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MS. MCGRATH Now, good morning, Chairman. We're just continuing with the evidence of Inspector O'Sullivan. CHA RMAN Thank you very much. Good morning inspector, thank you very much for coming back. That's great.
THE WTNESS: Good morning.

## I NSPECTOR ANTHONY O SULLI VAN CONTI NUED TO BE

DI RECTLY- EXAM NED BY ME. MEGRATH, AS FOLLOVE:
Q. MG. MEGRATH Now, inspector, we finished some of the issues on Tuesday evening and I said there was just -in fact there's about three more issues that I would just like to go through some documentation with you?
A. Yeah.

1 Q. Okay. The next issue that I'd like you to assist the tribunal on, on the issue paper it's issue 3 H , and again this is an allegation in respect of Superintendent Comyns and/or Chief Superintendent Dillane targeting or discrediting Sergeant Barry by making implicit criticism of Sergeant Barry, including requiring him to make a report in respect of a fatal fire that occurred on the 9th April 2013. Now, we know that, as we were dealing with on Tuesday evening, we know that you were in the station that night with the chief superintendent, isn't that right?
A. That's correct, was 9th Apri1 2013.

2 Q. Okay. And had you met with Mr. Barry and you went off duty at 10 pm , isn't that right?
A. That's correct.

3 Q. okay. Before we just get into the actual events of the night, one of the issues we have been looking at in the tribunal is the circular on critical incidents, and you'd be aware of that, isn't that right?
A. I would be.

4 Q. Now it's been opened a number of times to the Chairman and just for the transcript, it's at page 734. And you'd be aware, inspector, it refers to two reports, a 30-minute report effectively after the incident occurs and then a report the following morning, isn't that right?
A. That's correct.

5 Q. And that's very much summarising it, isn't it?
A. That's correct.

6 Q. Can I just ask you some general questions about this circular. First of all, in relation to the report
that's to be made within 30 minutes of the incident occurring, now you'11 see there if you go down -sorry, if you just stay there, Mr. Kavanagh. "All the critical incidents will be reported to office of Deputy Commi ssi oner Oper ations by regional of fices within 30 mi nutes of the inci dent occurring." Now, when Mr. Barry was giving his direct evidence on Day 176, he was asked who would do this particular report and he said it was the radio room personne1 who'd take in the

999 calls. What's your view on that? Is that how it happens, with a 30-minute incident report?
A. I can't really answer the 30 -minute one, but I presume it goes in from somebody who is working at the time.
7 Q. But I mean, you have critical incidents regularly, I would imagine, in the division, and you are a core inspector in Fermoy, what happens with the 30-minute notification?
A. Well, if it was the day time obviously we'd on to the regional office right away.
8 Q. Who would be on, sorry?
A. The superintendent.

9 Q. The superintendent?
A. Or if I was acting, it would be me.

10 Q. okay. And then if it's not the day time?
A. There would be a report go in from the sergeant at nighttime. I don't believe if it's one o'clock at night, that there's anybody that rang up at the middle of the night. It's my understanding from my old days in Mitchelstown with Mr. Barry, a report would go into the superintendent, he'd make sure it'd be delivered to the station.

11 Q. No, but can we just stay with the 30 -minute
notification. Let's keep them very separate, inspector. With the 30-minute notification, you are saying that during day time hours --
A. I think that refers to day time. I can't see the time on it here now, but I think that refers to day time.
12 Q. Well, it deals with normal office hours and outside
office hours there's a mobile number given, isn't that right?
A. I don't believe anybody would be rang at one or two o'clock in the morning to say there's such a fire after occurring.
Q. okay, but I suppose the question I'm asking you is a very simple one: who does it?
A. It would be somebody working in the nighttime. So I accept if it's nighttime it would be given in by the radio, whoever took the call.

So you're accepting Sergeant Barry was correct when he said it would be the radio room personne1 that might do this?
A. I can't answer you a hundred percent who does it but I would take it somebody working at the time would do it. I believe the 30 -minute is in relation to the day time, which would be done by the superintendent or the acting superintendent.
Q. And then in the evening, you're not able to assist us, are you?
A. It would be somebody -- well, if it's six o'clock in the evening I have no issue, but what I am saying is, if it's after midnight that $I$ don't believe Sergeant Terry would be woken up at two o'clock in the morning to tell her something that can be on her desk in the morning, that's what I'm saying.

We11, you see, I'm sorry, inspector, that's not particularly clear. what I'm asking you is, because this incident did happen late the night, so in relation
to the 30 -minute incident report, it is his evidence that the radio room personnel call it in and I'm asking you in your view is that correct or incorrect?
A. The 30 -minute one?

## 17 Q. Yes.

A. I believe possibly whoever took the call could notify them. What I am saying is, that during the night, at two o'clock in the morning, I actually don't believe that Sergeant Terry is awoken in bed to tell her something that can be at her desk in the morning when she arrives into work.
18 Q. But as I say, let's again just have a very straight answer in the sense of, at nighttime in those out of office hours, who makes the call?
A. I believe it's someone from the working crew, that's how I can put it to you.

19 Q. So not the radio room personne1? You see, I think earlier you agreed with me that it was?
A. It could be, it could be is the answer. What I am saying to you is, that if somebody rang me and told me at 12 or one o'clock at night, I would not wake up Sergeant Terry to tell her something. If the scene is being preserved and everything done, why would I wake somebody in their bed to tell them something that could be on their desk when they arrived at a quarter past eight.
20 Q. well, you see, the circular requires this and I think we have been spending a lot of time on what's mandated by the circular. So it mandates a 30 minute
notification, isn't that right?
A. But I don't believe that says one o'clock in the morning. That's my reading of it, that you're talking about day time.
21 Q
Well, $I$ think, inspector, in plain English, it's
looking for a 30-minute report and during normal hours it's indicating how that is to be done and outside office hours it's indicating how that is to be done?
A. Well, I'm sorry, Ms. McGrath, I will give you the same answer. If I was working, I don't think I would wake Sergeant Terry at two o'clock in the morning to tell her something that can be on her desk at 8.15, providing everything is done at the scene.
22 Q. Now, I think it is the case that on the night of the 9th April you did not call in the 30-minute notification?
A. No, I didn't.

23 Q. You didn't?
A. No, I have no issue with that.

24 Q. Do you know who did that night?
A. I don't believe -- I don't know is the answer, but again, I would say to you, I finished sat ten o'clock that night, $I$ believe the file was around 11 o'clock, I came off duty, that was $20: 13$, I would have four kids from 14 down to four, I was off duty, Garda ward did ring me in the presence of Sergeant Barry at the scene and I did get a call, $I$ think he said numerous calls, I would say I got one call from Garda ward. I didn't notify the 30 -minute call, as you say, because I didn't
think it would be done that time at night.
25 Q.
A.
A. What I say to you, Ms. McGrath, and I'm sorry, I can't help the tribunal any more. If it was late at night, 11 or 12 o'clock, I would not ring up Sergeant Terry to tell her there has been a fire in Kilbeheny. If Mr. Barry says that the radio room did it, I take it they did it, if he says the radio room did it.
It is Mr. Barry's evidence and we can look at it if you 11:15 want, but he says that that should have been done by the divisional officer in Fermoy, to the people who take the 999 calls?
A. But there's nobody in the divisional office in Fermoy, Ms. McGrath, after five o'clock in the evening, there'd 11:15 be nobody there. But if it's the person who took the 999 cal1, you're saying, maybe in the public office?
27 Q. Well, that is his evidence, that it is the radio room personne1, and that is either correct or incorrect in your view? what is your view?
A. It's somebody working, Ms. McGrath. I cannot put the issue any further. If somebody rings -- I certainly wouldn't ring up at that time of night to tell somebody that. I would have it in the morning.
28 Q. Okay, I think we will just move on from that. In 11:15 relation to the second requirement. If we just go back up there, Mr. Kavanagh. So, it says:

[^0]the inci dent si gned by the rel evant di strict of ficer, acting district officer or superintendent on call will be forwarded to the regi onal office via e-mail."

