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1			THE HEARING RESUMED, AS FOLLOWS, ON FRIDAY, 24TH	
2			<u>JANUARY 2020</u> :	
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4			CHAIRMAN: Good morning.	
5			MS. McGRATH: Good morning, Chairman. The first	10:31
6			witness this morning is Garda Olivia Kelly. Her	
7			statement is at 3640 of the brief, Chairman.	
8			CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much.	
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10			GARDA OLIVIA KELLY, HAVING BEEN SWORN, WAS	10:32
11			DIRECTLY-EXAMINED BY MS. McGRATH, AS FOLLOWS:	
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13			THE WITNESS: Garda Olivia Kelly.	
14			CHAIRMAN: Thanks very much. Good morning, Garda.	
15			Now, Ms. McGrath.	10:32
16	1	Q.	MS. McGRATH: Good morning, Garda Kelly. Garda Kelly,	
17			I think as you are aware, the issues in respect of	
18			which we just require evidence this morning is issue	
19			12, which is the alleged misrecording of sick leave for	
20			Garda Keogh, okay?	10:32
21		Α.	Yes.	
22	2	Q.	Now, I think looking at your statement, you came to	
23			Athlone in April 2013, isn't that right?	
24		Α.	Yes, that's correct.	
25	3	Q.	And you would have been in Athlone Garda Station from	10:32
26			that date to when Garda Keogh went on long-term sick	
27			leave?	
28		Α.	That's correct.	
29	4	Q.	In December 2015, is that right?	

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<b>工</b>	Α.	Yes.

2	5	Q.	okay.	Now,	you	say	in	your	stat	temen	t	that	you	bec	ame
3			the di	strict	t cle	erk a	abou	ıt a	year	and	a	half	late	er,	on
4			1st De	cember	201	14?									

- 5 A. That's correct.
- 6 Q. After arriving in Athlone, isn't that right?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 7 Q. Now, we will come to that in a minute and your role as
  9 a district clerk, but I just want to ask you about
  10 Garda Keogh and any dealings you had with him or how
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  11 well you might have known him during your time there?

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- 12 A. I wouldn't have known him very well. I was new to the 13 station and after arriving in the station in 2013, I 14 went on maternity leave. So when I came back, I was 15 still relatively new and I didn't know a lot of people 16 in the station. I only recall one conversation ever 17 with Garda Keogh and maybe even two meetings with him,
- 18 but I didn't know him.
- 19 8 Q. And would you have been familiar or known about his 20 role in a protected disclosure in May 2014?
- 21 A. Yeah, I would have been aware that he had made one, but 22 it was never a conversation I had or discussed with 23 anyone. I was just aware.
- 9 Q. Okay. Now, as you say, you were the district clerk in
  Athlone from 1st December 2014. First of all, before
  we go into the sickness recording and all of that,
  would you just outline to the Chairman what the role of
  the district clerk is in the station?
- 29 A. So, it's just the superintendent's clerk. I worked in

1			the district office. Myself and as the garda clerk	
2			and I had three civilians with me in the office. All	
3			the correspondence would have come through the	
4			sergeant's office into our office, where it was just	
5			recorded on the correspondence register and essentially	10:3
6			left for the superintendents and inspectors to receive	
7			their post. I also did the e-mails on the selection	
8			mailbox and a number of other roles, just like firearms	
9			and just other little bits like that, so	
10	10	Q.	Okay. Now, you say in your statement that one of your	10:3
11			role in particular was to look after the sick leave or	
12			sick absence of Garda members in Athlone Garda Station	
13			and recording of that absence, isn't that right?	
14		Α.	That's correct.	
15	11	Q.	Okay. We know from the evidence that we have heard	10:3
16			that, as you say, you came on board in that role in	
17			December 2014, and you would have been recording his	
18			absence then until the following December in 2015, is	
19			that right?	
20		Α.	That's correct, yes.	10:3
21	12	Q.	Okay. Now, one of the ways in which you did this, and	
22			the Chairman has already seen this, is you used the	
23			SAMS system?	
24		Α.	That's correct.	
25	13	Q.	Isn't that right? Standing for sickness absence	10:3
26			management system, is that right?	
27		Α.	Yes.	
28	14	Q.	Okay. Now, can I just ask you, just on a general level	

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about SAMS, when we heard from Chief Superintendent

- 1 Murray, he said it was a very confidential system,
- 2 primarily owned by HRM. Can you just explain that to
- 3 the Chairman?
- 4 A. Well, as far as I'm aware I was the only one that used
- 5 to have access to SAMS and it was mainly me that put it 10:35
- 6 on. There was one other girl trained but I know that
- 7 she didn't use it. So essentially I was the only one
- 8 in Athlone using it. HRM were able to log onto SAMS
- and were able to check, say, how many days a member was

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- out or there was tabs on it, whether they had medical
- certs submitted, you were able to tick them. So they
- were able to monitor it that way as well.
- 13 15 Q. Can I ask you is, it a passport protected system then?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 16 Q. In the sense you have to --
- 16 A. I have to log on with my own password, yeah.
- 17 17 Q. Okay. Did anybody else in Athlone have that password
- for SAMS to your knowledge?
- 19 A. No.
- 20 18 Q. Okay. Now, you say in your statement with regard to
- 21 the recordings on SAMS, you say that no member was
- treated differently in relation to how matters were
- 23 recorded, is that right?
- A. That's correct, everyone was the same.
- 25 19 Q. Okay. I think that is as regard the process that you
- 26 followed?
- 27 A. Absolutely, yes.
- 28 20 Q. Okay. Now, can I just ask you, again we are just
- talking generally about the SAMS system, were there

- guidelines, official guidelines, can I ask you, for how you would record illness on SAMS?
- 3 Α. well there is a SAMS document, just basically it kind of outlines when a person reaches 28 days then they 4 5 have to be referred to HRM to the CMO. There's 10:37 guidelines like that. But not specifically as to how 6 7 to record an illness. On the SR1 form you can see, in 8 bold in black writing in the middle, it outlines that every illness must go on as ordinary illness. 9
- I just want to ask do you know where -- first of 10:37 10 21 Q. 11 all, actually, the easiest thing to do is, if I open an 12 SR1 and you can point out the section you're talking 13 Just by way of example, page 9340, please, about. 14 Mr. Kavanagh: If you go just to the middle of the page 15 there please. I think, Garda Kelly, is that the 10:38 16 paragraph you're talking about?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 22 Q. That's in the middle?
- 19 A. It's in black, bold writing, yes.
- 20 23 Q. Just explain your understanding of that?
- 21 So it says that every absence must be categorised as Α. 22 ordinary illness until such a time as a certificate in accordance with Code 11.37 has been issued. 23 24 would be an investigation done into it and then the chief would decide and he or she would issue the Code 25 11.37. And once that was received, then it would allow 26 27 you to change the SAMS recording to an injury on duty or critical illness, whichever the case may be. 28 But 29 all illnesses or every member reporting on duty --

- whether it was injury on duty or not, they have to be initially recorded as ordinary illness.
- Q. Okay. Can I just ask you about the reference there to a certificate, are those certificates signed by the chief superintendent or the CMO? Can you maybe explain 10:38 to the Chairman?
- 7 A. The Code 11.37 is signed by the chief superintendent.
- 8 25 Q. What would it look like? What would it normally read or look like?
- 10 A. It is just headed paper from the chief superintendent's 10:39
  11 office and it basically just says that it was through
  12 no willful neglect of the member themselves, that they
  13 were injured on duty, and that's just taking it from,
  14 say, a member that was injured on duty.

- Okay. Now if we just stay with the SR1s there. Some of these have been opened to the Chairman already in evidence already and I think you would have been here in the early courses of October for the evidence and you would have heard these being opened and spoken about, isn't that right?
- 21 A. That's correct, yeah.
- 22 27 Q. Now, if you look at the SR1s and even, for example, the
  23 one in front of us for 1st March 2015, you see there
  24 under "ordinary illness" the box that's ticked or
  25 referenced is "other" and it says "work related
  26 stress", isn't that right?
- 27 A. That's correct, yes.
- 28 Q. Now, I think they varied in the manner in which they were filled in, isn't that right?

- 1 A. That's correct, yes.
- 2 29 Q. I think some of them in respect of Garda Keogh said
- 3 "reason not provided" or, for example, if we open 9328,
- 4 you see there that particular member in charge has
- 5 ticked the "occupational injury" side of the form and

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- 6 it's ticked there "occupational illness arising from
- 7 duty work related stress"?
- 8 A. That's correct.
- 9 30 Q. Okay. So I think, would you agree, that the SR1 forms
- that were being signed in respect of Garda Keogh were
- not consistent in the manner in which they were
- 12 arriving at your desk?
- 13 A. That's correct.
- 14 31 Q. Okay. Now, can I ask you then, we know, and we will go
- into SAMS in a moment, that there's no drop down for
- 16 work related stress. I want to come to that
- 17 separately. But, can I just ask you about the lack of
- consistency in the SR1s, did you notice that yourself?
- 19 A. I suppose just once I hadn't received the 11.37, you
- 20 would see different things, different reasons that were 10:41
- on them, but when I knew the 11.37 hadn't been
- received, then I automatically knew it had to be
- ordinary illness, because that's what it states on the
- SR1 form.
- 25 32 Q. Okay. Can I ask you, would you ever have discussed
- these SR1s or brought them to anybody's attention or
- just highlighted what was coming in on them and whether
- or not something needed to be done?
- 29 A. I don't recall highlighting anything on them. Usually

to the sergeant in charge's office and if there is anything amiss on them or that requires further	
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4 attention, they it would usually go back out from	the
sergeant in charge's office.	10:4
6 33 Q. Okay. And would you ever, for example, have	
7 highlighted the difference in the forms to your	
8 district officer, Chief Superintendent Murray?	
9 A. I don't recall.	
10 34 Q. Okay. Now, can I just ask you to look at SAMS the	n 10:4:
itself. Again, we would have looked at this brief	1y
earlier on in the evidence of Garda Keogh. If I ca	an
just ask Mr. Kavanagh to open up 11789. Again, ve	ry
helpfully, they have been provided in a manner whi	ch
shows how the drop downs work. So if you put in	10:42
16 "ordinary illness" as I think was inserted in resp	ect
of Garda Keogh, in the next page you get your option	ons?
A. That's correct, yes. The "ordinary illness" popul	ates
itself because that's what every illness has to go	down
as initially, so it just happens to autopopulate of	nce 10:4
you create a sickness absence.	
22 35 Q. Okay. If we go on to the next page, 11790, it shows	ws
you your options then. Now, the first one there is	S
"flu/viral" and just again, can we speak generally	for
a moment, we will look at Garda Keogh's SAMS recor	d in 10:43
a moment, but just to speak generally, you have the	e
option of "mental health", I think you said in you	r
28 statement that you didn't select that for Garda Ke	ogh,

isn't that right?

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- 1 A. That's correct.
- 2 36 Q. Can you tell the Chairman why you didn't select that 3 for Garda Keogh?
- A. Well just personally, I didn't think -- it wasn't on his medical certs. It said work related stress, not

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6 mental health. So I didn't select it. There was a

7 sigma around mental health and personally didn't

8 associate work related stress with mental health.

- 9 37 Q. Okay. And you didn't use the "not provided" box or "other please specify" for Garda Keogh?
- 11 A. It was a possibility, it is there, but like the
  12 "ordinary illness" auto populates "flu/viral" also auto
  13 populates. And because I had done it so often, it had
  14 auto populated all the previous times, I think it was
  15 18 times in total that he had gone sick and I had

16 created those and I just didn't alternate, it auto
17 populates to "flu/viral" so I left it as "flu/viral".

18 38 Q. Okay. Can I ask you, you mentioned a moment ago that 19 in to place a work related stress category on SAMS, you 20 wait for the certificate under Code 11.37; is that

21 right?

- 22 A. That's correct.
- 23 39 Q. Okay. Can I ask you then whether or not, and I am
  24 talking about a hypothetical situation, where you get
  25 the certificate in signed by the chief superintendent

under Code 11.37, where would you put the "work related

- 27 stress"? Would you put it under "occupational
- illness"?
- 29 A. It would be, yes.

- 1 40 Q. So if you go to 11794. 11794, which I think is the
  2 next page, Mr. Kavanagh. Yes. So, in situations where
  3 you have received certificates in relation to work
  4 related stress, where do you enter the record on SAMS?
- 5 A. I would change it from "ordinary illness" to that
  6 "occupational injury/ illness arising from duty". In
  7 my experience it's mainly been physical injury that a
  8 guard would experience from a prisoner or... So it
  9 would depend on the guard or the injury. It's usually
  10 malicious, on duty.

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- 11 41 Q. Just if there is work related stress specified on the Code 11.37?
- 13 A. I'm not sure, because this is the first case of work 14 related stress that I've dealt with and I didn't 15 receive the 11.37, so I had no reason to change it.
- 16 42 Q. So have you ever entered work related stress on a SAMS in Athlone?
- 18 A. No.

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- 19 43 Okay. Can I ask you then, the role of the medical Q. certificate in what you are doing, we know that the 20 medical certificates for Garda Keogh, and again if we 21 22 can just look at them, page 421. This is just a record 23 of the sick notes that were coming in. So it is 421, 24 please, Mr. Kavanagh. If you just scroll down there. 25 Now, you see in December you were on board on the 1st
- 28 A. That's correct.

role?

29 44 Q. So we see the sick notes coming in. Again, if you keep

December, isn't that right, in this district clerk

			scrotting, Mr. Ravanagn, prease, you see work related	
2			stress" recorded. Can I ask you about the role of	
3			those certificates? Again, they come in to you, is	
4			that right?	
5		Α.	They do come in to me, yeah. With a normal member who	10:4
6			wouldn't have much, say, sick, what I would do is,	
7			we'd just hold the medical certificates, they don't go	
8			anywhere. But when a member is approaching half pay,	
9			which is at essentially 92 days, then HR will they	
10			expect us to send up or scan and e-mail up the medical	10:4
11			certs. So as far as I am aware, from what I can	
12			recall, from even when I started in the district	
13			office, I think Garda Keogh was pay affected at that	
14			stage. Because as far as I can remember I was always	
15			faxing or scanning his medical certs up to HR.	10:4
16	45	Q.	I think that's after 92 days; is that right?	
17		Α.	After 92 days, yes.	
18	46	Q.	So HRM were seeing these?	
19		Α.	They were seeing them essentially from just after I	
20			started in the district office.	10:4
21	47	Q.	Okay. Has anybody else seen them, the medical	
22			certificates when they come in? Would the district	
23			officer have any knowledge of the medical certs coming	
24			in for a member?	
25		Α.	Like he wouldn't essentially see them straight off	10:4
26			hand. I would file them away. Now when referring them	
27			to the CMO, the district officer would complete the	
28			form, a referral, and he would attach the cert, well I	
29			would attach the cert and he would see it and we would	

- 1 send it up to HR.
- 2 48 Q. Okay. So whilst you're logging the medical certs on
- 3 SAMS, is that right, you log them on SAMS?
- 4 A. That's correct.
- 5 49 Q. While SAMS, as you say, is password protected and
- 6 confidential and you are dealing with it, the medical

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- 7 certs may be seen by your superior officers?
- 8 A. A physical medical cert can be seen, yes. In Garda
- 9 Keogh's case, he would drop the medical certs or post
- them into the station and the sergeant in charge's
- office would actually receive them first and open them
- and then hand them into me and that's when I would
- 13 record it on SAMS.
- 14 50 Q. Would you have provided Garda Keogh's medical certs to
- 15 Superintendent Murray during that period? Do you
- remember providing him with the certificates or
- 17 speaking with him about them at any stage?
- 18 A. I don't really recall. I know when he did up the
- 19 report to the chief superintendent Westmeath when
- referring Garda Keogh to the CMO, he would have seen
- 21 the medical certs then.
- 22 51 Q. Okay. Now, can I ask you about another form. Again,
- 23 Superintendent Murray was asked about these forms, the
- 24 D5 forms?
- 25 A. Yes.
- 26 52 Q. Can I ask you about those?
- 27 A. Yes.
- 28 53 Q. Now, the D5 forms, and again just by way of example,
- 9308, please, Mr. Kavanagh. So it's 9308. Now, can

1			you just tell us a little bit about the role of the D5	
2			forms? Is that your writing, for example, on that	
3			form?	
4		Α.	My writing, yes, is at the bottom of that form.	
5	54	Q.	Who fills in the columns on the left?	10:50
6		Α.	The columns on the left are filled in by me.	
7	55	Q.	Okay.	
8		Α.	From SAMS. So they're done every couple of months,	
9			they're updated. Because we have to update everybody's	
10			in the district at the same time, so we update them and	10:50
11			just basically, you're taking the information from SAMS	
12			and inputting it on the D5.	
13	56	Q.	Okay. If you just scroll down a little bit, do you see	
14			the column on the very right, which is recording, now	
15			it's difficult to read from the screen, it says	10:50
16			"remarks, include name of doctor, cause of illness,	
17			nature of special cause or reason for suspension or	
18			date of injury on duty if applicable", do you see that	
19			column there?	
20		Α.	Yes.	10:50
21	57	Q.	I think number 17 is at the top of it. Who populates	
22			that?	
23		Α.	I would at times. Now, I know in this one you can see	
24			different writing on it, so it would have been I	
25			know at one stage our finance officer used to give	10:50
26			us used to help out in the district office and she	
27			would just populate them onto the form.	
28	58	Q.	Okay. And that writing is "stress" there at the	
29			bottom?	

