over in respect of the Commissioner, did you become aware of that?
A. I was aware there was a request for handsets from the Tribunal.

CHAN RMAN And that is the 3rd of June '17. MR. MEGU NESS: '17 yes.
84 Q. And this phone was handed over on 17th June by letter to the Tribunal, but with a statement from the Commissioner saying that she hadn't been using it, is that right, or do you know?
A. From what I understand it was discovered and handed to the Tribunal.
A. And that, it appeared from the billing that largely it was, it was forwarded to her other number. So any calls that were made to that number would have been automatically forwarded to her other number and it certainly appears in some of the billing that it's, you know, call forwarded to, in the billing reference.

86 Q. Yes. It appears to have been handed down, used by her son, I think, as a hand-me-down phone?
A. That is what I have heard, that's correct. And the second phone number there, the first Nokia, a 6700 classic, that appears to have been associated with that number and with a SIM card, but that phone hasn't been found, is that correct?
A. I think that's correct. As far as I know there is no other handset recovered other than the Apple iPhone.
88 Q. Yes. So that Nokia 6700 hasn't been recovered. But I 09:48 note that the SIM card associated with it became associated with the next Nokia mode1, the C5, is that right?
A. That's correct.

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So that third phone then, and that's got the IMEI number in the last -- working up from the bottom, the same IMEI number for that period?
A. That's correct.

And turning over the page, that continued to be associated with that phone, it would appear, until perhaps Apri1 of 2013?
A. Looking at it there, I think the next report was the 10th June 2013 when there is a new phone handset then associated with the account.

Yes. Now, that Nokia C500, that hasn't been found either, is that correct?
A. I don't believe so, no.

93 Q. And you then refer to the HTC Desire, and that appears to have been issued on or about the 10th June of 2013?
A. Yeah, that would have been the point when it appeared on the report.

94 Q. I see. So it may have been issued at a prior -- it's its first appearance on a report?
A. That's correct.

97 Q. And then there is a Nokia referred to, which are in fact two different Nokias, at the bottom, is that correct?
A. That's correct.

98 Q. And the same SIM card associated with the HTC appears to have been used then in, first, one Nokia and then in the last Nokia on the page in the table, is that right?
A. That's right.
okay. And am I correct in saying that neither of the two Nokias, nor has the HTC been located and recovered and transmitted to the Tribunal?
A. That's correct.
Q. Okay. So that's a total of six phones issued to the Commissioner in the period and only one is recovered --
A. That's correct.

101 Q. -- and handed over. And I think you became aware, and the Commissioner informed us by letter, that she was -she had been using a Samsung Galaxy that had been issued in early 2016 and a second Samsung Galaxy used successfully by her and she offered those to the
Tribunal, I think you are aware of that?
A. I am aware of that.

102 Q. And they were, as it were, provided to the Tribunal.
CHA RMAN when you are saying, the period, Mr. McGuinness, the period, is it --
MR. MEGU NNESS: It's a later period, and I suppose I should open the -- I will open the correspondence -CHA RMAK No, it's not that. Is it, are we talking about 1 July ' 12 to 31 May ' 14 in relation to those six
phones? Is that what we are doing?
MR. MEGU NESS: Yes.
CHA RMAN It is. okay. So that is the period we are talking about for the six phones, okay.
103 Q.
MR. MEGI NESS: I mean, some people might think it's strange or unusual that a succession of phones that were issued aren't now available to the Tribunal. Can you just help us in regard to that issue? Firstly, I think we will hear evidence of different searches, but is there any special policy in relation to the retention of phones of commissioners or deputy commissioners?
A. Not currently in the organisation. At that point in time, there was no requirement on someone to hand back a phone to seek a replacement phone. And as I have said, there were cases where the member would want to hold on to the phone for their own particular reasons, be it, you know, the time of date and calls, particular SMS messages or photographs, so stuff that they wanted to hold on to. So we had no, I suppose, policy at the time to compel the member to leave the phone with us. The devices up to that point were seen as obsolete when they were swapped because a mobile phone by its nature has a limited lifetime. Once it's in use for a year, year-and-a-half, the battery starts to degrade, the software starts to degrade to the point that it has to be replaced. So we would have considered them to be obsolete. And in the past, in around 2002 we used to donate obsolete phones to Temple Street children's

Hospital and then from 2006 on to the Jack and Jill Foundation because they could raise funds for the charities by harvesting some of the precious metals that are stored on, or that are in the devices from manufacturers. So they were always treated, I suppose, 09:53 as not an evidential or security device but as a financial asset that had reached obsolescence and was disposed of.
104 Q. Yes. But were there circulars either requiring or inviting people to return them to the
Telecommunications Unit for the purpose of gifting them in that way?
A. There were reports, they weren't actually circulars, but I am aware that every divisional office was written to. That, after the Commissioner had approved the Jack o9:54 and Jill process there were liaison inspectors set up nationally in each division. That was sent to all divisional offices nationally, they were instructed on what to do, what to do with the device, factory re-set them, put them in these boxes and then arrange a collection from Jack and Jill at periodic times.

105 Q. And would the devices be examined to see whether they were viable or whether there was material on them or would they be deleted or scrubbed?
A. They would be factory re-set before they would go in the box. We would have the same process, if somebody had been issued a new phone that was viable for reissue and dropped the phone and broke the display within a short period of time, before we would send that device
out for repair we would factory re-set it as well. okay. Looking at page 4208 and going back to the HTC, the SIM associated -- or sorry, the IMEI number associated with that features later in some reports from Three and in some of your own reports, isn't that correct?
A. That's correct.

107 Q. And I think as far back as 2013, you had been receiving a report which suggested that that IMEI was associated with a number of other phones?
A. We had noticed, as part of our examination of material we had noticed, I think it was in November 2017, that there appeared to be multiple entries for the same handset at the same time. Our understanding of this report is that they carry out a scan of the network and 09:56 that scan then links, say, my phone handset to my phone number.

108 Q. Yes.
A. But in these reports we noticed that there was a number of cases where there was three phone numbers associated 09:56 with the one handset at the one time. So we felt there was an error in this information and we would have raised it with Three at the time and they weren't really in a position to explain it and would have felt themselves that it was -- it shouldn't be the case that $09: 56$ there's multiple entries at the one time.

109 Q. But I think in one of the reports that we come to, I think it's suggested that this HTC might have been returned to telecoms and was being used as a test
device, is that right?
A. That is what we felt initially, because it certainly looked like -- you know what I mean, the only reason there would be multiple SIMs in a device is if a technician was using it to set up accounts prior to people arriving in Headquarters to collect a new or replacement device. So that is what we considered at the time but when we looked further into the data it would appear to be as a result of an error rather than being a test device that was being used on multiple occasions, it would certainly be the case that there's some anomaly in the linkages being made in the Three report.
110 Q. We will come back to that a little bit later, but can we go on to the phones issued to former Commissioner Callinan, page 4209. And just to go through this, the first phone issued there, going to page 4210, was associated with the first phone number in the top left-hand column, isn't that correct?
A. That's correct.