And it gives the details there, before 8.15 on the following morning day. Okay. So again it mandates another action that must be carried out in relation to a critical incident, isn't that right?
A. That's correct.

So it must be signed, would you accept it must be signed by the district officer or the acting district officer or a superintendent on call?
A. That's correct.

30 Q. I think that you didn't sign any report the following day, is that right?
A. No.
A. It's my -- I was, I'm aware about the day time one, I'm fully aware of that. And what I am saying is, that I believe the superintendent or acting superintendent would make out that report based on a report that should be forwarded by the unit that was working at night. That's my understanding.
32 Q. okay. But what I am asking you, inspector, is you
A. I didn't, I probably wasn't even there the following morning. But I didn't, the answer to that is no, and, Chairman, I did not sign any report.

33 Q. I suppose can I ask you, just moving away from that night in question, can you tell the Chairman what's commonly done on the following morning in respect of any critical incident?
A. I would say even any type of an incident like that, the 11:17 superintendent is not working at night unless he's called out to an incident. He is relying solely on his unit to perform their duties, and as I say, when I was in Mitchelstown in the early 2000s with Mr. Barry, always we made sure if something happened that a report 11:17 was delivered to Fermoy Garda Station. And even if I was at home, I would say, make sure that goes in the super's post, it's not left behind in the station, it's in the super's post for the morning. And that is an ongoing practice that has been there as long as I am in 11:18 the Garda Síochána. It's an ongoing practice, even before any critical investigation was thought of. Basically because the superintendent could come in the morning and he would get a call from somebody, it could be the media, and he'd know nothing about the incident. 11:18 So if anything happens during the night, be it a critical incident or other, $I$ believe whether it's the guard wrote it out but the sergeant would ensure to write superintendent Fermoy, forwarded for your information, and he'd sign it.
But we will come in a moment, inspector, to the sergeant's duty. I am just talking about in your capacity, acting district officer duty. So, you have an obligation under this critical incident circular,
isn't that right?
A. I would. As I said to you, Ms. McGrath, if I was acting that day inside in Fermoy Garda Station and I'm not so sure, $I$ don't believe I was, if I was I would expect a report to be on my desk in relation to that and I would read the report first thing and I would expect maybe to have urgent written on the envelope. okay. Can I ask you to look at your statement, please, inspector. It's at 5336. Now, again I just want to stay with the generalities for the moment. At 5336, that paragraph starting with "Later that ni ght" if you can go down, Mr. Kavanagh, please. Just midway through that paragraph there, if we can just stop. We'11 talk about the phone calls and everything in a moment. But you say:
"However, I believe all such criminal investigations are reported by the duty sergeant to di strict of fice bef ore 8.15 the following day."
okay. So you're using the words you believe. I just
want to ask you about why you say you believe that's the case. It doesn't appear to be written down anywhere?
A. Look, Ms. McGrath, I could say I know or I believe. I made that statement long before that and I said it earlier, I have been -- know, I won't use the word believe, I know that such report has always been sent in by the sergeant working to the superintendent, the whole system grinds to a halt if we don't have it. You continue in that paragraph, you say, "I do not bel i eve appropri ate report was forwarded by a working unit." why do you use the words "working unit", can you just assist the Chairman on that?
A. I believe there was only one working unit working at the time, and it's my understanding that the sergeant does not have to make out the report verbatim but he should have a read of the report, that it contains the required information that the superintendent would be looking for, and he should write at the bottom of that report, superintendent, Fermoy, forwarded for your information, signed and the station stamp. That's my understanding.
38 Q. I just think the use of the words "working unit", can you te11 the Chairman, it would seem to suggest a member of that investigation team on the critical incident, again staying with generalities?
A. No, sorry, in relation to the report sent in for the criminal incident, the working unit is the unit that's rostered, there would on7y be one unit working at lam
at night, and I mean that unit. Like the person out at the scene, that person may not have to come into the station to write the report. If that is relayed to the person in the station. The person at the scene may not be in a position to leave the scene, but the person can 11:21 ensure that that report is forwarded to the superintendent and that's what the superintendent will look for. And I said, Ms. McGrath, as we11 and I go back, I think the envelope should be marked urgent if it's a criminal incident.
39 Q. Inspector, I am just asking you there about your reference to the working unit. There would be more than one person on the working unit, is that right?
A. Oh there'd be a couple in the unit $I$ think probably, would there be three, four, maybe three. There'd be more taking in the district but I presume there would be two in Mitchelstown.
40 Q. Can you just move the microphone, sorry, inspector, just a bit closer to you?
A. Closer to me, is it?

41 Q. Yes, come closer and move it a little bit towards you, perfect?
A. Okay, sorry apologies.
Q. I think, inspector, as you say, there's more than one person on the working unit, isn't that right?
A. That's correct.

43 Q. okay. And just again staying with that sentence "I do not bel i eve the appropriate report was forwarded by the working unit", can you just expand on that and
specifically address whether it could be any member of that working unit?
A. I suppose and I'11 say it again, Ms. McGrath, that the investigating member who was at the scene, be it he or she, that person does not have to come back to the station or leave the scene, they can ring the garda station, get the sergeant to make out the report or get another garda to make out the report. But the main issue is, it's not the audited report, the main issue is that the supervision that the report -- the required 11:23 report goes into the super. I don't think he'd give out if it wasn't forwarded by the sergeant and once he got it. But 99 time times out of a 100 that's what the sergeant is for. The sergeant would say, superintendent, forwarded for your information, and it's signed and station stamp.

44 Q. We11, just there in relation to what you just say, going into the specifics of the night in question, on Day 176, at page 93 , Mr. Barry accepted that it was his duty to ensure there was a report the following morning 11:23 and he instructed Garda ward to complete that report, what do you say to that?
A. Sorry, I missed that sorry?
okay. As I say, Mr. Barry in his evidence, he accepted that it was his duty to ensure that there was a report 11:23 the following morning and that he instructed Garda ward to complete a report. Now what do you say to that? Do you agree with that?
A. It's my understanding a C71, a coroner's report was
forwarded to the garda station, so I do not believe a coroner's report, a c71 -- in older days there was an original two copies, one to the C branch, copied to the coroner, the super wrote on the original, sent it back to the sergeant or guard to investigate it. But in this case I do not believe there was a report forwarded. That's what I meant.
46 Q. Okay, just leave the C71 aside for one moment. What he is saying is, and it's on page 93 there, if you just go down a little bit. Now, first of all he says there, if you look at line 12 , he said "It was wasn't my duty to notify the regi onal office within half an hour of the critical inci dent occurring", do you accept that?
A. Yeah, I'd accept if he said it. I think the issue is about the morning one. I'11 accept the 30 -minute one, I think the issue is the report in the morning.
47 Q. Okay. And that's at line 15?
A. Sorry.

48 Q. He says, yes, and here is the question:
"But do you accept that it was your duty to ensure there was a report by the following morning?
A. I did. I instructed Garda Ward to compl ete his report."

Now, as I say, without reference to the C71, that seems to be just very straightforward, do you accept that there -- is that a reasonable or unreasonable position for Mr. Barry to adopt?
A. I can't accept it and I have to go back, the C71 is internal information for a coroner, date time and when somebody died, other details, whatever happened, that follows. I don't believe it complies with a criminal investigation. And so $I$ have to disagree with it. I don't want to be awkward about it, but they are two different formats.
49 Q. Now, if we look at the night in question, inspector -MR. COSTELLOE: I am sorry, excuse me, Ms. McGrath. Chairman, $I$ don't want to make a big deal out of it, but Ms. McGrath is putting a portion of a question which elicited an answer. It's quite clear that my client clarified the answer in the line subsequent and I wonder if perhaps the portion of the question and the portion of the answer that Ms. McGrath has put would be -- it might provide greater clarity if the balance of the answer that my client gave is put so that the witness can then comment upon it. There's a very clear suggestion being made here that my client is saying what's put in that question and my client in fact clarified that he was dealing with the 30 -minute aspect of the circular if one reads on.