- 1 A. That says "stress", yes.
- 2 59 Q. Is that your writing as well?
- 3 A. No, that's not my writing. I think at that stage down
- 4 there at the bottom, that would be someone that took
- over from me when I was on maternity leave.
- 6 60 Q. Okay. And if you see 9307, which is the previous page

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- there, Mr. Kavanagh. And again, this is all from April
- 8 to August 2015, this D5 form, again recording on the
- 9 right-hand side the certificates?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 61 Q. Did you populate that form?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 62 Q. Okay. Now, these D5 forms, where are they filed and
- 14 who has access to these?
- 15 A. So they're in the district office. They're just in a
- filing cab set behind me. We have a little kind of
- 17 tambour unit, they're in alphabetical order, they're
- not in the member's personal file and they're all
- 19 together. Essentially every members' D5 for the
- 20 district is all together in alphabetical order.
- 21 63 Q. And are these signed off by the district officer?
- 22 A. No.
- 23 64 Q. Would the district officer have any role in maintaining
- 24 the D5?
- 25 A. No.
- 26 65 Q. Okay. Now, can I ask you in particular to move on to
- 27 24th May 2016, please, Garda Kelly. Sorry, it's 23rd
- 28 May 2016. I just want to make sure I have the correct
- 29 date.

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 66 Q. Yes, 23rd May 2016. I think you deal with this in your
- 3 statement. This was the date I think that you changed

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- 4 the drop down on SAMS from "flu/viral" to "mental
- 5 health" for Garda Keogh; is that right?
- 6 A. That's correct.
- 7 67 Q. Can you tell me or tell the Chairman please how that
- 8 came back?
- 9 A. So I was in the office and I took a phone call from Ms.
- 10 Clare Egan from HR sick section and she just told me
- that basically Garda Keogh's illness was wrongly
- 12 categorised and that he was being pay effected and that
- he was liaising with the Commissioner, from what I can
- remember of the phone call, and she told me that the
- correct category was "mental health". So I changed it
- as a result of her telling me to change it. From her
- 17 working in HR, in the sick section in particular, she
- is well experienced from working there and I am sure
- she is dealing with it every day. So I just -- when I
- was told to change it, I changed it.
- 21 68 Q. Okay. Can you tell the Chairman what happened next
- then?
- 23 A. So I changed that, I went home and I received a phone
- call from Superintendent Murray and I just told him
- 25 what had happened and who had phoned me and --
- 26 69 Q. Well, if you can just start at the beginning, you
- 27 received a phone call from the superintendent?
- 28 A. Yes.
- 29 70 Q. Can you give as much detail about that as you can?

1		Α.	He just asked me did I change the SAMS, the category on	
2			SAMS. I told him I did and he just probably asked why,	
3			I can't really recall the full phone call. But I had	
4			told him then that I had been speaking to Clare Egan	
5			from HR sick section and that was pretty much it, he	10:5
6			just said, we'll report it in the morning. I went in	
7			the next morning and I did up a report and he sent it	
8			on to the chief superintendent in Westmeath.	
9	71	Q.	Okay.	
10		Α.	That was it.	10:5
11	72	Q.	Now, did you know how he became aware that it had been	
12			changed?	
13		Α.	No.	
14	73	Q.	Did you get any indication as to how he was aware it	
15			had been changed?	10:5
16		Α.	I can't recall. I don't know.	
17	74	Q.	Can I just ask Mr. Kavanagh to open up page 3094 of the	
18			book? This is the statement of Superintendent Murray	
19			on this issue. So it's 3094. Do you see there at	
20			1316?	10:5
21		Α.	Yes.	
22	75	Q.	So he says he had no role in recording sick leave for	
23			anybody, including Garda Keogh.	
24		Α.	That's correct.	
25	76	Q.	"I never entered data onto the system absence	10:5
26			management system."	
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28			Again?	

That's correct.

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1	77	Q.	That's correct.	
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3			"The district clerk in Athlone performed that role.	
4			This became an issue in May 2016 and I was anxious to	
5			bottom it out and the district clerk was able to do	10:55
6			that very quickly."	
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8			Now, that might suggest that the superintendent played	
9			a role in the changing of	
10		Α.	No, absolutely not, no. It was me that was solely	10:56
11			responsible for SAMS.	
12	78	Q.	Okay. Can I ask you finally to look at document 11737.	
13			Now, this is the absence report for Garda Keogh. We	
14			have been speaking about the entries and I think you	
15			have given very clear evidence as to the manner in	10:56
16			which you were filling out SAMS. Can I just ask you	
17			about the last entry there, 26th December 2015, Garda	
18			Keogh. It's recorded as "mental health". Can I just	
19			clarify something, in the sense that I understand from	
20			your statement that once you open the entry it remains	10:56
21			open until there's a resumption of duty, is that right?	
22		Α.	That's correct.	
23	79	Q.	So according to An Garda Síochána records, or this	
24			particular record at least, am I correct to say that	
25			Garda Keogh is currently recorded as on sick leave,	10:57
26			ordinary illness, mental health, is that right?	
27		Α.	That's correct.	
28	80	Q.	That entry currently remains open on SAMS?	
29		Α.	That's correct.	

Τ	81	Q.	Now, can I ask you then, we have heard evidence or	
2			certainly e-mails were opened previously, which you may	
3			or may not be aware of, relating to a discussion of	
4			Garda Keogh being on administrative leave, do you have	
5			any knowledge of that or can you assist in relation to	10:57
6			that?	
7		Α.	No.	
8	82	Q.	Is it your evidence that as far as you're concerned in	
9			recording sick leave, that remains the position for	
10			Garda Keogh, "ordinary illness, mental health"?	10:57
11		Α.	That's correct.	
12			MS. McGRATH: Can I ask you to answer any questions	
13			please, Garda Keogh.	
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15			END OF EXAMINATION	10:57
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17			CHAIRMAN: Thanks very much. Now, yes, Mr. Kelly.	
18			Ms. Mulligan, yes.	
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20			GARDA OLIVIA KELLY WAS CROSS-EXAMINED BY MS. MULLIGAN,	10:57
21			AS FOLLOWS:	
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23	83	Q.	MS. MULLIGAN: Good morning, Garda Kelly. I don't have	
24			very much for you. Can I just clarify one or two	
25			things. In relation to your role, you report to the	10:58
26			district officer; is that right?	
27		Α.	That's correct.	
28	84	Q.	In terms of your role, do you also work with the	
29			sergeants as well or as a district clerk do you have	

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- A. Well, I am in the district office, so, as I said, the sergeant's office is a separate office to mine, but for medical certs, say, the sergeant would bring them into our office and I would record it on SAMS, so I would have dealings with the super and the sergeants.
- 7 85 Q. Okay. So you do have dealing with the sergeants and
  8 the superintendent but your direct line to whom you are
  9 responsible to, that is the superintendent, is that
  10 right?

- 11 A. That's correct, yes.
- 12 86 Q. Can you just for my sake, in terms of how any absence
  13 occurs in An Garda Síochána, as you understand it, so
  14 someone has to notify their sergeant that they are
  15 taking time off for sick leave, isn't that right?
- 16 A. That's correct.
- 17 87 Q. Then that starts a process. Can you just confirm to me 18 what that process is? So you open an absence on SAMS, 19 is that right?
- 20 A. That's correct, yes. Once I received the SR1 form from 10:59 21 the sergeant's office, then I create an entry on SAMS.
- 22 88 Q. Just so I am clear, the sergeant, is that the sergeant 23 who presumably was in charge at the time that somebody 24 reports the illness, is that right?
- A. Yes, the sergeant in charge of the station that day or 10:59
  the working sergeant that morning or to whom the
  illness was reported to.
- 28 89 Q. Okay. So it's a non-specified person, it's not fixed per se, does that make sense?

- 1 A. No.
- 2 90 Q. So I have reported sick, you have gotten the SR1 form,
- 3 that opens the process of SAMS and when you open the
- 4 process for SAMS presumably you have only -- you
- 5 haven't got a medical cert at that time when the SR1

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- 6 comes in, at the very first instance, is that right?
- 7 A. That's correct.
- 8 91 Q. Presumably normally people come back with the medical
- 9 cert when they come back to work?
- 10 A. That's correct.
- 11 92 Q. So on that basis you would open the SAMS report form in
- an ordinary illness category. If you were given very
- 13 specific information, for example if there had been a
- previous, I think it was referred to as SR7 form, and
- were told that this is a repeated absence on that
- basis, would you log it as ordinary illness or would
- 17 you log it as the occupational injury?
- 18 A. No, every illness goes down as "ordinary illness".
- 19 93 Q. Even where it has already been certified as
- 20 occupational injury?
- 21 A. Yes, because it is the chief that makes that final
- decision with the Code 11.37.
- 23 94 Q. Okay. Just so I am absolutely clear about this. In
- the ordinary course everyone goes in as "ordinary
- 25 illness" irrespective --
- 26 A. That's correct.
- 27 95 Q. -- of what we know on the larger file?
- 28 A. That's correct.
- 29 96 Q. Okay. Would that change then only if there's an SR7?

- 1 A. Well, there it's the SR1 resumption form. There is no
- 2 SR7.
- 3 97 Q. Sorry, is the SR7 not where you described to the
- 4 Chairman about where there is an occupational injury or
- 5 something certified by --
- 6 A. Code 11.37.
- 7 98 Q. Sorry, my apologies. The Code 11.37?
- 8 A. So if the Code 11.37 is received, I can go in then and

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- 9 change it on the SAMS.
- 10 99 Q. So you can go in then and change it on SAMS?
- 11 A. That's correct.
- 12 100 Q. But only with --
- 13 A. Only with Code 11.37.
- 14 101 Q. And that's not the superintendent, that's the chief
- 15 superintendent?
- 16 A. The chief superintendent.
- 17 102 Q. You may not know the answer to the question, and if you
- don't that is fine, because it might be for the chief
- 19 superintendent, but does that normally directly from
- the chief superintendent's office or is it done with -- 11:01
- you know the way sometime Superintendent Murray might
- do things on behalf of Chief Superintendent Wheatley?
- 23 A. No.
- 24 103 Q. Is it always on her --
- A. No, it has to be chief superintendent.
- 26 104 Q. So it's her headed note paper, basically, is what I am
- 27 trying to understand?
- 28 A. Yeah, the chief superintendent's headed paper and it
- comes from their office in hard copy, yes.

- 1 105 Q. That's fine. Can I just confirm, in terms of the
  2 extension of your role, you're the district clerk and
  3 am I right in saying, I have seen your name on a view
- 4 of the PAF meeting notes; is that right?
- 5 A. That's correct. I would attend the meeting in the morning and just record who was at the meeting, if

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- 7 anything came up I may have to send an e-mail, if there
- 8 was a serious crime overnight I would construct a
- 9 report on the crime to the chief superintendent's
- office, just to let them know. And also at the meeting, at the end they discuss -- the sergeant in
- charge discusses resources, so I would record who was
- absent or who was out sick for that day.
- 14 106 Q. Okay. In terms of any queries that you have, if you do
  15 have them, do you go to the superintendent or do you go 11:02
  16 to HR, in terms of anything sickness related?
- A. Well, if I have queries, there has been times where I would ring HR directly to the sickness section and they would advise me.
- 20 107 Q. Would you also go to your superintendent?
- 21 A. Em, I don't recall going to him with many questions
- 22 about sick. I would just ring HR sick section
- themselves, yeah.
- 24 108 Q. Okay. Just to confirm, in terms of who you would deal
- with in the sick section in HR, would that be Clare
- 26 Egan?
- 27 A. Not always.
- 28 109 Q. No.
- 29 A. There's a few girls working there and it's really

- whoever picks up the phone, I would just ask the
- 2 question.
- 3 110 Q. Okay. And just off the top of your head, is there any
- 4 other additional person other than Clare Egan that you

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- 5 discussed Nicholas Keogh with?
- 6 A. No.
- 7 111 Q. Not to the best of your knowledge?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 112 Q. Just because Ms. McGrath asked you about a guideline in
- relation to, I suppose, the management and systems of
- 11 SAMS, you did say that there were guidelines, is that
- 12 right?
- 13 A. There's a SAMS document and it essentially shows you
- just, I suppose, how to use SAMS and I know it mentions
- that on the 28 days that a person is to be referred to
- the CMO, but it's just a guideline document really.
- 17 113 Q. Okay. Just on that note of referring after 28 days,
- 18 because that's something that did arise in this case,
- can I confirm, does that normally come from you or does
- 20 that -- I suppose the starting point for that, does
- that come from HR directly?
- 22 A. Yeah. In the majority of cases HR initiate it, and
- then in some cases, it just depends, if we know a
- 24 member has been injured on duty, we might initiate it.
- 25 So it just depends on the case.
- 26 114 Q. Okay. So is it fair to say that both parties do look
- 27 after it, depending on the individual circumstances?
- 28 A. Exactly, yes.
- 29 115 Q. You just gave the example of an accident, it's a very

- good example, it being clear to you that somebody might
- 2 still be in the hospital and therefore you know they
- are going to go past the 28 days?
- 4 A. Yes
- 5 116 Q. So you might, for want of a better word, be on top of

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- 6 that?
- 7 A. Well that's it, yeah. And if we felt that they were
- 8 injured, say, at a football match or were having
- 9 injured, then we mightn't just refer them at the 28
- days, because they may not be able to drive or may be
- just recovering from surgery. So it really depends on
- 12 each case?
- 13 117 Q. There is a notification post 28 days, that also goes to
- the member, is that right, it goes to the guard as
- 15 well?
- 16 A. Well, the referral themselves just goes straight to HR
- from, say, the district office, or superintendent's up
- to the chief superintendent and on to HR and then HR
- 19 will come back with a date for the member to see the
- 20 CMO.

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- A. And then that's when we notify the member then through
- their sergeant of the date.

The CMO.

- 24 119 Q. Okay. Just in terms of beyond that point, presumably
- 25 you don't have any non-executive role?
- 26 A. No.
- 27 120 Q. It's purely functional, is that fair?
- 28 A. Yeah, that's correct.
- 29 121 Q. Okay. Sorry I just have one or two very short

- 1 questions. In relation to -- I think you were very
- clear, you arrived in Athlone in 2013, is that correct?
- 3 A. That's correct, April 2013.
- 4 122 Q. April 2013. You then went on maternity leave?
- 5 A. That's correct.
- 6 123 Q. And then came back, can you remember when in 2014 you

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- 7 came back?
- 8 A. I'm not too sure. It could have been maybe -- I'm not
- 9 too sure, he was born in January '13, so six months
- 10 later.
- 11 124 Q. Give or take?
- 12 A. Give or take, yeah.
- 13 125 Q. Did you then go on second maternity leave?
- 14 A. I went on second maternity leave while as district
- 15 clerk in 2017.
- 16 126 Q. The only relevant time from our point of view is 2015
- to 2015, give or take?
- 18 A. No, that was the only time then.
- 19 127 Q. Can you just recall who looked after the -- when you
- are on holidays, who looks after the SAMS system and
- absence management?
- 22 A. Well, if I was just taking brief holiday, nobody would,
- as in I would just do it when I came back.
- 24 128 Q. Yes. Okay.
- 25 A. But I wouldn't have started in the district office
- 26 until after I was on maternity leave, when I returned
- on the -- I started on 1st January 2014.
- 28 129 Q. Okay, perfect, no issue with that. Just, Mr. Kavanagh,
- if I could have a little look at page 11794 again,

1			please. I have a very quick question about this, the	
2			categorisation in relation to "injury on duty". When	
3			you find out Chief Superintendent Wheatley gives you	
4			the notification that it is an injury on duty and you	
5			have gotten that document, as I understand it, time	11:0
6			stops running effectively, your 92 days that you have	
7			stop. But there also might be a period of backdating	
8			required. So say, for example, you categorised for 28	
9			days that somebody is off and that's ordinary illness	
10			and those numbers are going up, but then 28 days later	11:0
11			you get the letter from Chief Superintendent Wheatley	
12			saying, no, this is actually an injury on duty, who	
13			does that?	
14		Α.	So it would be me. Once we get the thing to say to	
15			classify it as injury on duty, I go back in and edit	11:0
16			the document essentially and change it to injury on	
17			duty. So the initial start date from when that member	
18			went sick, it would be injury on duty, essentially.	
19	130	Q.	Just that editing facility, where is that editing	

21 A. It's on the main screen. So essentially it's an open

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- record and when you log in, when I log in, you go into
- the open absence on the screen and it just allows you
- to change or to add stuff to it.
- 25 131 Q. Okay. It's tricky because we don't have the computer
- system in front of us, it's not on this page, is that
- 27 right?