111 Q. And that's, that was a Nokia C500, and that's the first phone?
A. In the reporting period.

112 Q. Yes.
A. Yes.

113 Q. And then the second phone is the Nokia Lumia 520?
A. That's correct.

114 Q. And that is then -- there is a date of 26/7/2013 there, and that phone was apparently returned and repaired and
then issued to Superintendent Howard, is that correct?
A. That's correct. From what we can establish within a short period of time, that the screen had been damaged on the device. So it was sent out for repair and it was -- because it was in very good condition, it was held then there -- in Telecommunications for reissue.
Q. And he did surrender that phone to the Tribunal?
A. He did. We identified that reissue within our own records and were able to -- that was reported by

Sergeant Kieran Downey to Inspector Moroney, who reported it to me, and then I informed Superintendent Howard that, you know, that was the case, and, from what I am aware, he made the Tribunal aware of that then at that stage.
117 Q. Yes. But the first --
CHA RMAN And that would have been factory re-set, obviously, prior to, because it was being repaired?
MR. MEGI NNESS: Yes. We11, I think, Chairman, you probably obviously know that that was examined by the in relation to that, SM6.

CHA RMAN Yes.
118 Q. MR. MEGU NESS: But that first phone, the Nokia C500, that hasn't been located?
A. No.

119 Q. The next phone is under the Superintendent Howard phone, again it's another Nokia 520 issued to the Commissioner, and he appears to have put his SIM from
A. That's correct.
Q. -- the report, is that right?
A. That's correct.

121 Q. Now, that Nokia 520 hasn't been located either?
A. No.

122 Q. The next Nokia down, the SIM card goes into that, which is now a Nokia Lumia 925, so that is the fourth phone issued to former Commissioner Callinan in respect of this phone number at the top left-hand corner, isn't that correct?
A. That's correct.

123 Q. And that was, in fact - I think you are in a position to verify this - that was the last Nokia Lumia issued to Commissioner Callinan at that point in time in December 2013?
A. That's correct.

124 Q. And that was the phone that he came to remain in possession of up until the time he ceased to be Commissioner in March 2014?
A. That's correct.

125 Q. And that's the phone he surrendered to the Fennelly Commission?
A. The -- I am not sure -- I know that was the last phone
he had, but his interaction with the Fennelly Commission was direct with them. That phone would have never come through us for onward transmission to the Commission, so --
Yes. But you have recorded there correctly the IMEI identifying number of that phone?
A. That's correct.

127 Q. Which shows, as far as we are concerned, and the FSNI, that it is the phone that he surrendered to the Fennelly Commission. The other number associated with former Commissioner Callinan is the Nokia 6700 Classic, and there is a separate SIM card associated with that, and there is only ever one SIM card associated with that number going over the page to 4211 . And correct me if I am wrong, but I think you can confirm that phone hasn't been located?
A. That's correct.
Q. And it hasn't been located either by the Telecommunications Unit or by Commissioner Callinan?
A. As far as I'm aware, we would have carried out searches 10:02 within our own environment within Garda Headquarters to see if there were any devices there, and it wasn't found there.
129 Q. So that is the fifth phone. The next phone number associated with the Commissioner, and we have been told 10:02 that he appears to have used that for data only. Can you just explain that?
A. From what I understand, that Commissioner Callinan had one device for calls and texts, and then for his Garda
email service he used a separate device, that he wanted separation between his official email and then the device that he would use for calls and texts. I think it was a matter of preference rather than a matter of any technical requirement.
130 Q. Yes. We will see later from a report provided by Three that when they were asked to search for that phone using the IMEI number, that it showed up as being associated with a different mobile phone number, and I think you saw that?
A. I did, that's correct.

131 Q. And we have been informed, in fact, that that was a mobile phone number associated with Commissioner Callinan's daughter. Had you any knowledge of that?
A. No, other than Three had produced a number in their report. I suppose it's important to state that the IMEI information we would receive from Three only relates to Garda accounts, so we wouldn't see any IMEIs in relation to any private accounts, so that number wouldn't have been uncovered in our searches of the material we had.
132 Q. Yes, yes.
A. But I would be aware that Three reported that in their documentation, but I wouldn't be aware of who the owner of the phone was.
133 Q. Yes, yes. In any event, just summarising the position thus far: In relation to the six phones shown on the table going over the two pages, two were recovered, one the Superintendent Howard fixed reissued phone and the
one that the Commissioner surrendered to the Fennelly Commission?
A. That's correct.

So that is two out of six, with another being identified as having been possessed by somebody else at 10:04 a later point?
A. That's correct.

CHA RMAN Is that right? Am I getting the maths wrong? So, Mr. McGuinness, number six associated with his daughter, the SIM card was perhaps moved over to that, and that particular device that was used for email traffic only, that wasn't recovered?

MR. MEGU NESS: No, we have been informed lately that searches I think conducted by or on behalf of superintendent -- former Commissioner Callinan haven't resulted in the recovery of the phone. Some of My Friends behind me are nodding in agreement.
135 Q. Turning then to Superintendent Taylor's phones at page 4212, there is on7y one phone number associated with Superintendent Taylor, and if we could look at page
4213. One can look at the first phone there, the HTC Desire, the report dates go down as far as the 6th November 2012. Now, that doesn't mean, as you have told us, that it went in or out of service on that date, but that was the last reported report that was received in relation to it?
A. That's correct.

136 Q. And there is only one SIM associated with that, and that phone, as I understand it, hasn't been recovered
or surrendered to the Tribunal by Superintendent Taylor?
A. That's correct.

137 Q. The next phone, which is the first Lumia 800 there, that has one SIM number associated with it, which is carried into the next Nokia Lumia 820, that would appear to suggest that that was replaced by that other Nokia, would that be correct?
A. That's correct.
Q. Yes. And the last Nokia there, the Lumia 820, I think that is the phone, going by its IMEI number, which is referred to in your report of November, which is the first report of yours that we have looked at, isn't that correct?
A. That's correct.

140 Q. And that's the one that Inspector Moroney, as you have recorded, believed wasn't returned to the Telecommunications Unit?
A. That is what was reported to me, yes.

141 Q. Yes. And I think it's correct to state that that hasn't been located by An Garda Síochána?
A. That's correct.

142 Q. But as far as Superintendent Taylor is concerned, I 10:07 think it has been confirmed that it was believed that that was at home and searches were made for it, and I think he has been unable to find that. Ms. Burns has confirmed that that is correct.

CHA RMAN Yes. .

143 Q.

MR. MEGU NNESS: So could I just move on then to deal with, I suppose, a summary of the position --

CHA RMAN Well, in the David Taylor, you have kindly provided a summary. with Commissioner o'Sullivan, it's one out of six; Commissioner Callinan, it's two out of seven. And with David Taylor, what is the situation, Mr. McGuinness?

MR. MEGU NESS: well, it's none out of those three.
CHA RMAN It's none of the three.
MR. MEGU NESS: So it's a total of 15 relevant phones for the period, with only three recovered or accounted for.