ME. MEGRATH We11, just in plain language. "We're tal king about the report the following morning" in the question and I certain7y would accept that as accepting 11:26 a duty to ensure. But I am open to correction, it does refer to the following morning. I accept as Mr. Costelloe is saying, the next question, 18 says, if you see there inspector:
"Well, there is a difference of opinion, it would seem bet ween yourself and Inspector O Sullivan, you
suggested it was Inspector O Sullivan's duty to provide that report?"

And he's clarifying:
"No, no, no, sorry. I said l could not have notified the regional office within half an hour of the incident 11:27 occurring. "

CHA RMAN I think Ms. McGrath should proceed with her examination and Mr. Costelloe can clarify, can rectify, can refer to any matters that he thinks are arising. I am conscious that -- I am trying to avoid a situation where we're descending into a bit of uncertainty as to which report, the 30 -minute report or the morning after report or the 30 -minute report. So, Ms. McGrath, I think the best thing is for you to proceed and Mr. Costelloe can return to that.

50 Q. M. MEGRATH Certainly, in ease of Mr. Costelloe, I certainly read it as talking about the report the following morning, but if I have done so incorrectly, I am happy to --
CHA RMAN That's a matter -- in the end of the day, we can clarify any of those matters. Insofar as it's necessary, ultimately an appropriate submission can be made. I am alive to that question. But at this moment

I understood that Ms. McGrath was discussing with Inspector o'sullivan the morning after report.

MS. MEGRATH Certainly and, as I say, that's how I read the transcript in question but Mr. Costelloe can correct --

CHA RMAN And what the inspector is saying is, Mr. Barry may well have instructed Garda wall but a C71, his evidence is a C71 is not the report that's required under the directive. That is my understanding as to where we are going. And Mr. Barry, if I remember 11:29 correctly, I may be totally incorrect and probably I shouldn't say this, but I think Mr. Barry maintained that the C71 was a sufficient description.
MS. MtGRATH okay.
CHA RMAN That's what I am understanding. I may be wrong about that, and anybody can correct me, but at this moment the discussion is about the morning after report and Inspector 0'Sullivan says the C71 was not a sufficient report to comply. That's where I understand the -- is that right? Is that where we are at the moment?
A. That's my understanding, Chairman.

CHA RMAN It doesn't mean that anybody is right or wrong, but that is where we are at the moment in the questioning. That is my understanding, Ms. McGrath.
ME. MLGRATH Indeed. And I think you said in your interview, inspector, that you felt that C71 was not sufficient in the circumstances of this incident.
A. That was my view from years ago and it's still my view,

Ms. McGrath, they're two separate things.
52 Q. So $I$ think all in all in relation to the night in question, is it your position then that the circular wasn't complied with, and you use the words "the working unit", is that right?
A. Yes, again I would say, Ms. McGrath, the person who is at the scene does not have to be at author of the report, once somebody in the station -- and it's for the sergeant to make sure it's on the envelope for the super.
okay. Can I just ask you a couple of things in relation to the night in question then. As you say, you went off duty at 10pm, isn't that right?
A. Correct.

54 Q. Then staying with your statement, you say that the person was pronounced dead at 11.50 pm , isn't that right?
A. I would have got that from the information I think, yeah. statement, that you received a phone call from Garda ward, is that right?
A. If it was 11.50 pronounced dead, it's sometime after 11.50.

56 Q. Okay, you say around midnight there?
A. Yes.

57 Q. At page 5336?
A. I would think I had gone home at ten o'clock, I would think it was somewhere between 11 and 12.

58 Q. Now, when you were questioned by the tribunal investigators you said that to the best of your knowledge you phoned Superintendent Comyns after you got that call, is that right?
A. I did. I believe I did.

59 Q. And can you tell the Chairman a little bit about that?
A. I suppose I would just have passed on that a call about the fire in Kilbeheny, I can't recollect everything I said. But I did speak to Superintendent Comyns, that's what I would do in any event if I was informed about something.
60 Q. okay. Let's start with the first call, you say that Garda ward phoned you around midnight, can you tell the Chairman what he told you?
A. What Garda ward told me?

61 Q. Yes.
A. I wouldn't remember exactly what, Chairman, but basically there was a fire and there was a male deceased, the scene was preserved and I went there myself in the morning. That's my understanding.
62 Q. okay. So it sounds it was a very brief phone cal1, is that right, inspector?
A. I couldn't honestly remember the length of the phone cal1 at this stage.
63 Q. And then when you were speaking to Superintendent
Comyns shortly afterwards, again can you assist the Chairman in relation to that conversation?
A. Honestly, I can't recollect everything. I believe I would have passed on the information, that there was a
fire in Kilbeheny and a male was deceased, pronounced dead at the scene.

64 Q. okay. Now, in your interview you told the investigators here that to the best of your recollection you had one phone call with Garda Ward that night, is that right?
A. I still believe I had only one phone call.

65 Q. Okay.
A. But I'm not going to argue if they said they made two phone calls, I definitely had one phone call.
66 Q. Now, if we just look at Garda Ward's report, at 5341. Now, I think you say you hadn't seen this report before matters before the tribunal, but it's at 5341. And he says there that, if you just go to the middle of the paragraph:
"At all times l was available on my mobile phone if there was any issue in rel ation to the incident. । would have gladly taken a call in relation to a matter of such a serious nat ure, as you are aware, and I had regul ar contact with Inspector O Sullivan on the ni ght in question and al so on the morning and afternoon of the postnortem"
okay, so he refers to regular contact.
A. I saw that, Ms. McGrath. The time of the tribunal, speaking with the investigator was my first time seeing that document. I believe I got one phone call, I would need to have some sleep during the night. I did not
have regular contact during the night, but I would have spoken to Garda ward first thing in the morning. If he says regular contact is at 7 am or 7.30 before he went to the PM, but I believe I had one phone call that night.

67 Q. What do you say to Mr. Barry's position that he was in the presence of two phone calls between yourself and Garda ward that night?
A. Mr. Barry didn't speak to me that night, if we're arguing whether it was one or two calls, Ms. McGrath, 11:34 if he says there was two calls, we'11 take it there was two calls. But if there were two calls they were very near together, because I certainly -- if I was awoken again at one or two o'clock in the morning to take another call in relation to this, I would well remember 11:34 it.
68 Q. Okay. Can we just look at Superintendent Comyns' journal at page 730. If we can just move down there to the 9th April. You see there Tuesday, 9th April 2013?
A. Yes, I do, Ms. McGrath.
so if we just go onto the next page, please, Mr. Kavanagh. At 10.42 pm , you see it there, Inspector Tony o'sullivan, fatal fire at [blank], if you can move down. So 10.42 pm "preserve scene for SOC exami nation in the morning and result of postmortem". Now, that is 11:35 10.42 pm . Are you able to assist the Chairman as to why there is a record of a call at that time?
A. Maybe it was after 11 o'clock. And if there was a second call, maybe Garda Ward rang me when he was on
the way out to the scene and I'm not arguing whether it was one call or two calls, but if they were both were before midnight.
Can you tell the Chairman, do you remember what that conversation was about? Can you assist?
A. I wouldn't. I wouldn't, Chairman. I couldn't remember. But if there was two calls. Maybe when he left the garda station he rang to say, we're on the way to a fire and I would have rang the superintendent. Maybe that's what happened. But I definitely -- this regular contact during the night, again I say, if I was woken again at 1 or 2 am in the morning when $I$ would be getting up at 6.30 , $I$ would remember it. So maybe there was two calls, one at 10.45 and one at 11.50 . okay. If we go then into the 10th April, the following day, Superintendent Comyns is recording that -- I think it's 7.33 possibly "Sergeant Li am Kelleher is at scene." And 7.49am you're phoning him, is that right? Can we just go down. "Scenes of crime examiner at the scene. Garda Vard attending --"

Sorry, Mr. Kavanagh, if you just go back up.
"Garda Ward attending post mortemin Li merick at llam"

Do you see that?
A. I do.