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28 A. That's the main page.

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29 132 Q. That is the main page?

- A. Yeah, so it would be on the main screen because there is only one screen.
- 3 133 Q. Okay. You can't see that edit page there, is that 4 right?
- A. We're in the screen there, so it would be the page
  before that. You would have to go into the open
  absence and then you are essentially into the screen.
- 8 134 Q. Just so I am absolutely clear about this, the SR1 form
  9 comes in, you open the SAMS record of the absence,
  10 those days are accumulating for however many days,
  11 until we get --
- 12 A. The resumption.
- 13 It could be past 100 days if we are doing a work 135 Ο. 14 related stress investigation, for example, and then you 15 get the letter from Chief Superintendent Wheatley or it 11:10 16 might have been Chief Superintendent Curran at the 17 time, and it says this person is categorised as an 18 occupational injury and therefore we have to change 19 numbers back. You go into the SAMS locally, not HR?
- A. No, I go in and literally it's just the reason, you can 11:10 see it there "reason: Occupational" you're only changing the reason tab.
- 23 136 Q. Yeah.
- A. You don't touch dates or anything, you just change the reason and then it will just change the category of it. 11:10
- 26 137 Q. Then just so that I am absolutely clear about this, the 27 time running point, which is what I am asking about,
- does that automatically correct itself?
- 29 A. It does. You see it's changing it from the very start,

- from when that member went sick.
- 2 138 Q. So, in particular in relation to Garda Keogh's case,
- 3 when he goes back to -- I think he goes on
- 4 administrative pay. Did you edit that and make that

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- 5 change or how was that done?
- 6 A. No, that's through HR.
- 7 139 Q. So that was done through HR?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 140 Q. So as a general rule, you would do it?
- 10 A. I would only create the absence and if I was told to
- 11 change it, as in if the Code 11.37 was received, I
- would change the reason but I wouldn't touch anything
- 13 else.
- 14 141 Q. Okay.
- 15 A. It's just with the accumulative days, it automatically 11:11
- goes to half pay at 92 days and that's for every
- member.
- 18 142 Q. That is what I am trying to understand practically. In
- 19 terms of Garda Keogh's case it deviated slightly
- because he is a different case, his time isn't running
- at 92 days and past the 92 days because he's not on TRR
- income, he's on regular pay, isn't that right?
- 23 A. Well he's down as "ordinary illness" so essentially he
- should be pay affected but I think because HR have
- sorted that out for him, he's not any more.
- 26 143 Q. Yes. So my question is then, that was done by HR?
- 27 A. That was done through HR only, I had nothing to do with
- that.
- 29 144 Q. So as we currently stand, Garda Kelly, you are

- 1 recording the illness, Garda Keogh would continue to be
- pay affected?
- 3 A. That's correct yeah.
- 4 145 Q. But --
- 5 A. The only time I changed it was on 23rd May '16, when
- 6 Clare Egan told me to change it to "mental health" and

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- 7 that is the last I have touched of the SAMS for Garda
- 8 Keogh.
- 9 146 Q. For Garda Keogh?
- 10 A. Yeah.
- 11 147 Q. So there is a separate, I suppose, page somewhere else
- that you haven't seen probably, in HR, that would
- 13 explain how his pay is being affected?
- 14 A. I am sure there probably -- I don't know, I'm not
- 15 up-to-date with HR.
- 16 148 Q. That's fine. But it has nothing to do with you?
- 17 A. No.
- 18 149 Q. Is the short answer. You haven't changed the system --
- 19 A. No.
- 20 150 Q. -- in Athlone locally?
- 21 A. No.
- 22 151 Q. So Garda Keogh continues to provide certificates in
- relation to his absence to you, is that correct?
- A. That's correct, yeah. And they're still scanned up to
- 25 HR.
- 26 152 Q. You scan them up, but you haven't amended --
- 27 A. No, we don't.
- 28 153 Q. You haven't touched or changed the current SAMS system
- and approach?

- 1 A. No, no.
- 2 154 Q. Okay. All right. Can I ask you just very briefly ask
- you about the conversation that you had with
- 4 Superintendent Murray in May of 2016. Just in relation

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- 5 to the -- so Clare Egan contacted you to change the
- 6 categorisation of illness for Garda Keogh to mental
- 7 health?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 155 Q. Can I just ask you, was the same day the phone call was
- 10 made?
- 11 A. Yes.

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- 12 156 Q. Were you at home or were you in the office?
- 13 A. From what I recall, I was at home.
- 14 157 Q. When you received the call?
- 16 158 Q. Would that happen on a regular basis, would
- 17 Superintendent Murray ring you at home very often?
- 18 A. No. No.

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- 19 159 Q. Has it ever happened before?
- 20 A. Not that I can recall of.
- 21 160 Q. Was it a short conversation?
- 22 A. Yeah, it was, yeah.

Yes.

- 23 161 Q. Just to be clear, he asked you why you had changed --
- 24 A. Yeah, the illness reason and I told him that Clare Egan
- had rang me from HR and she had told me to change it
- and that I had changed it. And that was pretty much
- it. He just said he would look for a report off me,
- which I provided him with the following morning.
- 29 162 Q. I think you agreed with Ms. McGrath when she said the

- SAMS system is confidential and that essentially you're the only person who has access to the system?
- 3 A. Yeah, that's correct.
- 4 163 Q. Did you ask -- I presume you didn't ask Superintendent 5 Murray how he knew that information?

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- A. No. He may have told me who told him, but I just don't recall at the minute.
- 8 164 Q. You don't recall?
- 9 A. No.

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- 10 165 Q. Just if I can ask Ms. McGrath, she opened a D5 form, I missed the reference pointed, I would be grateful to my
  12 Friend?
- MS. McGRATH: 9308, Chairman, and 9307 were opened.
- 14 166 Q. MS. MULLIGAN: Can I just ask, this document, is this processed by you?
- A. It is processed by me. Now, as I said, the other
  writing there would have been Catriona Quirk, who has
  passed away since. When I go onto SAMS, she might just
  fill in the form for me, just to give me a helping
  hand, because there's a lot of members in the district.
  So it's just a matter of her writing in the form or me
- my number and read it out to her and she would jog it down, just to help with the form.
- 25 167 Q. Just to be clear, what's the purpose of the D5 form on top of SAMS?

writing on the form from -- I would log in to SAMS on

27 A. It's just another document. I mean there's no real 28 need for it. But HR do look for it when you refer 29 somebody to the CMO, they look for the D5 hard copy,

1			but I'm not too sure, you would have to ask HR.	
2	168	Q.	Specifically, from your point of view it's a paper	
3			version of SAMS?	
4		Α.	It's an extra yes, exactly, it's a paper version of	
5			SAMS, yeah.	11:16
6	169	Q.	Just so I am clear, it's not for anyone else?	
7		Α.	No.	
8	170	Q.	Is it something that is kept by you or where is it kept	
9			in the station?	
10		Α.	It's just behind me essentially.	11:16
11	171	Q.	Behind you?	
12		Α.	Yeah.	
13	172	Q.	I presume that is not locked?	
14		Α.	No, it's not locked, no. The office itself is locked	
15			every evening, but the D5s aren't locked.	11:17
16			MS. MULLIGAN: No further questions. Thank you very	
17			much.	
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19			END OF EXAMINATION	
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21			CHAIRMAN: Very good. Yes, Mr. McGuinness.	
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23			GARDA OLIVIA KELLY WAS EXAMINED BY MR. DONAL	
24			McGUI NNESS, AS FOLLOWS:	
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26	173	Q.	MR. DONAL McGUINNESS: I have just one question, Garda	
27			Kelly. In relation to the form SR1, there is a stock	
28			of these forms kept at the main desk; isn't that	
29			correct?	

1		Α.	That's correct.	
2	174	Q.	It would be a common enough job for the person who is	
3			in charge of the main desk to complete the form and be	
4			familiar with the form?	
5		Α.	Yes, that's correct.	11:17
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7			END OF EXAMINATION	
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9 10			CHAIRMAN: Anybody else? Very good. Thank you very much.	11:17
10 11			MS. McGRATH: Nothing arising, Chairman. Thank you,	11:17
12			Garda Kelly.	
13			CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much and you are free to go	
-3 14			now. Thank you very much.	
15				11:17
16			THE WITNESS THEN WITHDREW	
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18			MR. McGUINNESS: The next witness, Chairman, is	
19			Sergeant Cormac Moylan.	
20			CHAIRMAN: Good morning sergeant, thank you.	11:18
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22			SERGEANT CORMAC MOYLAN, HAVING BEEN SWORN, WAS	
23			DIRECTLY-EXAMINED BY MR. McGUINNESS, AS FOLLOWS:	
24				
25			THE WITNESS: Sergeant Cormac Moylan.	11:18
26	175	Q.	MR. McGUINNESS: Sergeant Moylan, I think you're	
27			attached to Athlone Garda Station at present?	
28		Α.	That's correct, yes.	
29	176	Ο	T think you were originally attested as a member of the	

- force on 29th July 1996?
- 2 A. I joined An Garda Síochána, went into Templemore in
- July 1996 and I was attested about 13 months later, in

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- 4 1997.
- 5 177 Q. I beg your pardon.
- 6 A. Yeah.
- 7 178 Q. Where did you serve as a member first?
- 8 A. My training station was Fitzgibbon Street Garda Station
- 9 in Dublin, I then was posted to Whitehall station, from
- there I went to Santry station. I then came in here to 11:19
- 11 Dublin Castle, where I spent five years in the traffic,
- the traffic unit. From there I went to Templemore, to
- the Garda college, where I was an instructor for three
- and a half years, during which time I was promoted.
- And I left there in April 2009 and went to Athlone.
- 16 179 Q. I think you were promoted during the time in the
- 17 college to the rank of sergeant?
- 18 A. That's correct, yes.
- 19 180 Q. What were you instructing on during your three and a
- 20 half or four years in the college?
- 21 A. Legal and policing studies, but primarily I was the
- 22 road traffic instructor.
- 23 181 Q. Yes. I think you moved then to Athlone in 2009 and you
- 24 were there for approximately seven years and then you
- 25 went to Kilbeggan for a short while?
- A. Well, I am still technically attached to Athlone Garda
- 27 Station. In 2015 I was asked to take care of Kilbeggan
- 28 Garda station. I then moved into Moate, into the
- 29 traffic corps and since last November now I moved back

_			to kribeggan darda station. So I have kind of taken on	
2			other responsibilities but I suppose technically I am	
3			still attached to Athlone Garda Station.	
4	182	Q.	Certainly when you went to Athlone as a sergeant,	
5			particularly maybe from 2014 onwards, what were your	11:20
6			duties there and in particular any interactions with	
7			Garda Keogh?	
8		Α.	Yeah. In December 2014 when I moved to Athlone	
9			first I was attached to unit B. In December 2014 I	
10			moved units and I moved across to unit C, which was	11:20
11			Garda Keogh's unit.	
12	183	Q.	Yes.	
13		Α.	There was a realigning of sergeants in different units.	
14			So I moved units. I was on that unit until July 2015,	
15			at which stage then I moved out to Kilbeggan.	11:20
16	184	Q.	Yes. So you had a closer working relationship with him	
17			during that period, really from December '14 to July	
18			'15?	
19		Α.	Correct.	
20	185	Q.	Obviously you became aware of the fact that he made a	11:2
21			protected disclosure in May of 2014?	
22		Α.	That's correct, yeah. And I have thought about this,	
23			Judge, just in relation to when I knew about it. I	
24			know it was in the public media, but I do remember I	
25			met Nick and I find it very hard to pin it to a	11:2
26			calendar when I knew about the protected disclosure,	
27			because he said something to me around that time, it	
28			could have been after, it could have been before, about	
29			that he was making a protected disclosure and he had to	

make it by way -- it was the Ming Flanagan, he said to
me, but that Ming wouldn't take the complaint unless he
made it by affidavit or something. Now I find it hard
to pin that. Now that could have been a month or two
either side of that, but, yes.

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- 6 186 Q. Yes. Do you have a recollection of discussing the content of it or the intended content of it --
- 8 A. No.
- 9 187 Q. -- at any stage with him?
- 10 A. No, just a chat, I suppose. I would have -- he was an 11:21

  11 Offaly man, I was an Offaly man, so when I'd meet him

  12 in the station, you know, we would have had an informal

  13 sort of, you know, how are things, how are you getting

  14 on, you know, a bit of chat. Any time I met him when I

  15 was in Athlone, we would have always got on well or had 11:22

  16 a good working relationship, you know.
- 17 188 Q. In terms of what occurred in the station, did you
  18 become aware that he had been allowed to address his
  19 view about his protected disclosure in a general way?
- A. No. I actually hadn't heard that at the time. It was 11:22

  probably years afterwards I think maybe that I heard

  about that. I wasn't on that unit at that time.
- 23 189 Q. Yes. Now the first four issues that the Tribunal is
  24 concerned with is the creation of a Pulse entry by him
  25 on the 18th May, the making of a Pulse check also and
  26 his interactions with Olivia O'Neill and Liam McHugh.
  27 You had no involvement in any of those matters, is that
- 28 correct?
  29 A. No, I actually never had involvement with Olivia

Т			O'Neill. I had involvement with Liam McHugh. I would	
2			have known Liam McHugh around the town. I think every	
3			guard in Athlone would have known Liam McHugh. I find	
4			it hard to say that people couldn't find him, he's easy	
5			enough to find.	11:23
6	190	Q.	Yes. Certainly the events that the Tribunal is	
7			concerned with, Garda Lyons' report and any action	
8			taken on foot of that, were you involved in any way in	
9			any of that?	
10		Α.	No. I had no hand, act or part in any of it.	11:23
11	191	Q.	In relation to the issue of supervision,	
12			microsupervision or excessive supervision, three	
13			sergeants being put on him, you explain in your	
14			statement at paragraph 3.3, which is at page 606, if we	
15			just look at that. You had an involvement obviously	11:23
16			which increased in AGSI, isn't that correct?	
17		Α.	That's correct. In April of 2020 I took up the role on	
18			the national executive of AGSI, the Association of	
19			Garda Sergeants and Inspectors.	
20	192	Q.	Yes.	11:24
21		Α.	That would have probably impacted on my frontline	
22			supervision duty, in that we worked kind six on four	
23			off structure, and on the six days kind of on, I	
24			probably would have been three of them gone to Dublin,	
25			meetings with management, whether it be the chief or	11:24
26			Garda Headquarters or different places, Department of	
27			Justice, etcetera. So I wouldn't have been there the	
28			full-time.	
29	193	0	CHAIRMAN: Would you have been there 50% of the time	

1			roughly?	
2		Α.	Yeah.	
3	194	Q.	CHAIRMAN: What was the rough kind of picture?	
4		Α.	Well, I suppose, Chairman, I actually done a kind of an	
5			analysis. When I got this thing, I looked at the first	11:24
6			100 days that I went onto the unit, unit C. I think of	
7			the first 100 days, I think I was 36 days working on	
8			the unit and 35 days in AGSI. That would be meetings	
9			with Garda management in headquarters.	
10	195	Q.	CHAIRMAN: I understand, whatever issues arising?	11:24
11		Α.	So it was nearly 50/50.	
12	196	Q.	MR. McGUINNESS: Yes. Just before we deal with	
13			Superintendent Murray's instruction, as it were, in	
14			early 2015, I think you had been asked to provide a	
15			performance report in relation to Garda Keogh, isn't	11:25
16			that correct?	
17		Α.	Yes, that was I think around February 2015.	
18	197	Q.	Yes. Certainly Garda Keogh has it referred to in his	
19			diary, perhaps we will just look at that entry, Volume	
20			47, page 13300. It's there, Tuesday, the 24th:	11:25
21				
22			"Sergeant Moylan informs me he has to write report on	
23			my performance."	
24				
25			Then he has gotten entries relating to rest days. On	11:25
26			the top of the next page, which appears to be the 27th:	
27				
28			"Pat Murray, new super Athlone."	