CHAL RMAN Yes.
MR. MEGI NESS: Now, obviously in relation to
Superintendent Taylor -- wel1, I suppose I should -- I
have already said it in relation to Commissioner o'sullivan, she offered, and we received, the two additional Samsung Galaxies, and we have the three subsequent Superintendent Taylor phones, but none of these three are specified in the report. So -CHA RMAN I think it's 16 relevant phones, Mr. McGuinness.

MR. MEGI NESS: We11, it's 15 as per the reports. CHA RMAN Is it one out of six for Commissioner o'Sullivan?

MR. MEGU NESS: It's one of out six.
CHA RMAN And two out of seven for Commissioner Callinan?

MR. MEGU NESS: Two out of six for Commissioner Callinan.

CHA RMAN But the one associated with his daughter is therefore not being included in that?
MR. MEGU NESS: well, that is the sixth one that was issued to him.

CHA RMAN Right. And then naught out of three for Superintendent Taylor?
MR. MEGU NNESS: Yes.
CHAN RMAN Yes. Thank you.
144 Q. MR. MEGU NNESS: we have looked at the furnishing of the paper bills. Were you consulted about the iPad issued to Commissioner O'Sullivan or not?
A. No, the iPads would be issued through our IT section.

145 Q. Yes. The Tribunal wrote a letter containing a large number of queries relating to different issues, and perhaps we'd just look at that at page 4222. And were you consulted in relation to these inquiries?
A. I was. I suppose it would be worth stating that when the Tribunal liaison office was set up, there was weekly meetings which I would have attended because there was a lot of information required around devices, and that, so I would be aware of the queries as they came in, but I think with this query I would have sent it to Inspector Moroney just to get material for reply for it.

146 Q. Yes. A reply was furnished, and we'd look at that, perhaps, at page 4225 onwards. The first paragraphs relating to paragraphs 1 to 6 regarding Superintendent

Taylor's HTC Desire, we don't need to concern ourselves with that, but the -- paragraph 7 indicates that that phone was used by him as Press officer, and that is consistent with the reports that you have previously given evidence about, isn't that correct?
A. That's correct.

147 Q. The next ones relate to the Lumia at paragraph 10 there, and this was an attempt to identify who issued the phone to him, but at paragraph 11 it's said:
"I am advi sed An Garda Sí ochána does not hol d any copy record of access to any text sent fromthis phone."

And we are referred to Chief Superintendent Clerkin. And I think that is the position in relation to all of the phones we have spoken about, that there is, and can be, no record of the texts kept in the
Telecommunications department or elsewhere, isn't that right?
A. The only record is the billing event that a text was sent but not the actual content of the SMS.

148 Q. Yes. Now, Chief Superintendent Clerkin furnished the Tribunal with a report relating to phones, and can I just ask you about that. It's at -- it commences at page 4230. And these relate to the seized phones, and insofar as they describe the extraction of material from them, that was done in your unit by Sergeant Duffy?
A. That's correct.

149 Q. And there is great detail gone into there. But at page 4232, there is a query raised because it had been raised by Superintendent Taylor about possible tampering, I suppose is the only way to put it, of material on the phones, and this describes the examination in detail. And are you satisfied that the examination and extraction of material from the phones didn't result in any tampering of any material that was on them?
A. I certainly would be satisfied that the work of the electronic media examination unit is up to international standards, that they take an image of the device before they start any examination and that image is always retained as a gold standard copy that can be re-examined then by anyone again, be it the defence, or FSNI in this case, that that snapshot can be re-examined, and it's clear -- it will be clear from an examination that there was no tampering.
CHA RMAN So you keep a control, in other words; is it like when you download a computer, what you do is you download one for the defence, a disk, one for -- that will never be touched, and then there is the one that you examine, so -- but in this instance the control you have is to actually download the material without examining it in any way and have that available for later examination should any query arise, is that the process?
A. That's correct.

150 Q. MR. MEGU NESS: At paragraph 4233, there is a number
of queries answered that were raised by the Tribunal. The first, at number 21 in the middle of the page, is:
"Pl ease confirm which, if any, phones were produced to Superintendent Tayl or in the course of any questioning by him"

And the answers are provided there, and they are the two seized phones that were examined, isn't that correct? They were produced to him during the course of the --
A. I don't know if they were produced, but certain7y they are the devices that would have been reported as the devices that were seized.
151 Q. Yes. And then at paragraph 22 it says:
"Pl ease confirmwhat texts or communi cations Superintendent Tayl or was questioned about, indi cating the time, date and content of any such texts and origin insof ar as any phone handset is concerned."

And this related to an assertion by Superintendent Taylor's solicitors that he had been questioned by members about texts which were texts from the relevant period that we are concerned with during his period as Press officer, and were you aware of that?
A. No.

152 Q. A11 right. But in any event, Chief Superintendent Clerkin then, he sets out, over the next number of
pages, details of all the contacts and the texts that he is reporting to the Tribunal about which Superintendent Taylor was questioned, and presumably you'd no direct knowledge of that yourself?
A. No, as I said, when the reports were created from the examination of the devices, they would have been given straight back to the investigation team, they wouldn't have passed back through my office for reissue, so it would go from the examiner to whoever the liaison person was in the investigation team who would receive the information, but any analysis of that information then would be carried out by the investigation team rather than personnel in the electronic media examination unit.
153 Q. Yes. And just at the top of page -- I mean, the report 10:17 of those -- the questioning of the texts goes on for a number of pages, but staying on page 4233 at the very top, going back to the examination, it's reported there:
"The devi ce exami nation did not add to, alter or corrupt or er ase any content fromthe device."

And that is one of the prime purposes of conducting an examination; you want to do nothing to alter or corrupt 10:18 or tamper with anything on the device you are examining, isn't that correct?
A. That's correct. It's vital that the examination process, you know, is acceptable in courts, in criminal
processes, that, you know what I mean, and the Garda Síochána Ombudsman Commission will also request us at different times to carry out these examinations, and it's vital if any material is produced, you know what I mean, can be accepted as what was on the device at the time of examination.

154 Q. Yes. And on page 4240 of the reply sent to the Tribunal, there is a question in relation to one of the earlier Nokia Lumias which wasn't recovered by the investigation team. But the question being answered here is whether there's any content of texts recoverable, and the answer is no.
A. No.

155 Q. Okay. And there is a question, number 18 on page 4241 , about any copies and what the billing records show, and 10:19 the billing records show no content, that is the final --
A. That's correct.
Q. That's correct also.

CHA RMAN And, sorry, that is exactly what you'd expect in relation to the last thing?

MR. MEGU NESS: Yes.
CHA RMAN I mean, they never do, so...
A. That's correct, Mr. Chairman.