72 Q. If you keep going down, at 8.06am he informs Chief Superintendent Dillane regarding the fatal fire. And
then we continue on down. I think there's another phone call or contact with you at 12.44. If we can just go down. "I nspector Tony O Sullivan, fire started in downstairs room mabe where stove is. Postmortem result: Di ed fromsmoke inhal ation."

So there is a lot of contact there between yourself and superintendent in relation to the incident, is that right?
A. That's correct. I would have went straight to that scene in the morning, had this regular contact, if there was two calls before 12 , there was. You can see the time I went to the scene, I would be living in that general area, it would probably take me only about 20 minutes from my house to get there, or 15 minutes. So I accept I was at the scene in the morning and I did take contact with Superintendent Comyns, as always.

73 Q. Now, I think that we just opened the report there of Garda ward and he said that he was in contact with you in the morning and afternoon of the postmortem. So is this where you are getting your information from?
A. I would have been in contact with garda -- but I had my own information from going to the scene in the morning, at what time was it, 7.48 or something I arrived there, I was at the scene. But I would have kept in contact with Garda ward during the day, yes.

74 Q. Okay. Can I ask you now at this stage, we're now in the middle of the following day, what's your level of knowledge with regard to the compliance with the
circular and the report going in to the regional office?
A. Again --

Had you followed it up, inspector, at any stage?
A. Again, Ms. McGrath, it's my same answer, and I'm sorry. But if something happens during the night, the working unit, if there's a sergeant there, he would sign it off, superintendent Fermoy, forwarded for your information and he'd mark the envelope urgent. I had no knowledge of that report.

76 Q. Okay.
A. Until afterwards.

77 Q. Had you seen the C71 at this stage during the day?
A. No, no.

78 Q. Had you clarified whether a report had been submitted in accordance with the circular?
A. I hadn't, Ms. McGrath, because if I took a call before 12 and I went to the scene I would have expected the report to go in. 99 times out of a 100 it would go in. It would be gone in. 99 times out of a 100 I'd say all 11:39 over Ireland that report would be gone in.

79 Q. Now, inspector, if we can just move on to the next issue I just want to ask you about. Again you have some involvement in an issue under issue 5 of the issue paper, and it is asking the question:
"Did Superintendent Comyns target or di scredit Ser geant Barry as he alleges because he made a protected disclosure by ref using to authorise his annual I eave
appl ication in May 2013. "

Now, can I just ask you about this. In around this time in May 2013, I think the first issue was a request for annual leave between April and June of 2013, that was made by Mr. Barry. Do you remember this, it was for dates between the 4th April --
A. I do.

80 Q. -- 2013 and 15th June 2013?
A. The 13th of April? There was one earlier, Ms. McGrath, 11:40 that I remember. It was a leave sheet that came in for -- just to explain the annual leave, Ms. McGrath, it's a difficult situation and it was difficult for me as well. Because annual leave in Fermoy district, Superintendent Comyns had a rule that you apply 16 days 11:40 in advance. There was no issue with that, if there was manpower available, and I'11 explain it, but the leave was granted in the superintendent's office by four people, Mary Collier, Detective Sergeant Twohy now, or Garda Deirdre Twohy at the time, Superintendent Comyns
and I. I believe we were the only four people authorised to put somebody on leave on the computer. And it was called a leave calendar. So the difficulty, and just to explain it to the tribunal, the difficulty is, if -- the leave had to come in to the superintendent's building upstairs, there was no point in putting it anywhere else, okay. So, if Mr. Barry was in Mitchelstown Garda Station on the Sunday evening, and he decided to take the Thursday or Friday
off of that week, he looked into the calendar, yeah, Sergeant Andrew Geary is working, I'm home and dry, I have my leave. If that leave sheet arrived in the superintendent's desk on a Monday morning in compliance with the district officer's instructions, what happens is, if there's nine leave sheets there, they're done early in the morning, because guards often look for leave in a hurry, depending on the sunshine and basically the leave is done in the morning.
Superintendent's secretary, go in the calendar and input Mr. Barry is on leave. But however, Ms. McGrath, if that leave sheet is left in my tray in the public office or two days, and Sergeant Geary decides on Tuesday, oh, I'm going to take Thursday and Friday off, he looks in the calendar, nobody off, indeed, if he arrived in late even to myself or Superintendent Comyns, he wants the date, there's never an issue. The leave sheets are there, the superintendent would even sign them without looking at them. And if there's was problem with one of them, his secretary will put a yellow sticker on it, inspector/super will have you a look at that, not sure. We'd look at it and decide it was fine and we'd grant the 1eave. But the difficulty with Mr. Barry's leave sheet was that on Sunday evening he'd be fully entitled to leave but by the time I found 11:42 it on Wednesday, $I$ may not be able to grant leave and that happened on the 5th -- I thinks, was it the 5th April? I think somewhere then. I actually found his leave sheet on the 5th April in the public office and
he was on leave from the morning and I sent over the superintendent's report again saying that I had granted the 5th and 6th -- or 4th and 5th retrospectively but had it been submitted, I would have to refuse it because Sergeant Dunne was on leave. I made no issue, I put Superintendent Comyns, nice report on it again, and I said, please comply with the instruction.

The reason I have given you that, Ms. McGrath, is just to explain to the tribunal, if a leave sheet is left in 11:43 the public office Mr. Barry might think he didn't get leave he was entitled to, but it was because of the way he made his application.
81 Q. Okay. Now, inspector, can we just break all that down. There's a lot in that, in what you say and if we can just break it down. First of all, it certainly was my understanding that we were talking about two sets of leave applications?
A. No, but I just wanted to explain the leave sheet first Ms. McGrath.

82 Q. Okay?
A. Just to the Chairman. I just want to explain how leave, because there's an issue that I could grant leave, I could only grant annual leave if I was sitting in Superintendent Comyns' chair in the district office. 11:44 That is something I want to clarify with you, but again, just to keep everything straight on the transcript, there were two different sets of leave at issue around that time for Mr. Barry, is that right?
A. I definitely refused leave in April -- refused two days on7y.

84 Q. Can we stay with April, if you don't mind?
A. okay.

85 Q. In relation to the April application, he put in an application for a number of dates, isn't that right, and they were to run between, certainly from the papers, the 4th April 2013 to the 15th June 2013?
A. That's correct, the three days in question, I wel1 remember them, it was the 15th, 16th and 17th April. 11:44
Q. okay.
A. I refused the 15 th and the 16 th because $I$ had to and I said, resubmit your leave sheet for 17th Apri1 2013 and I would have granted it.
okay. Perfect. If we just stay with that particular one because we know those are the dates that subsequently arose in relation to force majeure, isn't that right?
A. I believe so, yes.

88 Q. Those three days. If we stay with the April one, can I 11:45 ask you. Two things appear to have happened around this particular application and Mr. Barry says he had a phone call with you in relation to this before he got your letter dated 12th April 2013, do you remember a phone call with him?
A. I think I spoke to him about the leave being refused, I did.