1			He must have learnt of that at the time. But that	
2			instruction was received by you to write a performance	
3			report, isn't that correct?	
4		Α.	Yeah. From my recollection, that emanated from the	
5			Garda Occupational Health Service.	11:26
6	198	Q.	Yes.	
7		Α.	I think he was being referred to the Occupational	
8			Health Service. It comes down, there was four or five	
9			items that we address, that the front line super was to	
10			sit down with him and just go through with him.	11:26
11	199	Q.	We will look at those in a minute. But if we go to the	
12			next page in the diary, 13301, there's an entry there	
13			on Sunday, the 8th:	
14				
15			"Sick. Rest day. Texted Sergeant Monaghan 14: 29.	11:26
16			Cormac, can I get a copy of that progress report	
17			pl ease?"	
18				
19			Do you recollect sending that to him or not?	
20		Α.	Well, I think that's saying that Nick Keogh may have	11:27
21			texted me looking for a copy of the progress report and	
22			got no reply.	
23	200	Q.	Yes. Do you recall subsequently sending it to him or	
24			not?	
25		Α.	No. But I do know that, I actually, unlike probably	11:27
26			what I would have normally done when you're doing a	
27			progress report and I would have completed it myself.	
28	201	Q.	Yes.	
29		Α.	In the instance of Nick Keogh's progress report, I	

1			actually sat Nick down at the computer in the	
2			sergeant's office beside me when I wrote the	
3			performance report. Because I specifically remember	
4			there was a line in it, I think it could have been the	
5			fourth point or something, and it was that he had no	11:27
6			issue with his immediate supervisors.	
7	202	Q.	Yes.	
8		Α.	And he wanted the word immediate in.	
9	203	Q.	Okay. We will come to the report in a moment. Perhaps	
10			if we just look at Volume 33, page 9378, just to see	11:27
11			the sequence of it. The top e-mail there is from Alan	
12			Mulligan to Dr. Cathal Collins the CMO, forwarding the	
13			chief superintendent's report on 24th February, 12:35.	
14			And underneath that, Chief Superintendent Curran had	
15			forwarded the report to assistant commissioner, sick	11:28
16			section. If we go down to the bottom of the page, the	
17			original report, and over the page it says:	
18				
19			"Please see attached report from Sergeant Cormac Moylan	
20			on his meeting with Garda Keogh. Forwarded for	11:28
21			information please. For onward transmission to HRM	
22			Sick Section. Sent on behalf of superintendent by	
23			Inspector Minnock."	
24				
25			Then if we go down that page, there is quite a jump in	11:29
26			time because what appears there preceding that is a	
27			reminder of 1st October 2014, it says:	
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29			"Second reminder. Athlone. Superintendent Athlone re	

1	sick report.	
2	The ottopical common data data data data data data data dat	
3	The attached correspondence dated 1st October 2014	
4	assistant commissioner Eastern Region"	
5	11:	: 29
6	I think that was Assistant Commissioner Fanning at the	
7	time.	
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9	" is forwarded for your attention and report."	
10	11:	: 29
11	So, if we proceed down that page then and go to the top	
12	of 9831 in fact, the next page. It says:	
13		
14	"Reply to this branch correspondence dated 14th January	
15	and 15th May 2014 in respect of the above member is	: 30
16	awaited at this time."	
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18	So this appears to have generated the reminder again in	
19	November that we have seen.	
20	11:	: 30
21	"Local management should provide an up to date unit	
22	report under the below headings and prepared in	
23	consultation with the member for the attention of this	
24	branch:	
25	1. Work performance to include what duty the member	: 30
26	currently performs.	
27	2. History of attendance at work clarifying periods of	
28	effecti veness/non-effecti veness.	

3. Coping skills and efforts which have been made to

2 Code 11.32 (2) refers. has been perceived necessary. 3 4. Relationship with peer and supervisors. Any other information deemed relevant in this case 4 5 (including any related matters of concern from the 11:30 6 member, if any). 7 8 It is essential that this unit report is made available to the CMO for information and advices. 9 10 11:30 11 For favour of immediate attention. " 12 13 That is sent then by Mr. Mulligan, the director of HRM. 14 Α. That's correct. I suppose that report would have 15 originated prior to me coming onto the unit. 11:31 16 204 Indeed, yes. Q. 17 From my recollection, I don't think it would have been Α. 18 a big report, it wouldn't have been a big task. 19 an just wondering why I didn't do it until February. I 20 would imagine that I would have probably got a reminder 11:31 in February, not having seen the previous original 21 22 correspondence. 23 205 Yes. Q. 24 And then acted upon it. Α. 25 It doesn't appear to have been previously replied to, 206 Ο. 11:31 26 no criticism of you, it hadn't been referred to you 27 prior to your dealing with it in February? 28 No. Α.

assist the member to improve coping skills where this

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of 2015?

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Q.

1		Α.	No.	
2	208	Q.	I think you prepared a report, it's to be found at	
3			9382. You make that point in your first paragraph:	
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5			"In relation to the above and attached correspondence, 1	1:31
6			I wish to report that I am not in receipt of previous	
7			correspondence referred to as I only became Garda	
8			Keogh's supervisor last December.	
9				
10			In respect of the points raised, having spoken to Garda 1	1:32
11			Keogh, I am to reply as follows:	
12			1. Garda Keogh currently performs all duties	
13			consummate with his rank, including beat, station	
14			prisoner management duties.	
15			2. A history of his effectiveness/non-effectiveness is 1	1:32
16			available in the district office.	
17			3. There are no coping skills or other methods deemed	
18			necessary at this stage.	
19			4. Garda Keogh states he has a good working	
20			relationship with his peers and immediate supervisors 1	1:32
21			al i ke.	
22			5. Garda Keogh does not wish to note any other areas	
23			of concern."	
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25			Now, do I understand your evidence to say that you, in 1	1:32
26			fact, had sat down with Garda Keogh at the computer?	
27		Α.	Absolutely, yes.	
28	209	Q.	And prepared this report. I think you are required to	
29			consult the member when you are sending a unit report	

1 up like this, isn't that correct? 2 Well, it would be my practice. I think if you are Α. 3 going to write on somebody like that in terms of 4 welfare, it'd be only right that you'd talk to them. 5 210 But certainly from the point of view of Garda Keogh, Q. 11:33 number 2 there: 6 7 8 "History of his effectiveness." 9 The reference there to the district office, what was 10 11:33 available in the district office? 11 12 Well, they have access to the SAMS, they have access to Α. 13 all the sickness records. 14 211 Q. Yes. 15 As a sergeant on the unit in a busy station like Α. 11:33 16 Athlone and the scant resources available, I wasn't 17 going to go trawling for all that information. would have taken me days to try and find that 18 19 information. 20 212 Yes. Q. 11:33 21 So that was available at the push of a button in Α. another office. 22 You told the Chairman he wanted "immediate 23 213 Q. 24 supervisors". Had he some reservation about his 25 non-immediate supervisors or did he articulate anything 11:33 to you about that? 26 27 Α. He did. And Superintendent Murray hadn't even landed 28 in the station at that stage.

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Q.

Yes.

1		Α.	So he was indicating to me that, yeah, he wanted	
2			specifically the word immediate, he looked for the word	
3			immediate supervisors. He just said, look it, that he	
4			had no problem with the sergeants but management and	
5			other people in the station he had. He just wanted to	11:34
6			hold that. He mentioned a couple of names. He	
7			mentioned Aidan Glacken, who was a former super. He	
8			mentioned Superintendent Noreen McBrien, from what I	
9			recall. I don't think he named anybody else in that.	
10	215	Q.	Obviously Superintendent Glacken had been replaced?	11:34
11		Α.	He had yeah.	
12	216	Q.	By Superintendent McBrien quite sometime ago?	
13		Α.	Yes.	
14	217	Q.	Did he articulate any complaints against Superintendent	
15			McBrien?	11:34
16		Α.	No, that was it. He was satisfied, having gone through	
17			the different points, he was satisfied with the word	
18			immediate. It was allowing me to reply to the	
19			correspondence and he was happy enough for that to go	
20			back.	11:34
21	218	Q.	Number 5:	
22				
23			"Garda Keogh does not wish to note any other areas of	
24			concern. "	
25				11:34
26			Were you aware of the Ó Cualáin investigation into his	
27			allegations being up and running?	
28		Α.	Yes, I was aware that the protected disclosure had been	
29			made. As to when the Ó Cualáin investigation started,	

- 1 I suppose once again, when it had started, but I do 2 remember there was activity around the station one day 3 I think where some investigators were in looking for custody records or different things. So whether that 4 5 was before or after that time, I couldn't pin it to the 11:35 6 calendar. 7 Did he bring anything to your attention in 219 Yes. Q. 8 relation to his medical record or his medical condition? 9 There was something in relation to it about medical 10 Α. 11:35 11 reports or whatever the case would be, and he said to 12 me that, yeah, he would have copies of them available 13 for the surgeon when he met them. 14 220 Q. Yeah. 15 Because this was going back up to the chief medical Α. 11:35 16 officer or the Occupational Health department for an 17 appointment with him. 18 221 Yes. Q. 19 And he indicated that he would have --Α. There was a discussion on a later date about that. 20 222 Q. 11:35 21 Yes. Α. 22 We will come to that. But at this point in time he 223 Q. 23 doesn't seem to have made any complaints about the
- 26 A. No.

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27 224 Q. In any event, you sent that in and that was transmitted up?

Ó Cualáin investigation or any other matters, is that

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29 A. That's correct.

fair?

- 225 In the interim then, between your next sort of contact 1 Q. 2 with him in an official sort of way, Superintendent 3 Murray came on the scene and was assigned to be the superintendent in Athlone. isn't that correct? 4
- 5 That's correct, yes. Α.
- 6 226 Q. Were you aware of any issues concerning Garda Keogh's 7 car tax or expenses claims? Had you any involvement in 8 those?

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- I had no involvement in them. 9 Α.
- Insofar as the issue of assignment of sergeants and 10 227 Ο. 11:36 11 supervision of Garda Keogh is concerned, I think you 12 obviously received the memo from Superintendent Murray 13 which he issued about the supervision of the sergeants. 14 Could you give the Tribunal your perspective on that?
- 15 In actual fact, I actually taught to myself, fair play, 11:37 Α. 16 the new superintendent is actually listening to me. 17 Because I had previously met the previous superintendent and Inspector Minnock after a meeting in 18 19 relation to -- the fact that I was gone half the time 20 off the unit and not being around, I thought maybe it was -- for one, it was probably unfair on me because 21 22 the workload still remained the same, you were doing all the unit work in half the time. And I had brought 23 it to their attention. I know they undertook to have a 24 25 look at it. Obviously the superintends moved at the
- 26 Superintendent Murray came in. And within a
- 27 short space of time he had made suggestions, even
- within a couple of months I was given the option of 28
- 29 moving to Kilbeggan, etcetera. So I just felt it was

- something, it was part of him reviewing the process of 1 2 me being able to manage my workload as well because I 3 wasn't always going to be there. So Sergeant Haran, he was the community policing sergeant, but he rested with 4 5 unit C. So it was kind of putting it on a more sure 11:38 6 footing, that when I wasn't Sergeant Haran was to be 7 We were kind of operating on that basis anyway, 8 so that if I needed leave on a Saturday night, I would ring Sergeant Haran to see was he working. So there 9 was always one of us working. We'd bounce off each 10 11:38 11 other. For the first time, I suppose, I seen it in 12 black and white that the superintendent was putting it 13 on a more sure footing.
- 14 228 Q. Yes. Could I ask you to comment on the suggestion that this was a form of excessive unjustified 15 11:38 16 microsupervision imposed on Garda Keogh by 17 Superintendent Murray?
- 18 Well, I didn't see it that way at all. From what I Α. 19 have explained, I felt from my perspective, when I read 20 that, I thought, fair play to the super, he's listened 11:38 to me in relation to the fact that I'm not there. I'm 21 22 only there 50% of the time, so he is actually doing 23 something about it and looking at it. That's the way I 24 took it.
- 25 Garda Keogh has obviously given evidence in relation to 11:39 229 Q. how Superintendent Murray dealt with the car tax, the 26 27 regulation 10 notice. Did you become aware of that at that time that, that had occurred or was occurring? 28 29

- had dealings with another member in the district, car tax. But I was aware of the Nick Keogh issue with car tax at all.
- 4 230 Q. Was that the guard who was subsequently off sick
  5 through an injury that had occurred and that you dealt 11:39
  6 with at a much later stage?
- 7 A. That's correct, yeah. When I moved to Kilbeggan, there 8 was obviously correspondence in around the time when I 9 was in Athlone in relation to checks for car tax.
- 10 231 Q. Yes.
- 11 But when I moved out to Kilbeggan, I remember getting a Α. 12 reminder about car tax and I remember replying saying 13 that the member had been out sick. He had been injured 14 on duty arresting a prisoner and badly damaged his knee 15 and he needed surgery on it. So he was out sick and 11:40 16 off duty. So I reported that, that he was out sick and 17 he wasn't due to return I think until around January 18 2016, was what he was indicating to me, he wouldn't be 19 back until.
- 20 232 Q. Yes.
  - A. So I reported that and was asked to deal with it, even when he was out sick, to try and get it dealt with, it needed to be brought to a conclusion.

- 24 233 Q. I think despite perhaps his own view about his
  25 obligations, he complied with the suggestion or
  26 requirement that he do tax the car or the vehicle?
- A. Yeah, well, I met him in January before he came back to work, the member, and I spoke to him. I suppose in the instance that I was dealing with, I had moved in July

1 to Kilbeggan, the member was not working, had never 2 worked, had never appeared into work in all that 3 period, so I never witnessed him driving. fact, I had actually seen him twice during that 4 5 intervening period driving, but he was driving a family 11:41 So they had a five series BMW car, that's what he 6 7 was driving on both of those occasions. In January 8 when I spoke to the member when he came in, he also had a jeep, a work jeep, a farm jeep, he has a herd number 9 and a farm, and I would know where the farm is and I 10 11 · 41 11 knew he was farming.

12 234 Q. This is 2016?

This was January 2016, when I spoke to the member and I 13 Α. 14 gave him advice. From an ex-road traffic perspective, 15 my advice was, if you are driving your car one day, if 16 you are going to require that for one day a year, as hard and all you feel that, as unfair you feel that is, 17 18 to get to work, you know, because the wife might be 19 working, mightn't be home, and he would need to use the jeep to come to work, I said, if it's only one day a 20 11:41 year you are going to tax that privately. He felt 21 22 unjust, he felt it was unfair, he thought I was coming 23 at him. I said, unfortunately, the law is the law, 24 that's it.

25 235 Q. Yes.

A. He said, you know, that's going to cost me. I think it
was going to go from 250 or €300 to €1,600 for the
year, for a very occasional time he was going to use
it. But he did.

- 1 236 Q. CHAIRMAN: He was a full-time garda?
- A. He was full-time garda, a part-time farmer, but he had

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- a family.
- 4 237 Q. CHAIRMAN: A part time farmer?
- 5 A. Yeah.
- 6 238 Q. CHAIRMAN: And the claim was that he could use a
- 7 vehicle privately on the basis of the farm?
- 8 A. The claim was that he could have used it commercially
- 9 because it was used as a commercial vehicle. But I
- suppose, I had never witnessed him using it privately.
- 11 239 Q. CHAIRMAN: The commercial element was in his role, not
- in his full time job but in his part-time job as
- farmer?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 240 Q. MR. McGUINNESS: You're talking about a different
- 16 vehicle other than BMW?
- 17 A. Oh, yes, yes, it was a Hilux jeep, two seater.
- 18 241 Q. In any event, you didn't discipline him; isn't that
- 19 right?
- 20 A. No, I gave him advice, he took my advice.
- 21 242 Q. You hadn't been instructed to discipline him?
- 22 A. From the correspondence that I had got in dealing with
- 23 it --
- 24 243 Q. Just from the point of view of the impetus for you
- keeping at this, you were receiving reminders from the
- 26 district office as to whether all the members had these
- 27 checks been completed and what action had been taken.
- That was ongoing from the summer of 2015 onwards, is
- 29 that right?

1		Α.	That's correct, yes.	
2	244	Q.	We have seen from the papers that, in fact, you sent	
3			Garda Keogh's expenses claim back to him in January of	
4			2015 to be resigned and resubmitted. Have you any	
5			memory of that?	11:43
6		Α.	I don't. I don't, just natural correspondence, just	
7			forwarded.	
8	245	Q.	In any event, the Tribunal has heard from	
9			Superintendent Murray about sorting out the car tax,	
10			the discipline regulation, his interview with Garda	11:43
11			Keogh on the 26th March and his intention to refer him	
12			to the CMO. I think you became involved in that to	
13			some degree. You were instructed to bring his absence	
14			from work and the consequences for his pay to his	
15			attention. If we look at page 9405 in Volume 33. This	11:44
16			is directed to you. You were the unit sergeant at that	
17			time, the 16th April.	
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19			"Reference to the above. Garda Keogh has now exceeded	
20			183 within the past four years due to him reporting	11:44
21			non-effective for duty on 31st March 2015. In	
22			accordance with the public service management	
23			regulations 2014, the member may be paid temporary	
24			rehabilitation remuneration.	
25				11:44
26			Please have the attached document handed personally to	
27			Garda Keogh and this office appraised when he has been	
28			provided with same.	