157 Q. MR. MEGI NESS: And I think you attended a meeting 10:20 with the Tribunal and you collated further information for the benefit of the Tribunal, which is contained in a letter commencing at page 4242. And at the top of page 4243, you are confirming, at that point in time,
of all the handsets of interest identified from the table, 15 in all, only three accounted for to date. The next paragraph refers to the Superintendent Howard phone and the HTC Desire there in the third paragraph, I think that's erroneously referring to the HTC by reference to the wrong commissioner; it was Commissioner o'sullivan that had been issued to, isn't that correct?
A. That's correct. And again, that was the confusion around the multiple mobile phone numbers being associated with the one handset at the one time.

158 Q. Yes, yes. And just to be clear, from the point of view of the transcript, the IMEI therein referred to is not in the tab C relating to Commissioner Callinan, it's in tab B relating to Commissioner o'sullivan?
A. That's correct.

159 Q. And that belief about the HTC handset, that didn't prove to be accurate, is that right, or --
A. That's right. Like, a full search would have taken place within the Telecommunications area to see if the handset was there and it was -- it wasn't found.
160 Q. Okay. The second-7ast paragraph on this page refers to a protocol regarding the issue of handsets which was attached to a statement of yours which came with this report, isn't that correct?
A. I would assume that that is the $H Q$ circular was attached, the HQ circular 05/2012.

161 Q. Yes. In the final paragraph here, it's in the second 1ine:

"Text messages di d not transfer fromany of the handsets to Pulse in this way."

That is obviously correct, is it?
A. That's correct.

62 Q. Okay. The issue of the recording of the Commissioner's landlines is addressed at page 4244, and I think you had a great deal of knowledge and involvement in relation to the NICE system, for recording different landlines for different purposes, which came under scrutiny in Fennelly. But the Commissioner's landlines were never recorded, is that correct?
A. That's correct.

163 Q. The statement that you made then, which you -- which is referred to in this, is at page 4246, and I think you are summarising the position there. We don't need to go into the details of the phones, but it's still 6,6 and 3 , isn't that right?
A. That's correct.

164 Q. And then the final paragraph seems to indicate that you have instructed Inspector Moroney to try and identify if the SIMs can be traced or which might assist in the tracing of the handsets, is that right, and any records relating to it?
A. Any records, or if a handset became active with another account, you know, subsequent to the reporting period that we'd already reported on.
Q. Yes. And the last instruction there is relating to

Inspector Moroney, to ask him to establish if it -- was voicemail ever activated on the Commissioner's landline and the Press office, and he carried out those inquiries, is that correct?
A. That's correct.
Q. You also provided a report to Superintendent Howard for transmission to the Tribunal at page 4247.
CHA RMAN Vis-á-vis voicemail, I think there is nothing there, isn't that right, Mr. McGuinness?
MR. MEGU NESS: Nothing there.
CHA RMAK So, I mean, I suppose in a manned office you wouldn't expect it, you wouldn't expect messages to be going to voicemail?
A. No, it's actually contrary to policy to have voicemail --

CHA RMAN Is it?
A. -- on certain numbers, because, you know, the public demand a human response rather than a recording, so the use of voicemail is quite limited in An Garda Síochána at the moment.
CHA RMAN Yes.
167 Q. MR. MEGU NESS: This report then from you, commencing at page 4247, you refer in the second paragraph to a circular which was issued by HQ called 05/2012, and you provided a copy of that.
A. That's correct.

168 Q. But that, I think, as you have agreed, doesn't relate to the return of the phones that we are talking about?
A. That's correct, it only refers to the return of
permanently-issued handsets that were issued to -- you know, I suppose we had two types of mobile phones in An Garda Síochána: we have personal issued to inspectors and above, and then we have divisional pool phones that are issued to chiefs for use within their own division at their discretion. The personal issue mobile phones were referred to in that policy, that they should be returned to Telecommunications if the member retired, if the member transferred out of the organisation or resigned in any way.

169 Q. Okay. And at the bottom of the page you say:

## "A search of records indi cate that there was a scheme

 to di spose of fax/ printer cartridges/scrap mobile phones since 27/ 8/ 2002 in conj uncti on with the Chi I dren's Hospital, Temple Street."A. That's correct.
Q. But was that subsisting at the time that we are concerned with here, from 2012 onwards?
A. Temple Street Hospital was the first scheme that we had. The second scheme was the Jack and Jill scheme from about 2006 onwards.

171 Q. We11, did that replace the Temple Street scheme?
A. It did. But we don't know when that ended. It just seemed to, you know, stop over time rather than have any end point.

172 Q. Yes.
A. But I don't believe it's coincident with the period from 2012 on, if that makes sense.

173 Q. Yes.
A. My impression is that that process ended before 2012.

174 Q. Yes. We11, you see at the top of page 4248, you say at the end of the first paragraph:
"As far as we can tell, this process ran until mid-2012."
A. That's the Jack and Jill element.
Q. The Jack and Jill.
A. That was the second element. But as you said, we can find no specific time where it ended. It just seemed to, you know, fade over time.
Q. Yes.
A. You know, it didn't -- there is definitely no communications or correspondence saying the Jack and Jill disposal scheme has now ended.
177 Q. Yes, I understand that. But just as far as the Tribunal is concerned, you can't give any evidence to support the proposition that any of the 12 missing phones, as it were, went to Jack and Jill, there is no evidence of that?
A. Definitely no evidence, no, and there was no log kept of the phones that were disposed of in that process.
178 Q. Yes.
CHAN RMAN But if a phone did come back, you'd log it as coming back?
A. There would be a record kept in the telephony section of certain transactions like that. But if it was an obsolete device that was, you know, clearly beyond use,
they'd just factory re-set it and throw it into the Jack and Jill box. There would be no processing around that.
CHA RMAN No, no, I get you. But the point is, in the event that you get things back from people, you log what you get back from people?
A. In some cases. I wouldn't say in every case, Mr. Chairman.

CHA RMAN Not invariably, no. okay.
179 Q.
MR. MGGI NESS: In the middle paragraph here of the page, you are identifying the key elements, if we could scroll down the page.
"... the account for financial purposes."

And then:
"To ensure no data was left on the device whi ch compromised Garda security."

And you say:
"Where a mobile phone was repl aced, the SIMcard was swapped with a new device and the data transferred over where possible."

Now, that, on one reading, perhaps seems to allow for the possibility of texts or photographs being perhaps transferred onto a new phone from the old phone?
A. The -- I wouldn't think the SIM card would have the capacity to hold photographs, but if SMSs were stored on it, it could create that possibility. But I do feel, with the advent of smartphones, it's unlikely that the SIM card was used as a storage mechanism, when 10:29 people were maybe more likely to store material on removable hard drives that could fit it -- that was micro SD cards that could be installed on the side of the phone and you could store photographs on that and move from phone to phone and things like that.

CHA RMAN The alternative way would be you'd down1oad from one phone to the other, but that is a
time-consuming process, and quite often it doesn't seem to work?
A. That's correct, Mr. Chairman, there is -- or there are software packages, you know, in relation to particular makes and models of phones. Like, Apple phones are a prime example where you can store material from the phone in your Apple ID account, but, you know what I mean, they are difficult to operate, I think is the best way to describe them.