89 Q. Okay. And we'11 come back to that phone call again and the nature of that conversation, but it is his evidence
that you had a phone call, you went through why you were refusing leave, is that right?
A. I would have, yeah.
Q. Just in general terms?
A. I would have had, yeah. I wouldn't like refusing leave 11:45 to anybody.

91 Q. Okay. Then you wrote to him, a letter dated 12th April 2013, and that's at 5354. If we can just have that. And again, this is simply more by way of clarity for the tribunal in respect of how you dealt with it and why you dealt with it. So it's dated 12th Apri1 2013, if we just go down. Now, you're saying:
"I recei ved your formD9 on the 4/ 4/ 2013 at 4pmin public office. Annual leave applications must be submitted 16 days in advance to the di strict of ice. Leave is not granted until signed of $f$ by the district officer or acting district officer."

Okay, now that is what you have been explaining to the Chairman, is that right?
A. That's correct.

I think that's in compliance with guidelines
Superintendent Comyns had issued on the new roster, is that right?
A. That's correct.

93 Q. And you enclosed a copy of those guidelines for Mr. Barry with this letter, is that right?
A. I did, because I wanted Mr. Barry's leave to come in
properly. How he would be granted his leave, it would come to the building it was supposed to come to, I was in a portacabin in the backyard. I don't believe I ever signed a leave sheet in the portacabin in the backyard.
94 Q. Can we just stay with this letter, you say: "Had I recei ved your application in advance of 4th April 2013, I would have ref used the dates 4 th and 5th April bearing in mind Sergeant Ai dan Dunne, sergeant in charge, Mtchel stown, was al ready on annual leave."

You say "I have sanctioned both days retrospectively in the circunstances bearing in mind your recent return to work" you say "I have sanctioned all other dates with the exceptio of the 15th and 16th April 2013 due to the 11:47 sergeant in charge $M$ tchel stown being al ready on annual I eave." And you say "Resubmit your application for 17th April 2013". And again you had summarised that for the Chairman earlier.
A. I think it's self explanatory, I have outlined it pretty clearly in that.

95 Q. Okay, can I just ask you. Were you dealing with this, you say "I have sanctioned both dates", you've sanctioned other dates, in what capacity were you sanctioning those dates?
A. Because I probably went upstairs, maybe I was signing the post that day, but if I went upstairs there was no leave granted from my office in a portacabin in the backyard.
Q. Okay, but I suppose what I would like you to clarify, inspector, were you sanctioning that leave in your capacity as inspector?
A. No, I don't believe I ever sanctioned leave as an inspector for anybody. I would have been acting in the 11:48 leave sheet. But possibly -- did I want to cause trouble as soon as Mr. Barry arrived back? No doubt, I know the kind of person I am. I went upstairs, if the superintendent was gone or I probably got the clerk to do what I wanted in that.
97 Q. Okay, so again, just to be very clear, are you sanctioning, writing this letter, sanctioning that leave in your capacity as district officer only?
A. I'd say I would have been acting superintendent. But what I am asking you to tell the Chairman is, is that an absolute, you would have had to have been acting as district officer on that day?
A. I believe I would.

99 Q. okay, okay?
A. I believe -- Superintendent Comyns may have been there earlier in the day but if I got that letter written up there that evening, $I$ was in the superintendent's office. Okay, and is it your evidence to the Chairman that could you not have granted annual leave to any sergeant 11:48 in your capacity as inspector, is that your position?
A. It is my understanding and $I$ think it is very clear in Superintendent Comyns' document that is before the tribunal, annual leave is granted by the district
officer or the inspector acting district officer. We have to include the word acting district officer. It doesn't say the leave is granted by the superintendent or the inspector. It clearly says and the inspector acting. And I suppose, Ms. McGrath, I want to explain it again and I know you keep asking can I grant the leave. The superintendent's office is a big office, the clerks are in there, that's where all the leave originated from, not from my portacabin in the backyard of the station.

101 Q. Now, I take from what you have just said that you wrote this letter in your capacity as acting district officer effectively, is that right?
A. I would.

102 Q. Is that your evidence?
A. It is my evidence.

103 Q. Okay. And I think again, can I just ask you, was this because -- to your knowledge had Superintendent Comyns stood back from dealing with Sergeant Barry at this stage, did that have anything to do with this?
A. 2013, no.

104 Q. In Apri1 2013?
A. That's a year on. Apri1 2014, Superintendent Comyns stood back from Mr. Barry I believe very early April 2014, when some issue came down from Dublin in relation $11: 50$ to being injurious to Mr. Barry coming into the building. That's my understanding, Ms. McGrath. And by meaning standing back, I mean Mr. Comyns would have said to me, if any correspondence comes in, will you
deal with that for me.
105 Q. Okay. What I am asking you, was that a situation in Apri1 2013?
A. Ms. McGrath, I said April 2014.

106 Q. okay.
A. Early April 2014.

107 Q. Okay. Now when we come to the application where he's looking for annual leave for a family holiday in July, that's a separate application, isn't that right, later in 2013? I think this is the one that comes in in May, 11:50 where there is an issue with it being left in your postbox, do I have that right?
A. I'm not sure if that's the one for the family holiday. All I can say, Ms. McGrath, and I don't want to go off on a tangent again. But very shortly, I dealt with leave in April, $I$ think it's in the tribunal notes there, where I signed a good few leave in April, all up to maybe May as well, that I signed. The only dates I refused was the 15th and 16th of April. Shortly after that, I would have arrived into Fermoy Garda Station again and I found a leave sheet, which is bigger than a normal letter, inside in my postbox again.

108 Q. okay.
A. Signed by Mr. Barry's secretary. I would have known the writing because she was my secretary for eight years. So, what I did with that leave sheet, I was frustrated with it, I'd say I probably took it up to the district office, because $I$ couldn't grant the leave or more than likely I put it in an envelope,
superintendent Fermoy, and I put it in the right postbox and that's what I did.
109 Q. okay.
A. And I rang Mr. Barry's secretary.

110 Q. But I think we're dealing -- and to put a date on this is 16th May 2013?
A. I think it was the month of May, I'd be fairly sure.

111 Q. okay.
A. I had written, bearing in mind, in April, now please comply with them instructions. It was within a couple 11:52 of weeks of that, because I would have said to myself no, not again, when I saw this envelope.
112 Q. Okay. Now, when Superintendent Comyns was giving his evidence he was asked why was he dealing with this application for annual leave when he had not dealt with 11:52 the one previously and I think his reply, and I am just summarising it, he said that he felt that perhaps you were not available, would that be a fair representation of why it was going on to him in July or was there any other reason why it was being sent on to him?
A. I didn't examine the leave sheet that came in that evening again because $I$ was disappointed probably that it was back coming in again the same way. I didn't examine how many days leave was in it and I believe I either sent it to the superintendent's office or put it 11:52 in an envelope. In actual fact, I removed my postbox afterwards because it was causing me difficulty.

113 Q. Now, you will see there is a statement from a station clerk, Ms. Patricia Gould, have you seen that?
A. The first time I saw it was in the documents at the tribunal.

114 Q. That's at page 1390. She puts it at -- this particular instance, she puts it as 16th May $2013 ?$
A. I'd accept that. It was definitely the month of May.
Q. She said:
"I was cont acted by I nspector Tony O Sullivan, who tol d me that all post from Sergeant Barry was to be forwarded di rectly to the superintendent at Fermoy and not to the inspector."