1			Forwarded for your information and immediate attention.	
2			Reply by return. Superintendent Murray."	
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4			I think you did that. If we go back to the preceding	
5			page, page 9404. That was sent down by you for Garda	11:45
6			Keogh. It came through Sergeant Baker to you, and then	
7			you sent it down to Garda Keogh. And you made him	
8			aware of that.	
9		Α.	That's correct, yes.	
10	246	Q.	Okay. You then, I think, became involved in making	11:45
11			sure that Garda Keogh was aware of his appointment with	
12			the CMO, isn't that correct?	
13		Α.	Yes.	
14	247	Q.	If we could look at page 9418, and at the bottom of	
15			that page, just to follow the sequence, Mr. Mulligan	11:45
16			says:	
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18			"The above named member is due for review at the Garda	
19			Occupational Health Service, Garda Headquarters on 19	
20			May at 1 p.m.	11:46
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22			Under no circumstances can the appointment be cancelled	
23			without the permission of the Executive Director, Human	
24			Resources and People Development (Sickness Absence	
25			Section).	11:46
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27			Prior to the member's review, local management shall	
28			meet with the member to discuss the following:	
29			1. The reason the member is being referred to the CMO	

1	is to determine the member's medical fitness grade for	
2	policing duty.	
3	2. To advise the member to forward all relevant	
4	medical reports from treating/certifying doctors,	
5	including specialists to the Garda Occupational Health	11:46
6	Service on or prior to the review date. The member	
7	should be assured that these medical reports will be	
8	treated in strictest medical confidence by the CMO in	
9	consultation with the member's treating certifying	
10	doctors.	11:46
11	3. Any other non-medical issues which may have a	
12	bearing on the member's medical fitness for duty.	
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14	Local management shall not discuss issues of a	
15	confidential medal nature in the course of this	11:47
16	meeting.	
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18	Please forward report on the outcome of this meeting	
19	with the member to this branch in early course, which	
20	will be forwarded to the Chief Medical Officer for his	11:47
21	information."	
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23	That is sent by Mr. Mulligan. That goes to if we go	
24	to the top of that page, that is sent by Chief	
25	Superintendent Wheatley on to the superintendent in	11:47
26	Athlone. And if go back to the preceding page. If we	
27	go to the top there, we see this is from you to the	
28	superintendent in answer to it, it having been referred	
29	to vou	

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"Re Garda Nicholas Keogh. In relation to correspondence below, I spoke to Garda Keogh on 4th May

'15 and made him aware of the time and date of the upcoming appointment with the Garda Occupational Health 11:48

Service on the 9th May at 1:00pm. Garda Keogh states

he will attend on that date.

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As Garda Keogh is currently working nights and not due back on days until next week, I have also made him 11 · 48 aware of the text of the letter, in particular the three items to be discussed with the member. Keogh is aware that he is being referred to the CMO to determine his medal fitness grade for policing duty. Garda Keogh has been advised to forward all relevant 11:48 medical reports on or prior to the review date. indicates that he may have a report with him on the day as he is due to see his GP this week. He was also made aware that these reports will be treated in strictest confi dence. In relation to other non-medical issues, 11:48 Garda Keogh states that he may wish to discuss this with the Chief Medical Officer in person.

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Finally, as the 19th of May is a scheduled rest day for Garda Keogh, I have scheduled him to alternative rest day on Monday, 11th May 2015, which was his preferred choice.

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Forwarded for your information, please."

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2			Does that reflect a discussion that you had with Garda	
3			Keogh about the contents of the HR request?	
4		Α.	Yeah. And I would have shown him the contents of what	
5			I was writing and then you will actually see I actually	11:49
6			cc'd him in that e-mail, to Nick. So he got a copy of	
7			the e-mail as well, so he was fully apprised of what I	
8			was saying and writing.	
9	248	Q.	Yes, it's sent to the Athlone district office, yes, and	
10			cc'd to Sergeant Baker and Garda Keogh?	11:49
11		Α.	That's correct.	
12	249	Q.	You didn't discuss his medical condition or his	
13			doctor's certification of it, I take it?	
14		Α.	No, I didn't think it was my place to involve myself in	
15			that.	11:49
16	250	Q.	Yes. Now, going back to your statement at page 606, at	
17			page 3.3, we were just looking at that, and in the	
18			fourth line of paragraph 3.3, you say:	
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20			"The correspondence also requested I sit down with	11:50
21			Garda Keogh and go through his notebook, Pulse, DPP and	
22			crime file list. I duly did go through Garda Keogh's	
23			Pulse, crime file and DPP lists. I do not recall going	
24			through his notebook."	
25				11:50
26			Was that an unusual thing to do or was that in some	
27			form of manner a special procedure in relation to Garda	
28			Keogh?	
29		Α.	Had I got correspondence like that before? Possibly	

Τ			no. Did I see it unusual? No. He had been	
2			sporadically out sick and stuff, he had his issues with	
3			alcohol etcetera, he was returning to work, there was a	
4			request for me to do it as a his sergeant. It was just	
5			to make sure there was nothing falling through the	11:50
6			cracks. I suppose the accountability that was within	
7			Athlone, it would be fair to say from my experience,	
8			and I think it's important that having worked in a	
9			number of stations and national specialists units and	
10			Dublin areas and being in the college, when I moved to	11:51
11			Athlone I found the accountability level and systems	
12			and processes much better than anywhere I had worked	
13			before. In fact, when they were designing processes	
14			around accountability for the Garda organisation, there	
15			was a number of Athlone personnel were involved in	11:51
16			that, designing the processes. I suppose when Pat	
17			Murray, the super came, I suppose it went from fourth	
18			gear to fifth gear, or fifth to sixth, because it was	
19			ramped up another level. Everything, nothing was	
20			missed, if you know what I mean. So it was just	11:51
21			ensuring that if there was a serious incident and	
22			there wasn't anything that serious in it. Nick had	
23			more concerns and he did have concerns, but like there	
24			was a passage of time I think in relation to one	
25			investigation, but I think the matter was being	11:51
26			withdrawn, so it didn't really impinge on it.	
27	251	Q.	Yes.	
28		Α.	I didn't see them as all that serious or all that	

insurmountable.

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- 1 252 Q. Was that an harassment case?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 253 Q. That had been referred to you by the superintendent?
- 4 A. Yes
- 5 254 Q. To assist him in?
- A. Yes, and that matter had been withdrawn. There was a bit of tidying up to be done on Pulse, because I think

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- 8 the person had been marked as a suspected offender and
- 9 that had to be changed as well to be a suspect.
- 10 Because obviously when the incident wasn't being
- 11 pursued there was a little bit of tidying up on it, but
- it wasn't -- that was my job I suppose as a supervisor,
- 13 to ensure that was done.
- 14 255 Q. Was it your experience then that when Superintendent
- Murray came that the level of accountability and
- scrutiny was increased generally in a beneficial way
- 17 from the point of view of policing?
- 18 A. It would be my personal opinion, yes. I thought from
- 19 all the different places I had, I thought Athlone was
- very well run. You know, files that went to the DPP
- 21 never came back with queries. They were always to a
- very good standard. It was something that
- professionally's I thought the standard of work that
- was done was very good. The systems of accountability,
- you know, the PAF meeting, there was instructions then
- for us all to attend, even -- like I was in Kilbeggan
- at one stage and it was a half hour drive in and a half
- an hour drive out, you know, you'd be preferring to use
- that hour for something else, but it was important that

- 1 you were asked to attend the accountability meetings.
- 2 So you were involved in a lot of decisions around the
- 3 table. Sometimes you didn't agree with them, sometimes
- 4 you did. In fairness now, they were debated and
- 5 sometimes the superintendent would change his mind and
- 6 did on a couple of occasions because, you know, he took
- 7 your viewpoints on board. So I thought it was a good
- 8 process.
- 9 256 Q. Yes. At this point in time Superintendent Murray had
- issued a general instruction based upon a general, but
- out of concern that he referred to an instruction about
- members' cars, licences etcetera. Perhaps we will look
- at that, at page 184. You obviously got that, I think.
- 14 At this point in time I think it seems to be your
- 15 evidence that you weren't aware that Garda Keogh had

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- been dealt with by Superintendent Murray, either in
- 17 relation to car tax or in relation to a discipline
- 18 related to it, is that right?
- 19 A. No, I didn't deal with that.
- 20 257 Q. Yes.
- 21 A. With Garda Keogh's car tax.
- 22 258 Q. But that wasn't, as it were, public police knowledge
- within the station then, is that right?
- 24 A. I wasn't aware of it.
- 25 259 Q. Yes. And you were his unit sergeant?
- 26 A. At that time, yeah. I think Nick would have been
- 27 sporadically off sick at the time.
- 28 260 Q. Yes.
- 29 A. So I think he might have been out.

1 261 Q. In any event, you gave effect to this direction and
2 reported on that. If we look at Volume 31, page 8770.
3 That's a report from you dated 2nd July to the sergeant
4 in charge:

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"In relation to the above, I have inspected the driving licence, insurance disk, tax disk and NCT disk for the following members attached to unit C and they are all in order."

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That includes Garda Keogh there. There is a reference to another guard there at the bottom. Can I ask you to comment on the general instruction and the effect that was being given to it? Did you see that in any way as either a targeting of Garda Keogh or a favouring of other members?

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17 A. If I am correct, I think this was after everything had been rectified.

- 19 262 Q. Yes.
- 20 A. So, no, this was before I left, I dealt with the
  21 Kilbeggan issue.
- 22 263 Q. Yes.
- A. I didn't see that as any targeting. It was just a matter of ensuring that everybody -- it was right and proper that everyone had their documents in order.
- 26 264 Q. It would reflect badly on policemen if they were found not to have any of these matters in order?
- 28 A. Absolutely.
- 29 265 Q. Had you been made aware of a previous anonymous

- 1 complaint that Inspector Minnock had dealt with in 2 January 2015? 3 No. Α. Relating to another guard? 4 266 0. 5 In actual fact, I didn't know about that until Α. 11:56 6 recently. 7 I think he said that he kept it, as it were, 267 0. 8 confidential in a sense? 9 Right. Α. 10 268 In any event, you had involvement with a number of Q. 11:56 11 crime files submitted by Garda Keogh, isn't that 12 correct? 13 That's correct, yes. Α. 14 269 Q. Perhaps we will just look at one or two of those. 15 we look at page 190. This is one of two files that 11:57 16 relates to theft at Custume Place on 4th July of 2015, isn't that correct? 17 18 Yes, that's correct, yeah. Α. 19 270 Can I just ask you first a general question: At this Q. 20 point in time the matter had obviously been logged on 11:57 to Pulse, isn't that correct? 21
- 22 A. That's correct.

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23 271 Q. At what stage then does this crime file come into
24 existence? Does it come into existence after a PAF
25 meeting or as a result of a direction of the PAF

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A. No. It wouldn't normally -- well it may be a direction at a PAF meeting to complete the crime file. But members would be aware that in any crime they would be

1			issuing a crime file. So when they are issuing a crime	
2			file, any crime, the responsibility would be to issue a	
3			crime file or to complete a crime file.	
4	272	Q.	Yes. But looking at that, is that the front cover of a	
5			folder?	11:58
6		Α.	Well, I'd imagine just on the dates of this, this is	
7			dated the incident happened on the Saturday, $4/7/15$ .	
8	273	Q.	Yes.	
9		Α.	So this incident wouldn't have been dealt with in a PAF	
10			meeting until Monday 6th or the 7th, but it's obviously	11:58
11			completed because as I signed it on the 5/7.	
12	274	Q.	Just go down the page a little bit there. Is this	
13			created by Garda Keogh?	
14		Α.	Yes.	
15	275	Q.	Then it's signed by you at the bottom, is that right?	11:58
16		Α.	That's correct, yes. And I have written remarks there:	
17				
18			"CCTV viewed but of no evidential value. I used the	
19			camera panning quickly past premises."	
20				11:59
21			There is a person there, I won't say:	
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23			"Collated at Custume place at the time of the offence	
24			and a possible suspect. Statement of injured erred	
25			excl uded. "	11:59
26	276	Q.	Would you have got that information from Garda Keogh	
27			directly then?	
28		Α.	That was the information that coming from Garda Keogh.	
29	277	Ο	YAS	

- A. He has it in the following page, which would be written
- in before I would have got it. On page 191.
- 3 278 Q. Yes.
- 4 A. At point 12 there:
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- 6 "Additional inquiries conducted. CCTV viewed with
- 7 injured party."

- 9 Then the investigating member's comments, where it's
- 10 blanked out.

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- "The suspect in the area around the time of the crime.
- No other evidence."
- 14 279 Q. Yes.
- 15 A. So he would have put forward that.
- 16 280 Q. Would that have been on the form when it was presented
- 17 to you, as it were?
- 18 A. That would have been on the crime file when I got it,
- 19 yes.
- 20 281 Q. That's Garda Keogh's writing, is it?
- 21 A. That's Garda Keogh's writing.
- 22 282 Q. Number 12.
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 283 Q. The one on page 194 relates to the other theft of the
- same place, submitted at the same time?

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- 26 A. Yes.
- 27 284 Q. With the same essential comments on it?
- 28 A. That's correct, yeah.
- 29 285 Q. Did you note that the statements had been made by the

- 1 the injured party themselves?
- 2 A. Yeah, well I would have noticed. I did notice, I think
- it's one of the statements, where there was something
- 4 written on the back of the statement. I only became
- 5 aware of that during disclosure. The statement form,

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- 6 you know when you kind of lift the statement form to
- 7 see the back of it, I never noticed the writing on the
- 8 back of it.
- 9 286 Q. Yes.
- 10 A. But I would have noticed the writing. I suppose from
- my perspective, and I dealt with probably a number of
- 12 traffic accidents and stuff over the years, where
- people will come with a prescribed statement having
- 14 been made to their solicitor, typed format, and hand it
- in and you'd get them to sign it or whatever.
- 16 287 Q. Yes.
- 17 A. So the fact that someone hand wrote it out, I didn't
- pick up on it, I suppose. It was unusual.
- 19 288 Q. Yes.
- 20 A. It was something I don't think I had seen before.
- 21 289 Q. Yes.
- 22 A. But I didn't pick up on it. I didn't stop it and
- 23 return it.
- 24 290 Q. We know obviously it was sent back with queries, did
- you see anything wrong with those queries or did you
- see anything wrong with the file yourself?
- 27 A. Well, queries in terms of investigation.
- 28 291 Q. Yes.
- 29 A. Like, we would have a number of cameras, like I think

1			there's 23, 24 cameras sorry 26 cameras in Athlone,	
2			within the town, and there are other businesses	
3			etcetera. So in terms of investigation and the queries	
4			that went back to kind of complete a more comprehensive	
5			investigation or a comprehensive look at it, would have	12:0
6			been it would have put the suspect in place. You	
7			know, we were aware he was in it. It would have maybe	
8			solidified it a bit. But I suppose I didn't take issue	
9			one way or the other. I suppose when the	
10			correspondence came back, I just forwarded it on for	12:0
11			the attention of the member.	
12	292	Q.	Yes. The memo from the superintendent is at page 197.	
13			The queries are set out. Would you have regarded those	
14			as reasonable or unreasonable supervision or issues to	
15			raise?	12:0
16		Α.	Well, in terms of the first point, in relation to the	
17			suspect, that was the person who was nominated by Nick	
18			himself. So I found absolutely no issue with it. And	
19			I suppose when I came back asking about the statements,	
20			I suppose you would have to bow to the higher	12:0
21			authority, the superintendent said that the statement	
22			was should have been you know, in relation to the	
23			taking of it. It was forwarded on to the member for	
24			their consideration.	
25	293	Q.	Yes.	12:0

But I didn't see anything wrong either way. 26 Α.

Can I ask you to look at another file at page 213, it's 27 294 Q. not clear whether you had a dealing with this or not. 28 29

It's a theft on the Dublin Road of a trailer?

- 1 A. That was in August, I was gone to Kilbeggan at that
- 2 stage.
- 3 295 Q. That's not your signature?
- 4 A. No, that's Sergeant Monaghan.
- 5 296 Q. That's Sergeant Monaghan's signature. There was then a 12:03
- 6 file that was recategorised, did you have any
- 7 involvement in that one, at page 225?
- 8 A. That was September '15. Likewise, again I was gone
- 9 from the station.
- 10 297 Q. You were gone. In the interim, however, you had
- dealings with Garda Keogh in relation to him being off

- 12 sick and then ringing in off sick and that being
- brought to your attention, isn't that correct?
- 14 A. That's correct, yes.
- 15 298 Q. Perhaps we would just look at the e-mail that you sent 12:04
- 16 at page 2218. I think you yourself hadn't been on duty
- on the Friday or the Saturday night, isn't that
- 18 correct?
- 19 A. Or the Sunday either.
- 20 299 Q. Or the Sunday either. And you came into work on Monday 12:04
- 21 13th?
- 22 A. That's correct, yes.
- 23 300 Q. It was brought to your attention that Garda Keogh
- hadn't shown up for duty on the previous two days,
- isn't that correct?
- 26 A. That's correct, yes.
- 27 301 Q. Just who informed you of that?
- 28 A. One of the guards on the unit, from recollection I
- 29 think it was Martin Linnane.