181 Q. MR. MEGU NNESS: Yes. Well, that's cloud storage really, isn't it?
A. That's correct.

182 Q. At the end of 4248 you are saying here:

[^0]To ensure that no mobile phones are di sposed of when repl aced or ret urned; that if a member is seeking a repl acement devi ce or one has been provi ded for issue to them to make them aware of the attached order to preserve evi dence, and ensure that where the member does not ret urn the phone, that they note and keep a record of this, to incl ude the IMEl of the phone. If a nember does return a phone, they are instructed to ensure that it is safely and securely stored in case it is requi red. In addition, where phones are faulty, i.e. broken screens, they are to be safely and securely stored in case they are requi red to not -- to be factory re-set and sent for repai r."

But can I ask you this question: Are you aware of the position that pertains in other police forces in other jurisdictions about the retention of phones by, particularly, officers of high rank or top rank?
A. Yeah, we have had some discussions with other police forces where some of them have a policy of retention, some have a policy of actual complete destruction. Like, I suppose some of the advice we have got with the techniques now available to access deleted material on smartphones, that the advice would be that not to engage in charity processes, and, you know what I mean, 10:31 disposing of them in that regard.
183 Q. Yes.
A. The -- we are aware from media reports that certain security agencies in the UK would retain phones for
senior officers, you know, but, like, there is no definite policy that we are aware of across all the police forces.
184 Q. Obviously, from the point of view of the Tribunal, it made a preservation order as of the date of establishment of the Tribunal, or within a day or two of it, requiring the preservation of all evidence. But can you say that none of the phones which haven't been located were ever in the possession of An Garda síochána as of the date of that preservation order, to your knowledge?
A. To my knowledge, and as a result of the searches, I'd feel they weren't in the possession of the Telecommunications section. I suppose it's important to point out, the email I sent then was to reinforce the preservation order from the Tribunal, which had already been issued to every member of An Garda Síochána, so it wasn't a case of the technicians weren't aware of this, but it was just to give them some clarity of instruction that this is what this means when you are issuing a new phone, not to dispose of any material, just to keep material or note where the phone is; that if the member decided to hold the handset, that a clear record of that would be held by the technician.
Yes. But are you in discussions with a view to developing a policy regarding the recording of and/or preservation and retention of phones, such as former commissioners' phones or current commissioners' phones?
A. We are. We have reviewed our policy in this matter and we have drafted, I suppose, a new policy. That new policy, at the moment, would require all members to surrender the device, either at replacement or if they are leaving the organisation. It would also mention the preservation order from the Tribunal, because that is the authority, I suppose, we are using to preserve a11 those devices intact at the moment, because part of our consideration in drafting that policy is whether it would be legal and proportionate for us to hold a mobile phone with a member's operational and official material plus their personal and private material on it, and to hold that, you know, in storage for a named period of time. So it's something we are seeking advice on. Our draft policy is in a position where, with our new policy framework, we have to seek human rights proofing, ethics proofing and legal proofing, and we are in that process at the minute, that the draft policy is being written and it has to go through these particular areas to ensure we are in compliance with our own ethics policy, legislation and then human rights policy. So, once that process is completed, that will be issued to the organisation.
186 Q. I think in common with all other superintendents and officers of rank, you were written to by the Tribunal relevant to the terms of reference, and perhaps we could look at that, at page 4311. And I think you record there at the third paragraph, you have searched
your own email account and you have no mention of Sergeant McCabe, you don't ever recall being negatively briefed about him. And is your first knowledge of the allegations made against him, do they derive from the Prime Time broadcast?
A. It's specifically around the Tusla allegation, that is the first mention I heard of that, was when I saw the broadcast from Prime Time.
Q.

I think you weren't connected with the o'Higgins Commission inquiries or report at any stage, is that correct?
A. That's correct.
Q. I think you'd no contact with media, Tusla, HSE or any State agencies in connection with any matter relating to Sergeant McCabe?
A. That's correct.

189 Q. I think you commented on some of the correspondence that we had with Three Ireland, and I am not going to take you into the detail of that, but I think you indicated for the benefit of the Tribunal that they had provided a number of different variations of IMEI, including the Luhn's algorithm variations, isn't that correct?
A. That's correct. And there was a few incidents where, instead of reporting an IMEI 01, the reporting started at 1.

190 Q. Yes.
A. So it actually truncated the IMEI, but it is the same IMEI without the zero.

191 Q. Yes. And they, for their part, identified a number of devices that were associated with former Commissioner o'Sullivan's number, isn't that correct?
A. That's correct.

192 Q. And I think you were asked to provide details of who those IMEI handsets had been issued to, and you did?
A. Who the mobile phone accounts were issued to.

193 Q. Who the mobile phone accounts had been issued to?
A. And then subsequently what IMEIs were associated with those accounts --
A. -- during the period 2012 to 2014 and the ones that are associated with those accounts today.
Q. Yes. And I think in your last report, which was contained at page 4489, you provided a list of the IMEI 10:37 numbers that were said to be associated with phone numbers identified by the Three correspondence, and I think you can confirm that none of those handsets referable to the IMEI numbers were any of the handsets of Commissioner o'sullivan?
A. That's correct.
Q. okay.
A. Other than the reported anomaly that we have identified where there was multiple accounts associated with the one handset, there was no association with Commissioner 10:38 o'Sullivan's handset.
197 Q. Yes. Okay. Perhaps you'd answer any questions that anyone else might have, Superintendent Flynn.

MR. GORDON I have no questions, Chairman.

MR. FERRY: Chairman, just one or two short matters.

## THE WTNESS MAS CROSS- EXAM NED BY MR. FERRY:

MR. FERRY: Superintendent Flynn, John Ferry, I am one of the lawyers representing Superintendent Taylor. Just going back to the Jack and Jill process that was available, there was a lot of information there given about return of phones, but did you say that some were logged and others were not, or that none of them were logged upon being disposed in the Jack and Jill boxes?
A. There was no log kept of what went into the Jack and Jil1 box.

199 Q. So they were then returned by some process to Jack and Jill and that was the end of the matter?
A. My understanding is, the liaison inspector would ring Jack and Jill when the box was nearing, you know, being full, and Jack and Jill would send someone out to collect it then.
200 Q. And just, I noted there in the document that you were referred to, your own report of the 4th December 2017 that Mr. McGuinness had just on the screen there shortly, it was at page 4311, if it could be brought back up for you there, Superintendent. Just, I just noted there, and Mr. McGuinness, in fairness to him, referred you to this paragraph, but in the third paragraph I note that you make reference to something that was mentioned here on Wednesday by Superintendent Ferris, and I note that you are saying that you found
"no mention of Sergeant McCabe other than what was reported in the media and contai ned intermittently in the Press Office clip-book which is sent to me on a daily basis."