Now, can you expand on that for the Chairman?
A. I can. I think that the leave sheet -- Mr. Comyns' instructions, which we spoke about earlier, I cannot grant annual leave and basically I did tell Ms. Gould, please stop addressing the leave sheet to me, because it was causing me difficulties, in the sense that Mr. Barry might be without his leave, like I explained earlier, because it was not sent in the day it went in, and two or three sergeants could have got in for leave in the meantime while that sat in my postbox in the public office, while I could have been in Mallow or Midleton doing some job or report for the chief.
116 Q. And she continues:
"He was referring to the fact that I had forwarded annual leave sheet di rectly to him I told Inspector O Sul I ivan that I had forwarded the annual leave sheet
to hi mon the instruction of Sergeant Barry."
"I nspector O' Sul Iivan instructed me to read the Garda Code, to whi ch l informed himthat it didn't apply to me and I di dn't have a copy. I al so told me Inspector oils that l was stuck in the middle of a situation that 11:55 I felt was unfair and that l di dn't want to end up in the Hi gh Court over Mr. Barry's compl ai nts to the authorities."

Can you assist the Chairman as to what she may have meant by that?
A. I didn't remember any mention of the High Court. But she mentions that I said she didn't have to comply with the code. I'm 35 years in the guards, I have five members of garda staff in my own office now, I was well aware that Ms. Gould didn't have to comply with the Garda Code. what I asked in that conversation that evening, I said, will you please have Sergeant Barry comply with the Garda Code and forward the leave. I have no recollection of a mention of the High Court. 118 Q. And what did she mean by stuck in the midd7e, do you think?
A. Ms. Gould will have to answer that, I can't speak for Ms. Gould. I can't. Because Ms. Gould said in that I 11:56 abused her. She knows we11 I didn't abuse her. She was my secretary for eight years and again, I don't think I ever had a row with her and I certainly didn't abuse her.
119 Q. She goes on to say:
"I nspect or Ó Sullivan became excited and stated he was goi $n g$ to move his post locker as he was unable to check it on a regul ar basis, which could have resulted in Ser geant Barry's annual leave sheet going unseen for up 11:56 to two weeks."
A. I don't get excited, Ms. McGrath, but I probably used the word, maybe I was frustrated that evening and I think anyone inside in this room would be frustrated if
you were in the position that $I$ was in. There was a leave sheet being forwarded not in accordance with the regulations of the district officer. And I was caught in the middle of this. And $I$ had to remove my postbox, was the only way I could solve the problem. And I don't think there is any other inspector in the country had to remove his postbox from the station.
120 Q. Can you tell the Chairman, is this an example of escalating tensions in relation to Sergeant Barry at this particular point?
A. You see, I can't, Ms. McGrath. I can only deal with Mr. Barry -- but certainly all I can say is, it was very simple. And I think I have explained it the best way $I$ can in relation to the annual leave. On a Sunday you can get leave on Monday, but if you take a different route with that leave sheet -- sorry, you can take leave Thursday or Friday, but if goes a different route you by Wednesday you may not be able to get that leave Thursday and Friday. Certainly there was issues for me with the leave. It was causing me problems, for 11:57 want of a better word.

121 Q. Was this arising in relation to any other member or was this just Sergeant Barry? Was this unique to him, this situation?
A. I don't believe there was any other issues with any other member. I never saw any issues.

122 Q. Okay.
A. Not that I am aware of, and I am in Fermoy district 28 years.

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Q Okay. Now, just brief in relation to two final issues. The first one, the issue of the Haddington Road hours and again, this is issue 5:
"Di d Superintendent Comyns target or di scredit Ser geant 11:58 Barry as he alleges because he made a protected di scl osure: C, by requi ring Ser geant Barry to reply to I nspector O Sullivan or Superintendent Comyns for certification of Haddi ngt on Road hours."

Now, can I just ask you about that? You were the sergeant in charge in Mitchelstown, you told us on Tuesday, since January 1999, is that right?
A. That's correct

124 Q. And you became inspector in 2007?
A. Correct.

125 Q. In that intervening period as sergeant in charge, would you have sanctioned Haddington Road hours for members?
A. You see Haddington Road wasn't there then.

126 Q. Oh 2010, of course, you're right?
A. I think we're mixed up. There was old time off in lieu, that there wasn't really an issue about if you were finishing off something I suppose pre Superintendent Comyns' time. Yes, pre Superintendent Comyns' time, ordinary time off, which was in money, was actually sanctioned by the sergeant in charge. In other words, if somebody was out at a traffic accident, had to work on two hours, there was no issue with it.

127 Q. You're absolutely right, it's a 2010 agreement, and I
think Superintendent Comyns he became the district officer in July 2010, isn't that right?
A. He did. He came to Fermoy in July 2010.
okay. And can I ask you in relation -- we have a statement from the sergeant in charge, Sergeant Aidan Dunne, at page 1881 of the papers and he says:
"In rel ation to the issue," --

It's about three or four lines down there. Actually it's the sixth line down he says:
"In rel ation to the issue rai sed by retired Sergeant Paul Barry regarding Haddi ngton Road duty, I can confirmthat at one time l did sign and approve all such applications made by retired Sergeant Barry as well as for the other sergeant attached to Mtchel stown Garda Station, Sergeant Gerry Qui nn. "

So it's his evidence, well, it's statement to the
tribunal that certainly when Haddington Road came into being in 2010, that he says that he did approve and sign all such applications, what's your view of that?
A. I can't speak for Sergeant Dunne, but I think he may be mixed up. But I haven't the month of the Haddington

Road agreement. I mean, I would say it was probably the middle of 2010, bearing in mind Superintendent Comyns came there in July. I think that Sergeant Dunne, I can't speak for him, but I think he may be
mixing up time off in lieu. I believe all Haddington road was pre-sanctioned.
129 Q. He does refer to Haddington Road duty specifically there, isn't that right?
A. It's going to have to be put to Sergeant Dunne, I can't 12:00 answer, I'm sorry.
Q. Okay.
A. But I believe he's mixed up with time off in lieu.
Q. okay, well, maybe you can assist in relation to the next part. It says: "However, this practice changed under Superintendent M chael Comyns, in whi ch he directed that all such applications should be forwarded to himfor sanction or to the district inspector Ant hony O Sul I i van. "

Is that right?
A. $110 \%$ right, yeah.

132 Q. Do you remember, this practice changed, can you say when? Can you assist?
A. You're going to have to ask Sergeant Dunne. I don't think it ever changed in Superintendent Comyns' time, they were his rules.
133 Q. He said:
"I cannot recall initially if this applied to retired
Ser geant Barry onl y but I can say that bef ore he moved from Fer moy di strict, all such applications did have to be forwarded to Superintendent Comyns."

Can you assist the Chairman, was there a distinction between Sergeant Barry and Sergeant Quinn in relation to this?
A. All I can say is, my recollection of Haddington Road, and, Ms. McGrath, that would include myself, if I was getting Haddington Road, I would say to Superintendent Comyns, look, I'm doing five hours Haddington Road. I believe all Haddington Road was pre-sanctioned. Now it may not, can I explain this to you, the 85 s would come in at the end of the week, so they would be there on the monday morning. And if a couple of guards had taken Haddington Road during the week, they may not have it signed, sanctioned the day before but they would have made some contact with the superintendent or I and said, I'm at such a thing, I want to do some of my ten hours Haddington Road, do you mind if I do that? What would happen on Monday morning, and many the time Superintendent Comyns would have came out to my portacabin and said, did you sanction that Haddington Road and I said, for who, and we'11 say he has three of 12:02 them, and I say, yeah, two out of them three guards did make contact with me, Garda Gerry Murphy from Mitchelstown, we'11 say, Garda Alan Murray from the policing unit, they've contacted me. He would say, what about the third one? And he'd send the third one 12:02 back out, who sanctioned this? So I believe that's what happened.