- 1 302 Q. Yes. Was that a matter of concern?
- 2 A. Of course, yes.
- 3 303 Q. What steps did you take then to deal with that?
- 4 A. I spoke to the unit, they indicated to me anyway that
- 5 he hadn't turned up. I tried ringing him, I couldn't

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- 6 get through to him. I know that some of the members
- 7 tried to ring him because they were able to come back
- 8 to me -- I never got a reply, I never got a text, I
- 9 never got anything back. But they were able to tell me
- 10 that -- it was from them that I heard that he had
- 11 broken out and that he was in Tullamore. He was
- drinking in Tullamore, he had broken out.
- 13 304 Q. Did you have one phone number for him or more?
- 14 A. I only had one.
- 15 305 Q. Can you recall who it was that told you he had broken
- out in Tullamore?
- 17 A. From my recollection again it was Martin Linnane.
- 18 306 Q. This is sent to the Athlone office, as it were, at 3:15
- in the morning. Was this the culmination of a number
- of hours of attempting to contact him?
- 21 A. Well, that's correct, yeah. Well, I suppose, we still
- have the normal police work to do. As I say, I was
- after being off for the previous three days, so I was
- 24 catching up with correspondence incidents and incidents
- etcetera and the run of normal policing and calls that
- had to be done. But I remember trying to make contact
- 27 with him. I think I would have tried ringing him a few
- times and talking to the lads to try and put out the
- feelers to see where he was, if he could be made

1 contact with. From my perspective, now I wasn't 2 overseeing it, but I do think that some of the members 3 were trying to make contact with him and were unsuccessful in trying to do it. 4 5 307 Q. Just from the point of view of your contacts, can you 12:07 recall whether his phone was ringing out or going to 6 7 voicemail or just not getting through? 8 I can't recall, no. Α. 9 308 Okay. Q. 10 I just know that I couldn't get through. Α. 12:07 11 309 Yes. Q. 12 If I remember correctly, I would hazard a guess that it Α. 13 was ringing out but with the passage of time, you know, 14 years later, I just couldn't be exact. 15 310 I think you weren't actually asked to make a Sure. Q. 12:07 16 statement for the purpose of the disciplinary inquiry, isn't that correct? 17 18 Em. Α. 19 311 Did you make no further report other than this to the Q. superintendent? 20 12:07 No, that was it. 21 Α. 22 You don't refer in this report to a Facebook message 312 Q. 23 but you do describe in the statement having got a 24 Facebook message? 25 I did, yes. Α. 12:08 26 313 That was received on your Facebook page certainly at Ο. 27 00:29 hours: 28

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"Sorry about this, Cormac, I missed your call, haven't

1 credit to call you back." 2 On the 14th, is that right? 3 CHAI RMAN: I was working on the night of the --4 Α. 5 314 CHAI RMAN: You came back on the Monday? Q. 12:08 6 I came back on Monday, the 14th. Α. 7 315 Sorry, Monday is the 13th, as I have it CHAI RMAN: Q. 8 here, according to your statement? MR. McGUI NNESS: 9 Yes. Maybe I'm wrong about this, but what you say 12:08 10 11 is Monday, the 13th. Because I was just trying to work out the various dates. 12 Yeah, but I suppose the phone call -- I sent the e-mail 13 Α. 14 on the 14th, which was in the -- I suppose I call it 15 the Monday, but it was actually in the early hours of 12:08 16 Tuesday morning. 17 CHAI RMAN: Ah, I'm sorry? 316 Q. 18 Because I'm on nights. Α. 19 317 CHAI RMAN: It's the night of Monday/Tuesday that you Q. 20 sent your e-mail? 12:09 21 Yes, that's correct. Α. 22 So Monday night, into Tuesday morning, 318 CHAI RMAN: Q. 23 3:15am? 24 That's correct. Α. 25 Which is actually on the Tuesday? 319 Q. CHAI RMAN: 12:09

Correct?

The 14th was a Tuesday.

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Yeah.

CHAI RMAN:

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On the 14th, on the Tuesday, yes.

Now at 00:29 you got the Facebook -- or

- sorry, the Facebook message came in onto your Facebook
- 2 page?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 322 Q. CHAIRMAN: Is that 00:29 on Tuesday, the 14th?
- 5 A. That came in at 00:29 hours on 15/7, which is the early 12:09

- 6 hours of Wednesday morning.
- 7 323 Q. CHAIRMAN: Okay. Very good. I just wanted to clear up
- 8 that.
- 9 A. Yeah. I had worked on the Monday night, I had worked
- from 6:00pm till 4:00am. Shortly before I left, at
- around 3:30 I made the super aware of what had
- 12 happened.
- 13 324 Q. MR. McGUINNESS: Yes.
- 14 A. On the Tuesday, I was actually due to work nights on
- the Tuesday night, but I actually took leave, because
- on that Tuesday I was actually in Croke Park with a
- bunch of under 8 hurlers, they you were doing a blitz.
- 18 So that's when I had taken leave. At some part of that
- night when I got home, I went to bed, and the following
- 20 morning I realised, you know, I'd got this message. It
- came through on Facebook messenger.
- 22 325 Q. Yes.
- 23 A. But I didn't reply to it, I didn't respond to it.
- 24 326 Q. CHAIRMAN: No, I understand, but I just wanted to get
- 25 the sequence right. I wondered was it on Tuesday, the
- 26 14th, sometime before the 3:15 e-mail. No, it was the
- 27 next night, you say.
- A. It was, yes.
- 29 CHAIRMAN: Okay. Thank you.

- 1 327 Q. MR. McGUINNESS: And it came to your attention only
- then, in the morning of the 15th?
- 3 A. That's correct, yes.
- 4 328 Q. I mean, you don't get Facebook alerts on your phone, I
- 5 take it?

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- 6 A. It's Facebook messenger.
- 7 329 Q. Messenger?
- 8 A. So, no. No, I wasn't aware of it until the following
- 9 morning.
- 10 330 Q. In any event, it wasn't sent at 00:29, some two hours
- before your e-mail, it was the day after?
- 12 A. No. No, no, it was the day after, the night after.
- 13 331 Q. I think you didn't have any involvement in the
- 14 discipline issue as such?
- 15 A. No, I didn't.
- 16 332 O. Just in terms of the issue about the confinement of
- 17 Garda Keogh to indoor duties, did you have any
- 18 involvement in that?
- 19 A. No, that would have been after the time that I was
- there.
- 21 333 Q. Yes. The commendations issue, were you involved in any
- of those incidents?
- 23 A. No, I wasn't, no.
- 24 334 Q. Just in terms of the supervision of Garda Keogh in a
- 25 general way while you were directly in charge of his
- 26 supervision?
- 27 A. Well, I always got on reasonably well with Nick, but I
- 28 would say that in the period that I -- in the seven
- 29 months that I was dealing with Nick, he was

1			sporadically out sick and stuff. But I did have two	
2			incidents where I had to kind of Nick loved doing	
3			the beat but he wouldn't be detailed maybe to do the	
4			beat. On two occasions I would have had to call him	
5			back from doing something that he wasn't to be doing.	12:12
6			I remember one of them was specifically a Saturday	
7			night, we were short resources, I came in at nine	
8			o'clock and someone said to me, yeah, Nick has gone on	
9			the beat, but he wasn't actually down to do beat. I	
10			think he was due to do the car or do the public order	12:12
11			van, and I had to instruct the unit to make contact	
12			with him to tell him to come back. He came back and I	
13			kind of had to call him aside and say, Nick, look it,	
14			you just can't go and do the beat, you are being	
15			instructed to do something else. That is the duty. I	12:12
16			have decided it, I'm sergeant and that's it. And he	
17			took it on board. But, yeah, that was the only time I	
18			had an issue with him. Other than that, we always got	
19			on fairly well.	
20	335	Q.	He says in his own statement that he has always had a	12:13
21			good working relationship with Sergeant Cormac Moylan	
22			and you note that he hasn't accused you of any	
23			wrongdoing. But have you any evidence to give the	
24			Chairman in relation to any targeting or bullying or	
25			victimisation of Garda Keogh by anyone?	12:13
26		Α.	I never seen it, never heard of it. As the AGSI	
27			representative of sergeants around the area, if it was	
28			going on I would have heard about it. I'm sure someone	

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would have said it to me. I never heard anything or I

Τ			was never instructed in any way to target Nick Keogh.	
2			I would actually say I treated Nick very carefully.	
3			You know, even in terms of some of the reports, sitting	
4			him down in front of and going through them, it	
5			mightn't be something I would have done with other	12:13
6			members, I was probably giving him extra treatment, do	
7			you know what I mean, and making sure that he was	
8			satisfied that everything was done, you know, ccing him	
9			in e-mails and stuff that was going up, to make sure	
10			that he was fully au fait with what was happening and,	12:13
11			you know, going through the correspondence with him and	
12			helping him with the investigations.	
13	336	Q.	In terms of being aware or seeing or knowing of any	
14			targeting or victimisation or bullying by others	
15			members, did you see any evidence of that?	12:14
16		Α.	Never saw any evidence.	
17			MR. McGUINNESS: would you answer any questions that	
18			people might have.	
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20			END OF EXAMINATION	12:14
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22			CHAIRMAN: Yes. Mr. O'Brien, yes.	
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24			SERGEANT CORMAC MOYLAN WAS CROSS-EXAMINED BY MR.	
25			O' BRI EN, AS FOLLOWS:	12:14
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27	337	Q.	MR. O'BRIEN: Good afternoon, Chairman, good afternoon,	
28			Sergeant Moylan. Just in relation first of all to	
29			Superintendent Murray's memorandum to you on the 2nd	

1			April, I think you told the Chairman, just to clarify,	
2			that you hadn't received correspondence like that	
3			before, in terms of the direction that it gave to sit	
4			down with Garda Keogh, is that correct?	
5		Α.	I would have got it probably in a different format, but	12:14
6			I often got an e-mail saying, you know, such and such a	
7			lad on the unit might have an incident or some crime or	
8			something that's due, you know, it's near statute	
9			barred or a summons that is coming up, kind of assist	
10			them to say that the six months is fast approaching.	12:15
11			But in terms of the direction, it's probably something	
12			that I was looking from Superintendent McBrien, that	
13			she would put in place to maybe make my job a little	
14			bit easier in terms of the management of the unit,	
15			because of the unit duties I had. So I had actually	12:15
16			met Superintendent McBrien to relay that issue but I	
17			didn't get it. So, I suppose when I got it, I seen it	
18			as being that I was being listened to.	
19	338	Q.	I think you say in your statement at page 606, it's	
20			paragraph 3.3, I think you did sit down with Garda	12:1
21			Keogh, isn't that right, just in relation to this	
22			direction?	
23		Α.	That's correct, yes.	
24	339	Q.	You confirm that you went through Pulse, crime file,	
25			DPP lists, is that correct?	12:1
26		Α.	Yeah. And I think I was asked to do the notebook and I	

actually didn't do the notebook.

because things were in order?

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340 Q.

Is that because you didn't feel the need to do it

- well, what I had seen so far had been, yeah -- like 1 Α. 2 there was issues, but, as I said already, there was nothing insurmountable. You know, the withdrawal of 3 the harassment issue, anything else, there was nothing, 4 5 nothing that wasn't routine stuff that I could see that 12:16 wasn't -- that couldn't be done. 6 I suppose just some 7 of it had maybe lagged behind, because Nick had maybe 8 been out sick and stuff like that, a passage of time had passed in relation to certain incidents, but it was 9 still okay. 10 12:16
- 11 341 Q. Did you view the direction by Superintendent Murray to go through his notebook as being oppressive?
- 13 A. Oh, I didn't, no. I just didn't go through his
  14 notebook because I suppose guards and their notebooks
  15 are -- it's kind of an area, that I just as a sergeant
  16 would be reluctant to kind of -- when everything else
  17 was okay, I just didn't see the need to go through the
  18 notebook.

- 19 342 Q. So you were satisfied at the end of sitting down with 20 him that matters were in order, is that right?
- A. That what we had and what we were aware of was being dealt with by going through the DPP crime file list, etcetera, and through his pulse. That I had everything sorted, everything was sortable.
- 25 343 Q. Just on the issue of microsupervision, I think you have 12:17
  26 been here and you have heard Garda Keogh's evidence and
  27 you know his position in relation to that, do you
  28 accept that it was Superintendent Murray's intention to
  29 place Garda Keogh under microsupervision, as is his

1		case?	
2	Α.	No, I don't. As I have said already, I think this	
3		when I got that direction and that correspondence, I	
4		just my initial thing was saying, now someone has	
5		actually listened to me, because I was doing serious	12:17
6		mileage on the road, I was up and down to Dublin and I	
7		was covering the country, I was all over the country at	
8		different meetings etcetera, meeting Garda management,	
9		and I just felt that eventually someone was actually	
10		putting something in place, you know, and me being able	12:17
11		to manage that.	
12		MR. O'BRIEN: I have no further questions, Chairman.	
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14		END OF EXAMINATION	
15			12:17
16		CHAIRMAN: Thanks very much.	
17		MR. DIGNAM: I have no questions for Sergeant Monaghan.	
18		CHAIRMAN: You have no questions either. Does anybody	
19		else have any questions? No. Very good. Thanks very	
20		much. Well, Mr. McGuinness.	12:18
21		MR. McGUINNESS: Thank you, Sergeant Moylan, nothing	
22		further.	
23		CHAIRMAN: Thanks very much, Sergeant Moylan. Thanks	
24		very much.	
25		THE WITNESS: Thank you, Chair.	12:18
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27		THE WITNESS THEN WITHDREW	
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29		MR. McGUINNESS: The next witness, Chairman, is	

1			Sergeant Monaghan.	
2			CHAIRMAN: Thank you.	
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4			SERGEANT DERMOT MONAGHAN, HAVING BEEN SWORN, WAS	
5			DIRECTLY-EXAMINED BY MR. McGUINNESS, AS FOLLOWS:	12:18
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7			THE WITNESS: Dermot Monaghan.	
8			CHAIRMAN: Thanks.	
9	344	Q.	MR. McGUINNESS: Sergeant Monaghan, could you outline	
10			to the Tribunal your career in An Garda Síochána to	12:19
11			date?	
12		Α.	To date. I was attested to An Garda Síochána in 1997,	
13			where I was stationed my first station was Celbridge	
14			in County Kildare, I remained there until 2002, where I	
15			transferred to Athlone Garda Station. In 2007 I was	12:19
16			promoted to the rank of sergeant, where I was	
17			transferred to Ballinrobe in County Mayo. I spent	
18			almost a year at Ballinrobe. I was transferred to	
19			Granard in Longford. Following six months in Granard,	
20			I applied for a position in the traffic unit, the	12:19
21			Westmeath divisional traffic unit, I was successful and	
22			I was transferred to Moate garda station, or Moate	
23			traffic unit, where I was stationed for seven years.	
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25			In July 2015 I came into Athlone Garda Station, where I	12:19
26			temporarily took over unit C, before covering maternity	
27			leave as sergeant in charge of Athlone until January of	
28			that next year, 2016, where I returned to be a	
29			supervisor sergeant in unit C. I am currently area	

- 1 administrator in Moate Garda Station.
- 2 345 Q. So your period of being a sergeant in Athlone
- 3 supervising unit C was the 20th July until 28th August

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- 4 2015?
- 5 A. Roughly, yes.
- 6 346 Q. From that date then you covered Sergeant Baker's
- 7 maternity leave as the sergeant in charge of the
- 8 station, is that right?
- 9 A. Correct. Sergeant Baker went on maternity leave in
- 10 October of that year, but prior to her going on
- 11 maternity leave I was intermittently covering her
- 12 absences through annual leave and she had other
- functions to fulfil.
- 14 347 Q. Yes.
- 15 A. So I would have been covering unit C at the same time
- 16 during that period I'd say.
- 17 348 Q. Yes. And Sergeant Haran had the responsibility for
- doing unit C then in that period?
- 19 A. Sergeant Haran was attached to community policing and
- 20 he would been covering in my absence.
- 21 349 Q. Your period of acting sergeant in charge was completed
- in January '16, and at that stage you returned to the
- 23 supervision of unit C in Athlone?
- 24 A. Correct.
- 25 350 Q. But Garda Keogh was no longer at that point --
- 26 A. He was out sick.
- 27 351 Q. He was out sick, as it turned out didn't return at that
- 28 point?
- 29 A. Correct.

Τ	352	Q.	On your transfer to Athlone and having the	
2			responsibility you did, what was your view of the way	
3			the station was being managed by the superintendent and	
4			the initiatives he put in place? Were you familiar	
5			with those?	12:21
6		Α.	I wasn't initially, because I had been away from	
7			mainstream policing, let's say, for seven years because	
8			I was in traffic. But I had previously been a guard in	
9			Athlone, so I was familiar with the procedures there.	
10			Seven years later, or ten years later almost, these	12:21
11			were new procedures, that took me a bit of time to	
12			adjust to. But when I got adjusted to them, yes, they	
13			were good procedures. I found they were good	
14			procedures. They were safeguarding me as a supervisor	
15			and they assisted members to keep their workload on	12:22
16			track and getting anything that is going Statute barred	
17			or summary offences and stuff like that.	
18	353	Q.	Was it providing strict sort of overview or oversight	
19			of files and how guards were dealing with them?	
20		Α.	Yes. It gave great assistance to guards to bring their	12:22
21			files to a conclusion, that they wouldn't end up	
22			getting in trouble with the late submission of files,	
23			yes.	
24	354	Q.	Now, I think you had some involvement in the issue of	
25			Garda Keogh being out sick and ringing back in. I	12:22
26			think he forwarded to you a short report explaining	
27			what had happened, which you sent on to the	
28			superintendent, isn't that right?	
29		Α.	That's correct.	