Do you recall what was being referred to in relation to Sergeant McCabe in the clip-book?
A. The clip-book just contains scans of particular newspaper articles, so material that is relevant to An Garda Síochána would be reported in the clip-book. I suppose the reason I was receiving it was because of the work I was doing, liaising with the Fennelly Commission, there was a question as to what reporting had been done around voice recording in the media, so some of those articles that were relevant to that I would have extracted and provided to Judge Fennelly. So, like, they are really reports that were in newspaper reports. There was nothing else. There was no narrative added other than here is the images of the articles.
201 Q. And, I mean, I don't know if you do, but in the period of early 2014, do you recall there being clips relating to Sergeant McCabe, or have you a specific memory of that period?
CHAL RMAN I suppose there must have been, Mr. Ferry. I mean, that's the, I suppose --
202 Q. MR. FERRY: Do you have any specific --
A. That would have been around the time of the PAC hearing, so, like, I'd assume there was newspaper
articles around that. I wouldn't have received the clip-book in that period, though. It was only after the establishment of the Fennelly Commission I went on to that distribution list.
okay. okay. So you weren't always on the clip-book 1ist?
A. No, it would have been probably April 2014 when I would have received the first kind of clip-book emails. And as far as you are aware, anything in the media about Sergeant McCabe would have been contained in that 10:42 clip-book?
A. Again, $I$ can't give direct evidence prior to April, but I would assume, you know, based on what I have seen since then, that any article that relates to An Garda Síochána is normally in the clip-book, so if it relates 10:42 to An Garda Síochána, I would assume it would have been contained in the clip-book.
Q. And are those articles divided into categories or subcategories in the clip-book, or are they just all together in one document?
A. No, it's just a continuous document, you know, with article after article, and they are not categorised into, here is a number of articles around one particular event and the next. They are all just streamed in one, you know, one document.

MR. FERRY: That is fine. Thank you, Superintendent. CHA RMAN Just, Mr. Ferry, there was just two things. First of all, it is the case, isn't it, that your client now says whatever he was reported as saying in
the past or whatever he may have said in the past, that he never got any texts from Commissioner Callinan, never sent any texts to either him or to Commissioner o'sullivan, and did not receive any emails from Commissioner callinan, never sent any emails to Commissioner O'Sullivan concerning any campaign to undermine the public credibility of Sergeant McCabe through allegations of sex abuse or anything else, isn't that the position?
MR. FERRY: well, if you are saying -- are you asking me that there were no texts at all sent from Superintendent Taylor to the Commissioner's -CHAI RMAN No, no, no. There had to be, obviously, because he was the Press officer. I mean, his position now is that any texts concerning denigrating in any way 10:43 Sergeant McCabe, any emails concerning denigrating in any way Sergeant McCabe, exchanged between him and Commissioner Callinan or Deputy Commissioner o'sullivan, his current position is those never existed, they never happened; isn't that correct?
MR. FERRY: I would need to take instructions on that, I would need to clarify that for you, Chairman.
CHA RMAN That is very, very important. Maybe if you have the chance, would you mind doing that, because if you wouldn't mind just staying on for a wee while after 10:44 we are finished, please. And then there was a second matter as well. The allegation made that there was tampering in the division headed up by Superintendent Flynn, is that being maintained by your client,

Mr. Ferry?
MR. FERRY: No, as far as I understand, that is not being maintained.
CHA RMAN All right. So it's being withdrawn?
MR. FERRY: Yes. Well, as far as I understand.
CHA RMAK You might just take a specific instruction on that if you wouldn't mind, please.
MR. FERRY: Yes, Chairman.
CHA RMAN Thank you very much, Mr. Ferry, for that. Mr. Ó Muircheartaigh, do you have any questions?
MR. Ó MU RCHEARTAI GH No.

THE WTNESS WAS CROSS- EXAM NED BY MR. DONAL MEGU NNESS:
206 Q. MR. DONAL MEGU NESS: Superintendent, Dona1
McGuinness, representing Garda Siochana. We have met on a number of times and discussed issues in connection with telephones. Just a couple of questions if you don't mind. In relation to the Garda, An Garda Síochána generally and operationally, the data that is held on mobile phone handsets that is of interest to the guards is emails, Pulse data and calendar entries and contacts, is that a fair summary of the information that is ordinarily held on phones that is relevant from an operational point of view?
A. I suppose that would refer to what would be classified as the official material on the device.

207 Q. Yes.
A. There could be SMSs or photographs that are relevant to the person or the holder of the phone, but in general
terms the key elements are the parts that are connected to our Pulse server.
A. That's correct. We would allow some personal usage of the device and, you know, the member could use that for family reasons, whatever, you know what I mean? There are, matters have been raised with us in relation to new policy that they could also contain privileged information, that if it was medical information from their doctor, if it was, you know, their interactions with a solicitor, so these are things we are considering now in the overall policy.

211 Q. Yes. And it's those issues, those privacy issues, if you like, that are very central to the establishment of your policy and I would imagine in relation to the implementation of any policy, members would have to
sign up to it if and when it is established?
A. That is a key element of it, that the member would be aware when they have the handset that this is what could happen to the handset in the future, this is what will happen. It's not something that we could deploy retrospectively, it would have to be from the date of issue of the policy and the date issue of a new device that the member is made fully aware of their obligations with that device.
CHA RMAN Sure. I know you are referring there to the 10:48 human rights obligation and the various decisions, but all that has to happen is that the Garda identifies my doctor is such-and-such or my wife's doctor is such-and-such and we had interactions at a particular time, so we can take those out. I don't see there is any huge problem about that.
A. I suppose, part of the discussion is: Do we ask the member to remove the private data or do we -CHA RMAN Well, I think it has to be verified. There has to be a verification process, certainly, but I mean, they can't sterilise an entire device by simply claiming I had a gallstone removed so you are not looking at my phone.
A. I would agree. Like, this whole policy has to fit into our obligations under the Garda Síochána Act and our obligations under the legislation that, you know what I mean, carry out --
CHA RMAN Yes. But there has to be a reason about it too. I mean, it can't be stymied just because there is
private use by someone saying, right, you are not looking at anything. That doesn't make any sense. But anyway, carry on.

212 Q.
MR. DONAL MEGU NESS: In relation to the preservation order that was delivered by the Tribunal, to the best of your knowledge has there been any phones lost or destroyed in Garda Headquarters since the imposition of that preservation order?
A. No. To the best of my knowledge, no phone has been disposed of since the preservation order was put in place.

And just to clarify a number of things arising from your evidence. Obsolete items, obsolete phones when they are returned, am I correct that your evidence is when they are returned, if they are obsolete, they wouldn't ordinarily be logged as having been returned?
A. Certainly during the period we are discussing from 2012 to 2014, that was the case, but you know, things are different now in that, because of the preservation order and because the requirement to store all this material and to know where the material is if we are asked, there is a lot more logs being kept now, there is a lot more information. We would have supplied storage safes to all our divisional workshops nationally that they could store phones, they could phones securely that they come into possession of -you know, during the course of their interaction with members, whether replacing phones or issuing new phones.