134 Q. I think Superintendent Comyns, when he was being cross-examined by Mr. Costelloe, 183, at page 103, he
was very clear in his evidence, he said that prior approval had to be given by him or you, is that right?
A. It is. But I think that that's slightly mixed up, because somebody could be out at the screen on Wednesday -- I think, Ms. McGrath, you're taking it that it has to be written off, we'11 say, today being the 16th June, you're saying that it has to be dated the 15th June, that's not correct. Say, this Sunday now, being the 19th, the 85 s come in , on the 20th I could sign that, because I got a phone call on the Tuesday from the guard. That is my understanding. And that's what I meant by pre-sanctioned. And indeed, there were times I was doing the 85s that I would have rang Superintendent Comyns and say, did so and so seek sanction for Haddington Road. So it's not a situation that there was one law for one member and one law for the other, it's my understanding pre sanction meant either a phone call or in writing.
135 Q. Now, Mr. Barry's evidence, both in his statement and interview to the tribunal and his direct evidence, he says he was the only sergeant who had to apply to an inspector or a superintendent for Haddington Road approval, is that right?
A. All I can say, Ms. McGrath, and I have taken the oath here, that's incorrect.

136 Q. Okay. Now, can I then just the final issue I want you to look at is in relation to the force majeure, it's issue 4 H and 5 B . I won't read them out. It's in relation to the initiation of the disciplinary
proceedings in respect of those dates, 15th, 16th and 17th April 2013. Now, I just want to ask you about this one particular aspect of it only. You'11 recall from the papers that one of the issues was in relation to the disciplinary proceedings, that prior contact had 12:04 not been made with you or the superintendent to explain the absence, and that's putting it quite generally. Contact was not made?
A. I am aware that Superintendent Comyns would have asked me did I know anything about Sergeant Barry being off. I was aware of that. Off, we didn't know where he was.

137 Q. Okay. If I can ask Mr. Kavanagh just again a very specific issue here, only one issue I want you to look at, Day 176 at page 120 of the transcripts. So it's 176, page 120 , line 27 , I believe it is. Oh yes. So, this is, if you remember, when we were talking about the annual leave issue and you had written a letter to him on the 12th April 2013, isn't that right? And we opened that letter. And here, what we're doing is we're just looking at -- he says that prior to this that he had this phone with you and I think you accepted earlier that there was a phone call, is that right?
A. There was. I think it was I rang him actually about being sorry for refusing his two days.
138 Q. Okay. He says in his answer, and this is his direct evidence at Day 176, he says:

[^1]he was going to have to ref use my leave for those dates and I told himthat my wife had been suffering from chronic back pain for a couple of months and I was taking my leave on early tours just in case she had a recurrence as I was the only one at home to take my kids to college or school at the time
Q. So it was sort of precautionary leave you were envi sagi ng that you had a stock of I eave and you thought...
A. If she was sick I would not come to work. "

CHA RMAN If she was not sick.
ME. MEGRATH Sorry "If she was not sick I woul d have cone to work."

> Do you see that?
A. I do.

139 Q. If we go down to page 129. I think if you keep scrolling down, Mr. Kavanagh, it's actually the easiest thing. And you see there, and this is the Chairman is ${ }_{12: 06}$ putting it to Mr. Barry:
"In other words, and he would have understood that is force maj eure, is that what you were tal king about?"

And he answered "Yes". Now, this is in the nature of the phone call that you had with him. And so, that's his direct evidence but I also want you to look at another piece of his direct evidence in relation to
this, and if you go down to page 132, line 14. So staying on the same day. So, page 132 , 1ine 14. So this is in relation to -- Mr. McGuinness is saying:
"Obvi ousl y you don't know whet her Superintendent Comyns 12:07 or Inspector O Sul Iivan made any enqui ry as to why you weren't there?
A. No.
Q. But this seems to suggest that they had no idea, do you think it's possible that they di dn't know why you wer en't there."

He says:
"A. Well it is not possible for Inspector Ó Sullivan 12:07 not to know.
Q. You thi nk he -- do you thi nk he should have foreseen that if you di dn't turn up --
A. Wi ch l had told him
Q. -- that you would be on force maj eure?
A. No, l told himthat if my wife was sick on those dates I would have to avail of force maj eure."

Can I ask you about that? Is that an accurate reflection, can you tell the Chairman, of the conversation you had with him that day?
A. That is $110 \%$ incorrect. You put to me yesterday or the day before, Ms. McGrath, two things, in Watergrasshil1 that I said to Mr. Barry talking on and off the record,
stay out until this thing is sorted. Again, the 9th April in Mitchelstown or the 5th April, whatever date that was I think, no, 29th March, that I said put whatever medical conditions on that certificate. This is the third one that is $110 \%$ incorrect. I know Mr. Barry's wife $\square$, she's a lady, and if Mr. Barry said to me in that phone call that my wife is having serious difficulties with her back, I think I would not have forgotten it. And certainly, when Mr. Comyns or Superintendent Comyns asked me that day had I any idea, I know for a fact if I was aware of that, I would have said to Superintendent Comyns, God, he was on to me about his wife. And do you know what the super would have told me? will you ring him.
140 Q. Well, inspector, can we break it down? Leaving force 12:09 majeure to one side, was there a conversation in relation to his wife's illness and possibility of not being able to come to work?
A. I just said, Ms. McGrath, $110 \%$ incorrect, like the two other conversations. I had no knowledge of Mrs. Barry being i11. And if I had, why would I later make a statement to Superintendent Lehane in a disciplinary or an inquiry into this, why would I make a statement saying that. Of course, Mr. Barry was my friend, surely I would say to the superintendent, I'm going to ring him, he said his wife was sick. We didn't operate like that. Mr. Comyns would actually impress on me to ring him. Now, he would probably tell me get back to him and he would be back to me within an hour if I
hadn't, did you make that phone cal1. But that is the situation. That phone call never took -- the phone call took place, but there's no thing about saying in five days' time I'm going to take force majeure, my wife has a bad back.

141 Q. Now, in relation to the force majeure, when he was absent on those dates, in the light of the fact that you had been involved with the leave application, did you consider contacting him?
A. Sorry?

142 Q. Did you consider contacting him perhaps about his absence on those dates?
A. No. I think he was absent without leave as far as we were concerned, $I$ wasn't getting involved in that. I had solved my post locker thing, I wasn't getting involved in it.
Q. Well the postal locker thing was, as we know, a month later, it had nothing to do with it?
A. That was after, yeah, sorry. I had spoken to him in relation to the leave, saying I was sorry to refuse him. There was no message in relation to going, my wife's back is bad, I will be taking force majeure.
144 Q. okay.
A. If there was, Ms. McGrath, I can assure you, I'd be the first person in this room to ring him.
145 Q. Okay. As you say, you didn't contact him when he was absent on those dates?
A. No. Because the superintendent was enquiring where he was and I didn't think it was a matter for me to get
involved in it.
146 Q. okay. There's one just very final and it's a general issue, it was something you mentioned earlier in your evidence, in relation to April 2013. And we've heard from Superintendent Comyns in his evidence and it's also in his statement, that he effectively stood back from Mr. Barry at around this time and in his statement he uses the words, he asked you to deal with all matters relating to Sergeant Barry until the investigations were finished, and that's at page 552 of $12: 11$ the book. Can you tell the Chairman about that or can you expand on it in any way?
A. Again, I believe that's April 2014, and something came down from Dublin that it would be injurious, this is my memory of it, it would be injurious for Mr. Barry to attend Fermoy Garda Station and Superintendent Comyns, but that's not '13. This is definitely '14. And Superintendent Comyns did say to me, anything that comes in here for Sergeant Barry, will you deal with it? And I said I would. And so what happened then is, 12:12 if there was something, it would be left in my tray and I would deal with it. But that's not 2013. I think it's a year late. The dates may be mixed up, it's 2014 I'm sure.
147 Q. So did you effectively becoming acting district officer ${ }_{12: 12}$ for him, effectively? Is that what this means?
A. No, I think that if anything came in that I think Superintendent Comyns, no matter what he did with it, if he went left or right, it was wrong, so he said,
look, will you deal with it? And anything that, you know, came down to be passed on, I did do that to the best of my ability. And I don't think that Mr. Comyns, Superintendent Comyns, no, he was running his own district, he didn't make me a superintendent, but he said, would I deal with anything that came along in relation to Paul Barry because I don't want to because of an ongoing investigation, and $I$ said $I$ would.
148 Q. Okay. So from 23rd April 2014, factually.
A. I think it's '14, yes.