2 As a unit sergeant you are responsible when your Α. 3 members are out sick on the unit, to just try and keep 4 contact with them. If they are out for any period more 5 than a day or two, you would ring them. So that was my 12:23 function. 6 7 That's to be found in one part of the papers at 2227. 356 Ο. It just explains: 8 9 "Sergeant Monaghan, with reference to overleaf." 10 12:23 11 12 And that was the superintendent's request for a report. 13 14 "I made a mistake regarding reporting unfit for duty. I thought I was still on sick leave those days. 15 12:23 16 apologise for same. Sick cert attached. Forwarded for 17 your information please." 18 That would have been the second day I would have Α. 19 started on the unit. 20 You sent that on with the sick certificate to the 357 Q. 12:23 superintendent? 21 22 Correct. Α. 23 358 I think you had no more involvement in it, save for the Q. 24 fact that Garda Keogh applied for Haddington Road hours 25 in respect of the period of duty when he was taking the 12:24 phone call from Superintendent Murray on either the 26 27 14th or the 15th?

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As they thought.

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In July of 2015?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 360 Q. You transmitted that application up and that was
- 3 refused, as you became aware?
- 4 A. Yes
- 5 361 Q. Now, you had involvement with the submission and
- 6 transmission of crime files from Garda Keogh up to the

- 7 superintendent and back, in relation to a number of the
- 8 months that the Tribunal is concerned with, isn't that
- 9 correct?
- 10 A. Yes. Not just solely Garda Keogh, for unit C in total. 12:24
- 11 362 Q. Of course.
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 363 Q. At page 198, we saw the short report there, the
- instruction of Superintendent Murray. This came in
- obviously after a couple of incidents that we have
- seen, but you became aware of this obviously in August
- 17 of 2015?
- 18 A. That's correct, yes.
- 19 364 Q. Obviously some of the crime files that we looked at
- came in to being before that. The ones relating to the 12:25
- 21 thefts at Custume Place are, of course, dating from the
- 4th July, that preceded your arrival as such?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 365 Q. But you had some dealings with them. In particular, if
- we look at page 200. You were involved in transmitting 12:25
- 26 Superintendent Murray's report for Garda Keogh's
- 27 attention?
- 28 A. Yes.
- 29 366 Q. I think you got a reply to that a number of weeks

- 1 later, on the 28th August, if you look at page 201.
- 2 And the response of Garda Keogh is there. Had you
- 3 examined the crime file yourself?
- 4 A. No.
- 5 367 Q. Did you see any issue with it?
- 6 A. This is the first time -- it would have been returned
- 7 down from the superintendent's. This is the first time

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- 8 I would have seen this.
- 9 368 Q. In any event, you got the instruction subsequently from
- the superintendent on the 3rd September, if we look at
- page 202. The superintendent sets out his views there.
- 12 Did you see anything unusual or untoward about what he
- was asking you to do?
- 14 A. No. Not at the time, no. This is in relation to the
- instructions in chapter 3 of the CIT manual.
- 16 369 Q. Yes.
- 17 A. I printed off a copy of chapter 3 and I sat down with
- 18 Garda Keogh and went through it in the office.
- 19 370 Q. Yes.
- 20 A. Because I myself had never seen witnesses submit
- 21 statements before. The only statements I would have
- seen were people presenting themselves as possible
- 23 suspected offenders with their solicitor for cases that
- 24 were non-arrestible, I'd say.
- 25 371 Q. Yes.
- 26 A. And you would have sat them down and read it over with
- 27 the caution. But I had never seen witnesses submit
- 28 statements before.
- 29 372 Q. Yes.

Т		Α.	so we sat down and discussed chapter's and Garda Reogn	
2			took it on board and made no comment in relation to it	
3			as far as I can remember.	
4	373	Q.	Yes. You reported back up to the superintendent that	
5			you had done that?	12:27
6		Α.	Yes.	
7	374	Q.	If we look at page 207. Did Garda Keogh raise any	
8			complaint that this was sort of an oppressive	
9			supervision, that he was perfectly entitled to get them	
10			to write their own statements?	12:28
11		Α.	Not that I can recollect anyway, no.	
12	375	Q.	That went up to the superintendent and then he endorsed	
13			his you sent an attached report, which is at 208	
14			there as well?	
15		Α.	Yes.	12:28
16	376	Q.	Which gave further detail about what Garda Keogh had	
17			done in fact?	
18		Α.	Yes.	
19	377	Q.	Obviously there's some information that wasn't on the	
20			original crime file, but were you concerning yourself	12:28
21			with the rights and wrongs or the reasonableness or	
22			otherwise of the response or the requests?	
23		Α.	Not really. Initially I would have thought that the	
24			crime file should not have been submitted in the first	
25			place, because the instructions were clearly that in	12:29
26			absence of a suspect or when all avenues are exhausted	
27			you will submit a crime file. Outside that, it would	
28			be an investigation file. So, you know, that was the	
29			only thing that kind of came to me.	

- 1 378 Q. CHAIRMAN: When the crime file is submitted.
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 379 Q. CHAIRMAN: That is the end of the case.
- 4 A. When you have exhausted all your investigation
- 5 purposes, the crime file is submitted.
- 6 380 Q. CHAIRMAN: You put in a crime file?
- 7 A. You put in a crime file, yes.
- 8 381 Q. CHAIRMAN: Otherwise there may be Pulse, there may be a
- 9 report, there may be an investigation file, is that
- 10 correct?

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- 11 A. That's correct, yes.
- 12 382 Q. CHAIRMAN: Okay. But when a crime file is done, that
- is, look, we have done everything we can.
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 383 Q. CHAIRMAN: And we are going no further with it.
- 16 A. The contents of a crime file would be the A4 piece
- 17 that's folded over, the original injured party's
- statement and any other statements, with a copy of an
- incident summary report.
- 20 384 Q. CHAIRMAN: I follow.
- 21 A. That would be sent to the victims office, where the
- victim would be notified of the outcomes and filed away
- 23 for --
- 24 385 Q. CHAIRMAN: It's the end of the line?
- 25 A. It is, unless down the line it's reactivated.
- 26 386 Q. CHAIRMAN: Of course, something else might happen and
- 27 reactivate it?
- A. It's there for any member then to retrieve, let's say,
- and carry out an investigation.

1			MR. McGUINNESS: But can I ask you this question?	
2		Α.	Sorry.	
3	387	Q.	Because it may clarify matters for me, as perhaps for	
4			the Chairman. Who submits the crime file?	
5		Α.	The investigating member, through his unit sergeant up	12:30
6			to the district office.	
7	388	Q.	Yes, but is it not the case then that, in fact, if the	
8			member submits it to you, you are in fact submitting it	
9			to the superintendent for closure?	
10		Α.	Well, the only one that can close it is an inspector or	12:30
11			a super.	
12	389	Q.	Yes.	
13		Α.	The sergeant would put a recommendation on reading what	
14			the garda submitted on the file. And if we're	
15			satisfied ourselves sometimes it comes down for	12:30
16			clarity, if they see something, an anomaly that we have	
17			missed. That's the beauty of the accountability	
18			process; that it's caught at all different levels	
19			before it's eventually finalised.	
20	390	Q.	But put it this way: The crime file isn't submitted to	12:30
21			the superintendent behind your back or without it going	
22			through you?	
23		Α.	No, it has to go through the channels of communication,	
24			which is garda to sergeant, sergeant to the	
25			superintendent.	12:30

being clearly reported or other avenues of

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391 Q.

But if there are deficiencies in either matters not

investigation, or other steps that should be taken,

should they not be caught by the sergeants first?

1	Α.	Well, in the main they should be, yes, but sometimes,
2		you know, with paperwork and different things, there
3		can be oversight on the sergeant's behalf. That's why
4		the accountability process is there. That at another
5		level then it is caught and it's sent back down through 12:
6		the sergeant back to the guard for clarification.

7 392 I mean, it's one of the points of complaint by Yes. Q. 8 Garda Keogh that he was being micromanaged and sort of harassed in this way, but you say at page 615:

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"Like all members, if his standard of work was lacking he was asked to address outstanding issues and resubmit his files when they were fully completed for directions through his immediate supervisor sergeant, and then onwards to the district officer (superintendent/inspector) for their direction."

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- So if an investigation file came to me or a crime Α. file came to me and I saw something lacking on it, I would send it straight back to the guard and ask them, this is what is missing from this, can you please add it in and I'll submit it up. Sometimes I would miss one or two things, then it goes up to the superintendent or inspector and they would see it and they will send it back down to me, on to the garda.
- 25 The superintendent, I mean obviously he came in, he 393 Q. sort of issued a lot of directives and gave different 26 27 instructions over the period of months since he had 28 been appointed. But was he stricter with Garda Keogh 29 or was he in your opinion evenhanded in dealing with

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              files that came to him?
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              Well, I can only speak for my own unit, and any files I
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              would have submitted, if there were anomalies they
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              would have came back, no matter what guard it was.
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              Even if it was my own files I was submitting, if there
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              was anomalies he would have returned it to me.
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              couldn't see Garda Keogh being picked out for special
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              treatment in that case.
              Yes. Well, looking at the theft of the Dublin Road
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              trailer incident?
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              Yes.
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              That's at page 213. That occurred on the night of, I
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              think, Saturday/Sunday, 7th/8th August?
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         Α.
              7th/8th August, yes.
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              That's your signature at the bottom?
         Q.
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              It is, yes.
         Α.
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              And the writing there:
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              "CCTV viewed to no avail as of poor quality."
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         Α.
              Yes.
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              "No ID for suspects."
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         Q.
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              Is that Garda Keogh's handwriting?
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              That's my handwriting.
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              That's your handwriting?
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              Yes.
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              Did you record that from what he told you, is it?
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              On reading the crime file itself, on not speaking to
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         Α.
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              Garda Keogh, I would have read what he had written on
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1			all the fields in the next couple of pages. The	
2			sergeant, where it says "remarks to supervisor", will	
3			give a summary of what's contained in the file and if	
4			there is not enough sufficient evidence in that, that's	
5			what I wrote, no CCTV, no ID	12:34
6	401	Q.	The next page then, for instance, box 12 on page 214	
7			there?	
8		Α.	Yes. Garda Keogh completed that. That's the second	
9			page of that form.	
10	402	Q.	Okay. So was that filled in before you filled in the	12:34
11			first part?	
12		Α.	It's an A4 folded in two. So it's the one form, it's	
13			four pages. It's all the one sheet, if you open it out	
14			it's an A3 size but it's folded in half.	
15	403	Q.	Okay.	12:34
16		Α.	So it contains four different sheets, let's say.	
17	404	Q.	So the information in box 12, that's on it?	
18		Α.	That would be all completed before I	
19	405	Q.	Before you fill in the remarks of supervisor?	
20		Α.	Yes, yes.	12:34
21	406	Q.	And that was filled in in that way when you received it	
22			then and dealt with it?	
23		Α.	Correct.	
24	407	Q.	We know ultimately the crime was solved, the accused	
25			were prosecuted and convicted, etcetera?	12:34
26		Α.	Yes.	
27	408	Q.	It didn't appear obviously that there was perhaps	
28			another source of footage?	
29		Α.	No, on reading this crime file on its face, I have no	

- indication that Garda Keogh had sourced other CCTV.

  2 409 Q. All right. So you had no reason to require him to do
- 4 A. Correct, yes.
- 5 410 Q. From your perception?

anything further yourself?

6 A. I was taking what he had said on the face, that there

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- 7 was no CCTV, so I assumed he would have tried to
- 8 cultivate all CCTV that was available. I took him at
- 9 his word and I sent it forward to the superintendent.
- 10 411 Q. Yes. Superintendent Murray raised a query, which the 12:35
- 11 Tribunal has seen, at 215 there?
- 12 A. Yes.

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- 13 412 Q. About the CCTV. There's a reply then on the next page
- from Garda Keogh. You must have transmitted that to
- 15 him?
- 16 A. I did, yes.
- 17 413 Q. Yes. Number 3 is the reply to that one?
- 18 A. Yes.

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- 19 414 Q. It says:
- 21 "Garda CCTV stored on computer. Incident happened at
- 22 night. Quality is poor."
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 415 Q. It would appear from the Pulse record we have seen that
- 25 Garda Keogh hadn't received the -- or there is
- certainly no mention of receiving the footage or the
- 27 statement?
- 28 A. Yes.
- 29 416 Q. CHAIRMAN: That was a long shot anyway, wasn't it?

- 1 A. It was. Well, yes, it would be done.
- 2 417 Q. CHAIRMAN: I mean as it happened?
- 3 A. As it happened, it did turn out to be successful, yes.
- 4 418 Q. CHAIRMAN: In the unlikely event it happened, that the
- 5 thieves stopped for petrol at another -- which had to

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- 6 be a pretty long shot?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 419 Q. CHAIRMAN: But full marks to Garda Keogh for thinking,
- 9 look, I'll exclude the possibility. But he probably
- 10 wasn't pinning any hopes that --
- 11 A. No, because the Garda CCTV actually covers their route
- from, let's say, the town the whole way out to that
- filling station. And I did was like -- it was poor
- 14 quality.
- 15 420 Q. CHAIRMAN: I follow. You might see something passing
- or something like that, is that right, they wouldn't
- 17 have to be --

Yes.

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- 18 A. Yes, sort of depending on a shop that has close CCTV.
- 19 421 Q. CHAIRMAN: Okay. Still, it was a good piece of work?

To think that that might be the case.

- 22 422 Q. MR. McGUINNESS: That was brought to your attention
- later because you reported it up on the 28th August
- 24 yourself?

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25 A. Yes.

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- 26 423 Q. At page 217, isn't that correct?
- 27 A. That's correct, yes.
- 28 424 Q. Then, you reported further on the basis of another
- report from Garda Keogh, at page 220, which brought it

1			into September then at this stage?	
2		Α.	Yes.	
3	425	Q.	In which the position is made clear beyond doubt?	
4		Α.	Yes.	
5	426	Q.	As to what he had done and what was done and what was	12:37
6			recovered, isn't that right?	
7		Α.	Yes, that's correct. When he received the CCTV, myself	
8			and another colleague sat down with him in the back	
9			office.	
10	427	Q.	Yes.	12:37
11		Α.	And helped him download it and helped him, let's say,	
12			put it on discs to be forwarded to the collator and to	
13			Ballinasloe Garda station. So that's how it was	
14			transmitted onwards, with the assistance of Garda	
15			Linnane, who was mentioned earlier.	12:38
16	428	Q.	I think ultimately when it came to execute the arrests	
17			of the suspects and attend court, Garda Keogh hadn't	
18			been able to come in to duty?	

19 A. Yes.

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20 429 Q. There had been Haddington Road hours assigned to be fulfilled in that regard, is that right?

Yeah, I was made aware that the suspects were due in

- Naas court, I think it was on the 18th, I think. I asked Detective Sergeant Curley for assistance from his unit to assist Garda Keogh to go to Naas court to arrest the suspects.
- 27 430 Q. Yes.
- A. I think it was on Monday that week Garda Keogh rang me to say that he didn't think he would be in a position

Т			to make it on the wednesday, because I think he	
2			relapsed into his drinking and had met an ex girlfriend	
3			or something like that. So anyway, I asked him for	
4			permission to retrieve the file from his locker, which	
5			he gave me permission to do and I did. And I passed it	12:38
6			on to Garda Brian Lynskey, who was another member from	
7			the detective branch, who arrested the accused and	
8			brought it to a successful conclusion.	
9	431	Q.	The issue of Mulligan's?	
10		Α.	Yes.	12:39
11	432	Q.	Had that file been submitted to your arrival or were	
12			you involved in that?	
13		Α.	I think I was involved in it, yes.	
14	433	Q.	Yes. The queries were sent down on the same memos as	
15			the superintendent	12:39
16		Α.	Yeah, they seemed to cross in yeah.	
17	434	Q.	Was there anything wrong or unusual in that?	
18		Α.	Not really, because the files were sent on the same	
19			number, same sergeants, same unit, so they probably	
20			just all that came back down together, yeah.	12:39
21	435	Q.	In relation to the nomination of a certain family as	
22			suspects?	
23		Α.	Yes.	
24	436	Q.	Would you consider it appropriate to have had them	
25			ruled out definitively one way or another if possible?	12:39
26		Α.	I would, yes, because a connection of that family were	
27			actually living on that same road, while the family	
28			that was nominated were the other far side of town and	
29			were active in similar type of crime in the town. But	

Τ			the family, they had extended family living on the same	
2			road, so it was important to out rule them in the	
3			investigation of it anyway.	
4	437	Q.	In relation to an annual leave cancellation application	
5			made to you?	12:40
6		Α.	Yes.	
7	438	Q.	I think you forwarded that as recommended, but were you	
8			aware	
9		Α.	No, I forwarded it as an error, I put down application	
10			approved, where I should have put down application	12:40
11			recommended.	
12	439	Q.	I see. Did you believe at the time that you were	
13			entitled to approve that?	
14		Α.	I should have wrote recommended.	
15	440	Q.	Recommended, okay.	12:40
16		Α.	You can have no authority to approve leave or a	
17			cancellation.	
18	441	Q.	Can you recollect, did you have any, as it were,	
19			face-to-face discussion with Garda Keogh as to why he	
20			was seeking it?	12:40
21		Α.	No. It was just left in the unit C tray for me to	
22			write on when	
23	442	Q.	I think you, as we have seen, obviously, forwarded the	
24			superintendent's decision?	
25		Α.	Yes.	12:41
26	443	Q.	And you wrote a memo saying that he could reapply if he	
27			wanted to bring any further matters to the	
28			superintendent's attention?	
29		Α.	Yes.	