And am I also right in saying that there is a quick rate of obsolescence when it comes to smartphones?
A. We are noticing, $I$ suppose, that after a year, a year-and-a-half, the battery function is the first thing to go, it starts to degrade, the phone holds the charge and won't operate for as long and then we start seeing glitches in software, and things like that. That normally comes the point where we have to replace the device then for the member.
Q. There was a mention of texts being stored by servers in Three and I am not sure that that piece of evidence was 10:51 correct, is it the case or is it not the case that texts are stored centrally in the Three servers, to the best of your knowledge?
A. My understanding is that the content of an SMS message
is only stored by Three until it's delivered. So it will be sent from the sender's phone to a server, the server then will try and communicate with the receiver but once it transmits that information to the receiver
then the information is gone from their servers.

CHAD RMAN Is that right, in fact? Because I thought the European standard was, and I may be wrong about it, that telecommunications data had to be kept for a year for investigative purposes, for criminal law, by the servers, by the phone companies?
A. My understanding is that is in relation to the metadata rather than the actual content.

CHA RMAN It's simply the metadata then?
A. That is my understanding. They don't hold content beyond the time it takes to transmit it.
CHAN RMAN So the metadata is the time, the mast it bounced off, how long, what device communicated with what device and then that is it, but texts are not stored centrally?
A. That is my understanding.

CHA RMAN A11 right. Thanks.
217 Q. MR. DONAL MEGU NESS: And could I just ask you to have a look at page 4232, and the last paragraph of this relates to a matter that has just been raised with Mr. Taylor's counse1. There were three phones: Two phones seized from Superintendent Taylor and one phone was surrendered by Superintendent Taylor. In relation to the phones that were examined, how satisfied are you that it can be objectively proven that there was no
tampering of any kind with the phone in relation to the download of any material that was extracted from those phones?
A. I suppose again my understanding is that the image that
is taken of the device prior to examination is your gold standard, that that can be checked and rechecked, and it would be very clear from that image if there was any tampering that took place then in the outputted report from the device.

CHA RMAN Anyway, your evidence is, you just don't do that? I presume that is what you are telling me.
A. That's correct. Because the process is, we develop evidence from electronic devices and that evidence has to stand up to the tests in criminal cases, so we have to maintain an international standard.

CHA RMAN Sure. I mean, look, whether it's for the purpose of a criminal defence, whether it's genuine or whether it's simply paranoia, I presume that your division is not engaged in fitting up people by putting in false text messages, or whatever, into their phones?
A. Absolutely, Mr. Chairman, we wouldn't have any involvement. In many -- I suppose all cases we are independent of the investigative process. We just develop the evidence and provide it back to the investigation team. That is our only action with --

CHA RMAN And you are pretty much at a remove from that anyway?
A. Absolutely.

MR. DONAL MEGU NESS: Thank you, superintendent.

MR. MGGI NESS: Nothing further, Chairman.
CHA RMAN Yes. Do you think -- I beg your pardon -MR. GORDON Could I ask a question on a point of clarification?
CHA RMAN Please do.

## THE WTNESS WAS CROSS- EXAM NED BY MR. GORDON:

MR. GORDON I think it's perhaps arising from a question that Mr. McGuinness just asked you, that there is no suggestion here that there is unavailable evidence by reason of the fact that somebody has claimed privacy rights over a device or data on a device?
A. Sorry, does this relate to the policy?

CHA RMAN No. In other words, has anyone raised any claim of privilege? Because if they did, it would have to come to me anyway and I would have to look at it. Nobody has, I don't think.
A. No. That was more in general in relation to the development of our new policy going forward, that these 10:55 are things that we are considering, but nobody has raised specific issues of $I$ am not providing information to the Tribunal based on privilege or privacy or anything that I am aware of.
MR. GORDON: I think you, Chairman, may have raised a concern about these CRH considerations as we understand them in present-day terms, but the absence of evidence here is clearly because the device is gone or the information is simply not retrievable, is that the
position?
A. That's correct.
Q. I see.

CHA RMAN okay. Would you mind just hanging on for a wee bit, superintendent.
A. I will, Mr. Chairman.

CHA RMAN And you have put in an awful lot of work and we very much appreciate it. Thank you.

THE WTNESS THEN WTHDREW

MR. MARR NAN The next witness, sir, is Inspector Liam Moroney, please. His statement is to be found at page 4370.

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221 Q. MR. MARR NAN I think, inspector, you are attached to the telecommunications section in Garda Headquarters, isn't that right?
A. That's correct, Chairman.
Q. And I think that you report directly to the last witness, Superintendent Michael Flynn?
A. That's correct, Chairman.

223 Q. And I think during the course of the currency of this
Tribunal, you have worked closely with Superintendent Flynn in obtaining various records and phone bills, isn't that right?
A. That's correct.
Q. I think that you have worked with Sergeant Downey in relation to doing a lot of the donkey work in relation to analysing phone material, isn't that right?
A. Yes, Sergeant Downey reports to me.
Q. Now, of particular interest to the Tribunal is a meeting on the 5th September 2014 in your office when Superintendent Taylor presented a faulty Nokia Lumia phone to you, do you recall that?
A. Yes, I do recall it.

227 Q. Just advise the Chairman what you recall of that.
A. I would probably have got a call from him earlier, I can't say precisely, but he probably would have called my office to say that his phone was faulty and was I around, and could he call over.
CHAL RMAN Just hang on one second. Can I ask the solicitor for David Taylor, would you like me to break for ten minutes? Yes. All right. I will do that, certain7y. Because I think there is somebody outside making phone calls, etcetera. Let's do that, Mr. Marrinan.

AFTER A SHORT AD OURNENT THE HEARI NG RESUMED AS
FOLLONS:
CHA RMAN Let's wait just one minute, Mr. Marrinan.
MR. MARRI NAN Yes.
CHA RMAN Do you want to say anything, Mr. Ferry?
MR. FERRY: I am just awaiting clear instructions in relation to that matter.

CHA RMAN All right. Well, let's carry on with what we have got.
MR. FERRY: Thank you, Chairman.
CHA RMAN And you know those are on the table anyway. MR. FERRY: Yes, Chairman.

CHA RMAN Right.
MR. MARRI NAN Inspector Moroney, please.
228 Q. Inspector, we are dealing with the 5th September 2014, 11:17 when Superintendent Taylor called to your office. I think he had a faulty Nokia Lumia 820 phone, is that right?
A. That's correct.

229 Q. I think that you noted that the IMEI number ended with 11:17 the number 6847, is that right?
A. Can I?

230 Q. You can refer to your statement, of course. It's at page 4370, which is in volume 16.
A. What page please?

231 Q. 4370?
A. 4370. Yeah, that's correct.

232 Q. Yeah. And I think that you examined the phone and you discovered a fault in it, is that right?
A. Yes.

233 Q. And I think that you decided to issue Superintendent Taylor with a new phone, is that right?
A. That's correct.
Q. I think initially Superintendent Taylor -- and this was the reason why you made this statement, was in response to a suggestion that had been made by Superintendent Taylor that in fact all his data had been transferred from his old phone to his new phone, including -- or from his old phone to his new phone, including text messages, you're aware of that?
A. Well, I'm not aware that that was the insinuation.