- 1 444 Q. He didn't do so, as it turned out?
- 2 A. To date I have received no correspondence back, no.
- 3 445 Q. Okay. The issue of the robbery of the taxi driver and
- 4 the crime file relating to that. I think you brought

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- 5 it to the Tribunal's attention that you had sent an
- 6 e-mail, I think at 4:33 in the morning, to the
- 7 superintendent's office about that?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 446 Q. Isn't that correct?
- 10 A. Yes. I was at the scene with Garda Keogh and Garda
- 11 Glennon.
- 12 447 Q. Yes.
- 13 A. They were there initially at first and I arrived
- shortly afterwards.
- 15 448 Q. Yes.
- 16 A. So, as per protocol, before the end of tour duty, any
- important incident had to be reported to the district
- officer so that it would be taken up the next morning.
- 19 449 Q. Yes.
- 20 A. So, if I didn't attend and solely the guard was there,
- I would ask the guard to send the report to me, if I
- was working.
- 23 450 Q. Yes.
- 24 A. Then I would forward it on to the district office. But
- in this event I was actually working at the scene that
- 26 night, so I did the report myself.
- 27 451 Q. Yes. In relation to Garda Keogh's evidence in relation
- to that matter, can you enlighten us as to what
- 29 happened thereafter then?

- 1 A. In relation to the investigation? 2 452 Q. Yes.
- A. Yes. We finished work that night and we had no further part in the investigation. I had none and Garda
- 5 Keogh -- my unit had no further -- 12:42
- 6 453 Q. Did you know whether Garda Keogh was going off duty?
- 7 A. Yeah, we were all finished that night.
- 8 454 Q. Or on leave?
- 9 A. Yes.

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- 10 455 Q. Yes?
- 11 A. Yes. We finished nights that night and we were going 12 on four rest days following that.
- 13 456 Q. Did you have any more involvement in that?
- A. No, just the initial night, we done initial inquiries
  on the night with the members who were working, and
  looked after the taxi driver, seized the car as part of

the driver was unsure of where it happened and Garda

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- evidence, because that was our scene as such, because
- Keogh took some items of clothes, which went on to the property store, but after that, no.
- 21 457 Q. You did send in one report from Garda Keogh on the 5th October, isn't that correct? Page 233.
- 23 A. No. that's a different incident.
- 24 458 Q. That's a different incident?
- 25 A. That's a different robbery.
- 26 459 Q. Sorry, that's the robbery from the person?
- 27 A. That's correct, yes.
- 28 460 Q. In relation to the issue of commendations?
- 29 A. Yes.

- Garda Keogh has noted in your diary that you said you 1 461 Q. 2 would apply for commendations for all concerned. you have a discussion with Garda Keogh about that? 3
- I have no recollection of it but I may have said it, 4 Α. 5 but I can't say yes or no. 12:44

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- 6 462 There doesn't appear to be any report or memo from you Q. 7 or note applying for a commendation, in terms of a
- 8 Garda commendation?
- No, because I didn't. 9 Α.
- Whether on an EPW1 or not? 10 463 Q.
- 11 I didn't apply for any. Α.
- 12 464 For any member? Q.
- For any member. 13 Α.
- 14 465 Q. Yes.
- 15 I just applied for the Seiko Just in Time award. Α.
- 16 Did any member raise any issue with you about that? 466 Q.
- 17 Α. No.
- 18 whether it's a failure about it or a failure to do it 467 Q. 19 or a complaint about not doing it?
- 20 Α. No. 12:44
- 21 468 There was obviously an application made directly within Q. 22 a month for a Seiko Just in Time award --
- 23 Yes. Α.
- 24 -- under the Irish Water Safety award system. Were you 469 Q.
- 25 aware of that and did you support that?
- 26 I completed the application. Α.
- 27 470 I think Garda Keogh ultimately did turn up at Q.
- Dublin Castle --28
- He did. 29 Α.

- 1 471 Q. -- to get that, on the 8th November?
- 2 A. Yes. I gave his invitation to Inspector Minnock, who
- was his liaison person at the time, he hand-delivered
- 4 it, I believe, to Garda Keogh. The Water Safety
- 5 Commission were on to me to see was Garda Keogh going

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- 6 to attend, because they wanted an idea of numbers, but
- 7 I got no reply until the day, he turned up on the day.
- 8 472 Q. Yes.
- 9 A. Where we all received the same award.
- 10 473 Q. Yes. You say in your statement at paragraph 5.3:

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- "I received no reply to the invitation from Garda
- 13 Keogh. He then arrived at the ceremony to receive the
- 14 award. I deny the assertion made by Garda Keogh that
- he was denied a commendation for this incident and that 12:45
- he single handedly pulled the female from the water as
- this was a group effort."
- 18 A. Correct. I was in the station at the time when the
- call came in. I detailed two patrol cars, Garda Keogh
- being one, to the scene. I walked down from the
- station, which is approximately 300 metres, I suppose,
- to the scene. There was a lady in the water, who had
- rang, called in herself, she left her property on the
- bank of the river further down. She was swimming up and down about 10 feet from the shoreline and Garda
- 26 Keogh had a lifebuoy, trying to throw it in to her.
- 27 But she was communicating with her at all times and she
- was in no distress or danger. But then we could see
- her, let's say, failing, running out of steam, so Garda

- 1 Keogh, Garda Moore and Garda Glennon got into a rowboat
- that was moored at the side of the river. I coaxed the
- 3 lady over beside the boat and the three of them pulled

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- 4 her into a slip way down the river and we got her
- 5 medical attention.
- 6 474 Q. He has given evidence to the Tribunal about
- 7 commendations or incidents in respect of which he
- 8 believed he should have got commendations but for
- 9 Superintendent Murray's view.
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 475 Q. First of all, were you aware of the detail of those two
- 12 incidents, a burglary and --
- 13 A. Burglary, no. The robbery from the taximan I was
- involved in, yes, and the rescue I was involved in.
- 15 476 Q. Yes.
- 16 A. So I would have been -- I would have known of two of
- them, yes.
- 18 477 Q. In relation to the robbery from the taximan.
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 478 Q. That, as we know, developed into an investigation of
- 21 another related incident --
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 479 Q. -- involving the same suspects, etcetera.
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 480 Q. But was it you who applied for a commendation in
- respect of the investigation of those two incidents?
- 27 A. No, I had no part in the investigation from that night.
- 28 481 Q. Yes.
- 29 A. It was handed over to the detective branch the next

1			morning and they completed a full investigation	
2			subsequently.	
3	482	Q.	Were you aware of any efforts or intention or decision	
4			to exclude Garda Keogh from the prospect of a	
5			commendation in respect of either the burglary or the	12:47
6			taxi driver incident?	
7		Α.	Well, I can only speak in relation to the taxi driver,	
8			I was there on the scene, Garda Keogh went there, none	
9			of the three of us got a commendation and there was no	
10			issue on my behalf anyway.	12:48
11	483	Q.	Yes. I mean, would the first responders who don't or	
12			didn't take part of any of the subsequent in-depth	
13			investigation of it, would you expect to get a	
14			commendation?	
15		Α.	Only if you done something exceptional when you were	12:48
16			first responder there. That if you saved someone's	
17			life, let's say, if the taxi driver was bleeding to	
18			death and you administered, let's say, urgent CPR or	
19			first aid to him, yes, possibly in that circumstance.	
20			But, no, in the normal course of work you are dealing	12:48
21			with what's in front of you and you secure the scene as	
22			best you can. There's nothing exceptional in that. It	
23			is just our normal tour of duty like.	
24	484	Q.	You refer in your statement, at paragraph 6.5 onwards,	
25			to a number of issues relating to Garda Keogh failing	12:48
26			to perform hours of duty. They appear to be	
27			principally in the period after he was confined to	
28			indoor duties there. You're referring to the 13th	
29			November onwards, the 22nd November, the 3rd December,	

1 the 22nd December? 2 Mm-hmm. Α. Did you notice any deterioration in Garda Keogh's 3 485 Ο. performance from July/August onwards? 4 5 No, not generally. His attendance was sporadic but, Α. 12:49 6 no, he was fine. He was mainly working night shifts, 7 late shifts, worked very little early shifts. I think 8 on the duration of his tours, indoor duties, two earlies, five lates and seven nights I think. 9 10 Yes. 486 Q. 12 · 49 11 So I wouldn't have seen him because I wouldn't have Α. 12 been on the nights or lates, because I was in the IC's 13 position at that stage. 14 487 Q. Yes. 15 So I wouldn't see him on the early days. Α. 12:50 16 On the issue of confinement to indoor duties. 488 Yes. Ο. 17 Α. Yes. 18 489 Did Superintendent Murray discuss that with you in any Q. way beforehand? 19 20 Α. No. 12:50 Or afterwards? 21 490 0. 22 No. Α. 23 Were you responsible for rostering Garda Keogh then? 491 Q. 24 As sergeant in charge, I was still over the unit, I Α. 25 would have -- he was detailed PO, it was the only 12:50 position of indoor duty we had available at the time. 26 27 492 Do you have any knowledge or evidence of any targeting Q. 28 that you saw of Garda Keogh by any superior officer? 29 Not by a superior officer.

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1	493	Q.	At any time?	
2		Α.	No. Not by anybody of any rank, in my time in Athlone	
3			anyway.	
4	494	Q.	Were you aware of any management bias against him in	
5			any form or fashion?	12:50
6		Α.	No.	
7			MR. McGUINNESS: would you answer any questions.	
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9			END OF EXAMINATION	
10				12:51
11			CHAIRMAN: Yes.	
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13			SERGEANT DERMOT MONAGHAN WAS CROSS-EXAMINED BY MR.	
14			O' BRI EN, AS FOLLOWS:	
15				12:51
16	495	Q.	MR. O'BRIEN: Sergeant Monaghan, just moving back to	
17			the issue of Garda Keogh's application to cancel the	
18			day's annual leave.	
19		Α.	Yes.	
20	496	Q.	I think you deal with this at page 611 of your	12:51
21			statement, it's at paragraph 4.1. You set out at the	
22			bottom of that paragraph the reason for the request was	
23			to attend at Portlaoise to meet with GSOC. You were	
24			presumably aware of the reason as to why he wished to	
25			cancel day's the annual leave, were you?	12:51
26		Α.	Just what he had written on the form. I had never	
27			known he was attending GSOC at the time. And seemingly	
28			he a meeting the night before with the superintendent,	
29			but I wasn't aware of it.	

1	497	Q.	Having seen the form, you were satisfied or you were	
2			minded to grant his application or even recommend the	
3			application?	
4		Α.	I could recommend the application, yes, on what he was	
5			telling me, yes.	12:51
6	498	Q.	We know that the application was sent on to	
7			Superintendent Murray, who refused it in the absence of	
8			any proper explanation?	
9		Α.	Yes.	
10	499	Q.	Were you surprised at that, just given the content of	12:51
11			the application form?	
12		Α.	No.	
13			MR. O'BRIEN: I don't have any further questions.	
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15			END OF EXAMINATION	12:52
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17			CHAIRMAN: Anybody else.	
18			MR. MÍCHEÁL O'HIGGINS: I have one or two questions,	
19			Chairman.	
20			CHAIRMAN: Yes, Mr. O'Higgins.	12:52
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22			SERGEANT DERMOT MONAGHAN WAS CROSS-EXAMINED BY MR.	
23			MÍCHEÁL O'HIGGINS, AS FOLLOWS:	
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25	500	Q.	MR. MÍCHEÁL O'HIGGINS: Sergeant Monaghan, on the same	12:52
26			page of your statement, on page 611, can I ask you one	
27			or two questions surrounding paragraph 3.5. You	
28			mention at paragraph 3.5 that Garda Keogh intended to	
29			call in sick when he was scheduled to work on the day	

1			shift?	
2		Α.	Yes.	
3	501	Q.	That's your recollection?	
4		Α.	That's my recollection. On some mornings I would have	
5			got phone calls on the way to work from Garda Keogh	12:52
6			stating that he wouldn't be in here, to mark me down	
7			sick when you go in. You know, that's what happens,	
8			not every morning he went sick but some mornings I	
9			would have got a phone call on the way in.	
10	502	Q.	CHAIRMAN: What hours would the day shift be?	12:52
11		Α.	Start at 7:00am to 5:00pm.	
12	503	Q.	MR. MÍCHEÁL O'HIGGINS: You know, if you received that	
13			phone call, would it cause any disruption or would it	
14			be something	
15		Α.	Well, I wouldn't know until I got into work to see what	12:53
16			resources I would had available to me. Some days you'd	
17			have enough cover, other days you'd be short, yes. It	
18			could effect, yeah, the day-to-day work. But, as I	
19			said, until I arrived into work, I wouldn't know what	
20			was available for the day.	12:53
21	504	Q.	CHAIRMAN: Sorry 7:00 to	
22		Α.	7:00 to 5:00.	
23	505	Q.	MR. MÍCHEÁL O'HIGGINS: You were asked by	
24			Mr. McGuinness a couple of questions relating to the	
25			crime files?	12:53
26		Α.	Yes.	
27	506	Q.	Did you also deal with crime files for other members of	
28			unit C?	
29		Α.	I had eight members on unit C, so I would have output	

1			crime files for each member, yes.	
2	507	Q.	And they would generally buy into the process that	
3		Α.	There was buy in. I suppose reluctancy initially	
4			because it was new to members, but when they saw the	
5			benefits of it, yes, there was huge buy in. And the	12:53
6			same system is currently running and it's running	
7			effectively and efficiently. And they knew it was	
8			safeguarding themselves from getting in bother. So,	
9			you know, once they bought into that, you know, it is a	
10			good system.	12:54
11			MR. MÍCHEÁL O'HIGGINS: Thanks very much.	
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13			END OF EXAMINATION	
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15			CHAIRMAN: Okay.	12:54
16			MS. O'ROURKE: I don't have any questions.	
17			CHAIRMAN: Thanks very much.	
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19			SERGEANT DERMOT MONAGHAN WAS RE-EXAMINED BY MR.	
20			McGuinness, as follows:	12:54
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22	508	Q.	MR. McGUINNESS: Just a couple of details I perhaps	
23			should have asked you. After the confinement to indoor	
24			duties?	
25		Α.	Yes.	12:54
26	509	Q.	Did Garda Keogh raise any query or complaint with you?	
27		Α.	None whatsoever, no.	
28	510	Q.	Had you a good working relationship with him at that	
29			time?	

Τ		Α.	Yes, I felt he, and any time he needed help with files	
2			I would have given him a hand with files and he would	
3			have came in on sick days with sick certs to hand them	
4			personally and I would have went through his locker	
5			with him at his behest to give him a dig out with stuff	12:54
6			in cases he fell behind with, yes.	
7	511	Q.	I think you told the Chairman that you did detail him	
8			then for indoor duty in the public office?	
9		Α.	Yes.	
10	512	Q.	That first duty was I think designated to commence on	12:54
11			the 29th October?	
12		Α.	I think so, yes.	
13	513	Q.	Then you give different dates in paragraph 3.2 onwards,	
14			when he came in and out of duty and went off duty sick,	
15			isn't that correct?	12:55
16		Α.	Yes, that's correct.	
17	514	Q.	Paragraph 3.2 onwards to 3.4. That gives an accurate	
18			account, does it?	
19		Α.	Of my recollection of an accurate account of what his	
20			work style was at the time, yes.	12:55
21			MR. McGUINNESS: Thank you.	
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23			END OF EXAMINATION	
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25			CHAIRMAN: Nothing arising out of that? Very good.	12:55
26			Thanks very much.	
27			THE WITNESS: Thank you, Chairman.	
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29			THE WITNESS THEN WITHDREW	

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2	MR. McGUINNESS: Chairman, that's the last witness for	
3	today, we have accelerated through the list.	
4	CHAIRMAN: Okay, well that's the way it happens, that's	
5	not a problem.	12:55
6	MR. McGUINNESS: It is intended to recommence on Monday	
7	morning with Superintendent Alan Murray.	
8	CHAIRMAN: Very good.	
9	MR. McGUINNESS: To be followed by Chief Superintendent	
10	Lorraine Wheatley.	12:55
11	CHAIRMAN: Very good. Everybody knows that. We have	
12	the schedule and everybody knows what the schedule is.	
13	Very good. Thanks very much. So we have an early day.	
14	Very good. Thank you very much.	
15		12:55
16	THE HEARING THEN ADJOURNED UNTIL MONDAY, 27TH JANUARY	
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