240 Q. Well, that was the suggestion that was being made, but apparently that suggestion is no longer being made, do you understand?
A. Yes.
A. Yes.
Q. And you didn't take possession of it?
A. No. I wouldn't take possession of it. It would have to be offered to me. I wouldn't take it off him.
Q. Now I think that you were also involved then in, this is at page 4342, you received on the 13th September last year, a SIM card which belonged to retired Assistant Commissioner John O'Mahoney, isn't that right?
A. That's correct.

244 Q. And you had previously suspended that SIM card from the Three network on the 14th July of 2017, is that right?
A. That's correct.

245 Q. You were in a position to confirm at that time that the SIM card that had been suspended had not been used or inserted in to any device since it came into your possession and then on the 14th November 2017 you received an email from Superintendent Michael Flynn requesting that that SIM card be handed over to the Disclosures Tribunal and it was forwarded on the 15th November 2017 to Sinéad Green, who made it available to
the Tribunal, isn't that right?
A. That's correct.

MR MARRI NAN would you answer any questions, please?
MR. GORDON No questions, Chairman.
CHA RMAN Yes. And Mr. Ferry, you confirm that any
allegation made in the past by Superintendent Taylor that when his phone was being replaced by Inspector Moroney that he requested a transfer of data from the old phone to the new phone and that this data transfer was effected by Inspector Moroney.
MR. FERRY: Well, Chairman, if you did allow me some time I would await on that to be clarified. I understand that to be the case, but I'm waiting for that to be clarified.
CHA RMAN Al1 right. We11, it certainly is not being 11:22 said against you now. These things really, really need to be cleared up. I mean, the rule in Browne v. Dunn -- I'm sorry I have the old drum out and I am banging it again, those things, I really need to nail them down otherwise the Tribunal just gets floating off 11:22 like a plastic bag in the wind, Mr. Ferry, and if you can in due course I would be very grateful, thank you.
MR. FERRY: yes.
CHA RMAN Thank you. Mr. Ó Muircheartaigh? Any questions by the Garda?
MR. MCFÉL OH GG NS: No questions, chairman.
CHA RMAN All right. I just wanted to say the same
thing to you: You have done a tremendous amount of work, inspector, and thank you very much for your help.

MR. FERRY: Mr. Chairman, I just have clarified those instructions.

CHA RMAN Yes.
MR. FERRY: So, Superintendent Taylor's instructions is
that he has never said the phones were tampered with by Superintendent Flynn.

CHA RMAN We11, by Superintendent Flynn or by anyone?
MR. FERRY: We11 --
CHA RMAN Anybody?
MR. FERRY: Anybody in that department. His concern
arose in relation --
CHA RMAN We11, can we just say by anybody or is he still saying the Garda tampered with his phone, somebody in the Garda tampered with his phone?
MR. FERRY: No, his concern arose and his evidence will be that a whatsApp invitation went live on a phone at a particular time and that alarmed him and he was unaware as to how that occurred and that was the only issue that he had in relation to any issue that was unusual in relation to his phone.
CHA RMAN I mean, you know, unfortunately those kind of things happen all the time, $I$ think $I$ got two of those only two days ago and somebody from Australia keeps ringing me as well, I don't know why.
MR. FERRY: Yes, yes.
CHA RMAN These things happen a lot. I'm surprised he was surprised.

MR. FERRY: We11, there will be evidence given by Superintendent Taylor in relation to that, Chairman.

CHA RMAK But anyway, he's not accusing the Garda of tampering with evidence or his phone?
MR. FERRY: No. And in relation to the other query that you had in relation to the text and emails interactions with the former commissioners, Martin Callinan and Nóirín O'Sullivan, his instructions are that his electronic interactions with both of them was by way of updating them as to what was going on and he says there was never any reference to any allegations of sexual abuse or any campaign and his exchanges were text message and mainly, mainly related to the monitoring of media coverage regarding Sergeant McCabe and his interactions with the media regarding Sergeant McCabe. And, for example, he instructs that he would update them if a journalist was inquiring about Sergeant McCabe or the issue, for example, where Paul williams was going to write an article which was negative towards Sergeant McCabe and matters of this type were passed onto the commissioners by him, but there was no text in relation to allegations of sexual abuse or a campaign.
CHA RMAN I see. okay. Thank you very much for clarifying that.
MR. FERRY: Thank you for allowing me the time.
CHA RMAN No, no, it is good to have that done. Thank 11:25 you. It means there is some work done. Thank you. A11 right. I think you're finished, inspector, thank you very much.
A. Thank you.

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CHA RMAN Mr. McGuinness, I know this has been an early day and I know that because of other duties I have been unable to be here for much of the week. Maybe you would help by giving an outline of what is happening next week then, please.
MR. MEGU NESS: Yes, Chairman. You will recall
obviously on Wednesday we had a large slate of Garda witnesses from the Press office and we adjourned the balance of those until next week and we have distributed them between Tuesday and Wednesday next in addition to the witnesses scheduled for that date. So obviously you granted representation on Wednesday to a number of individuals in relation to journalists and their organisations and obvious7y they have been given the materials if they want to attend and ask any of the Press office members anything in relation to their evidence or their interactions with any journalists, that they would be free to do that obviously, but the other witnesses remain there, Superintendent Clerkin, Sergeant Hanley and Detective Sergeant Colgan, for Tuesday, in addition to the Press Office people, as I say, split between Tuesday and Wednesday. We have also 11:27 retained the other witnesses for Wednesday, Superintendent Ryan, Sergeant Monaghan and Garda Doreen, but we have moved two of next Wednesday's intended witnesses back to Friday, that is former Chief

Superintendent Peter Kirwan and Detective Superintendent Brunton, together with a witness from Three Ireland who is going to be Mr. Conor O'Callaghan. And on the Thursday we are intending to schedule the two FSNI witnesses, Ms. Elaine Strachan and Mr. Mark McConnell. So that is four days evidence next week, Monday being the Bank Holiday.
CHA RMAN Next Monday being the Bank Holiday. Do we have a witness list for the following week or an indication?

MR. MEGI NNESS: That hasn't been published as yet but
it is intended to commence with Superintendent Taylor and I think the parties have been circulated with a witness list, but $I$ think it is still intended to commence with Superintendent Taylor on the following Monday 14th, assuming we stick to our schedule next week.

CHA RMAN Yes. And I think, as you say, Mr. McGuinness, in the event that any of the media organisations or individual journalists want to ask questions that is their entitlement under In Re Haughey but we can't force them if they don't want to, but they have ample notice and ample time.
MR. MEGU NNESS: Yes. Thank you Chairman.
CHA RMAN So it's 10:00 on Monday, isn't it?
MR. MEGU NESS: 10:00 on Tuesday.
CHA RMAN I beg your pardon, 10:00 on Tuesday morning.
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