149 Q. You took over in relation to Sergeant Barry, is that right?
A. No, I would have dealt with anything that came in in relation to Paul Barry. That's my understanding.
150 Q. Okay. Now, it is Mr. Barry's direct evidence on Day 177, page 208, he says:
"I was never approached by Inspector O Sul I i van to say that he was in charge of all my dealings, that was never rel ayed to me, that information. "

Can you assist the tribunal? Do you have any comment to make on that?
A. I can. It's my understanding, Chairman, that in April 2014 that something came down from Dublin in relation to Mr. Barry, it'd be injurious to his health to have any contact with Superintendent Comyns. I know where I was on the day, I was inside in the clerk's office and the super's office. And Superintendent Comyns said
that to me and he said, will you deal with anything. He didn't appoint me to go to Mr. Barry and say, you're being appointed district officer, he said, if anything comes in in relation to Paul Barry, will you deal with it. And I did.

151 Q. Okay. Well, as I say, Mr. Barry's position is he knew nothing about this. Would that be correct? Did you have a conversation with him at any stage about this?
A. But I suppose why would I? It was just like, my understanding from Superintendent Comyns was that if something came in, that he didn't want to write anything with his name on it -- if something came down from Dublin to be delivered to Mr. Barry, he probably just left it in the tray for me, for me to do it.
152 Q. okay.
A. He just didn't want to put his name to any document that related -- that's my understanding of that conversation with Superintendent Comyns.
153 Q. Okay. That was Apri1 2014, is that right?
A. Definitely was April 2014.

154 Q. Okay. Thank you, inspector. I wonder if you could answer any questions please?
A. Thanks, Ms. McGrath.

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CHA RMAN Now, Mr. Costelloe.
MR. COSTELLOE: Thank you Chairman.

I NSPECTOR ANTHONY O SULLI VAN MAS CROSS- EXAM NED BY MR. COSTELLOE, AS FOLLOWE:

155 Q. Good afternoon, Inspector O'Sullivan?
A. Good afternoon, Mr. Costelloe.

156 Q. You know my name, that's good. You know that I am representing Mr. Barry and I have certain questions to put to you, obvious7y.
A. Thanks.

157 Q. You have been cross-examined, if I may say so, extensively yesterday and today I will make you a promise, I will do my level best not to go back over any grounds that I feel we don't need to, okay. So I wil1 try and curtail things as best $I$ can in that regard. Before $I$ get to specific areas, could I just explore with you, you haven't been here, at least to my knowledge, you weren't physically present in this room during the course of earlier testimony, am I right on that?
A. Sure. And I'11 be gone again as soon as I can after this, Mr. Costelloe.
158 Q. We can all understand that, inspector?
A. No, I wasn't here, Mr. Costelloe, no.

159 Q. But obvious7y, because you said it yourself there as recently as just a few moments ago and it is, if I can suggest to you, quite apparent from your evidence, you have read material that has been furnished by the tribunal, you've read what's been generally referred to as disclosure issued by the tribunal, isn't that right?
A. I would have had the disclosures, yeah.
Q. Say that again to me, please?
A. I wouldn't have -- you mean what's going on here every day?
Q. No, no, okay. Before we go any further, pull yourself into that microphone, please?
A. No problem. Can you hear me?
Q. That's perfect, just what you did there, thank you. So, don't worry about what's going on in the room, what's being said in the room for the time being. what 12:15 I am first asking you is, the material being sent out to the various parties, the various witnesses, the disclosure, you have read through that, isn't that correct?
A. I did. I think that's in the folder, anything that referred -- I didn't read the whole folder, anything that referred to me, I looked at it.
Q. okay.
A. I think.

And then, to go to what you just dealt with there a moment ago yourself, you probably anticipated what I was about to ask you, have you taken an opportunity of reading the public online transcripts of the evidence that's been heard in this module of the tribunal?
A. No.
A. I saw a snippet. I'm too busy. I saw snippets of it, I didn't read -- do mean read the whole tribunal?
Q. No, no. Just this module. So when we began four weeks
ago?
A. I saw bits online but $I$ certainly haven't read everything in relation to the tribunal.
167 Q. How was it that you saw bits?
A. Actually, we would get a transcript, if I had time to read all the transcripts.
168 Q. Inspector, we'11 get through this fairly quickly?
A. I don't know what you are asking me, Mr. Costelloe, sorry.
169 Q. That is fine, if you don't understand the question, it 12:17 is probably because I did a poor job in the way I phrased it, so I will rephrase it.
A. I'm not saying that for a minute.

170 Q. I am, inspector. I am taking the hit for it, okay. I am going to rephrase. The transcripts are on1ine, you told the Chairman you have seen bits of those transcripts?
A. Yeah.

171 Q. okay.
A. That's true.

172 Q. How did that come about?
A. We get a copy of a transcript ourself, in actual fact. I could get a copy of the transcript.

173 Q. okay.
A. I have read some of them and my answer is still the same, they're pages, they are going into pages, I would not have read all of them.

174 Q. okay. And again, I understand that to be your answer. But if we try and be a little bit more specific then,
did you read the evidence of Superintendent Comyns?
A. No, not all of it.
Q. Does that mean you've read some of the evidence of Superintendent Comyns?
A. Mr. Costelloe, I read some of this online and I want to ${ }_{12: 17}$ be as fair as possible. If you are asking me did I read every single line that Superintendent Comyns said, I didn't, is the answer.
Q. The very last question I asked you inspector was: Did you read some of it?
A. I did read some of it.

177 Q. Okay. Did you read all of the evidence of Chief Superintendent Dillane?
A. No.

178 Q. Did you read some of the evidence of --
A. I probably did. And, Mr. Costelloe, I'd say the same thing, $I$ saw some of it online and $I$ saw some in a transcript.
179 Q. Yes.
MR. MEGRRY: Chairman, I am sorry, I don't mean to cut 12:18 across Mr. Costelloe, but obviously the evidence that's before the tribunal is evidence, so if Mr. Costelloe wants to put certain things to the witness on the basis that they contradict or he disagrees with what is being said, that's fine. But $I$ am not sure that it is very helpful to ask him if he has read each and every bit of each and every transcript at any particular time. The evidence is there.

MR. COSTELLOE: With al1 due respect, Chairman, do you
need me to reply?
CHA RMAN You don't need to answer. Mr. McGarry, everybody in this room is going to cross-examine, if they were cross-examining they would do it in a different way. The question for me is: Any question that Mr. Costelloe has asked, is it unreasonable, unfair, invalid, improper? Is it objectionable? And the answer to all of that general questions is no. So Mr. Costelloe can proceed with his examination. If there's some obvious reason to object, then I will be happy to receive objections, but Mr. Costelloe has done nothing wrong in my opinion and he's perfectly entitled to cross-examine in his own fashion and he has asked nothing objectionable to date. So, please proceed, Mr. Costelloe.

MR. COSTELLOE: Thank you, Chairman.
180 Q. Inspector, if I have created confusion or some -CHA RMAN You haven't Mr. Costelloe, you haven't created any confusion. There's no need for you to worry about this. Let me finish for a second. The inspector is in no difficulty, $I$ am in no difficulty, so we don't need to return to the issue raised by Mr. McGarry. If I have ruled on it, that's the end of it. Proceed with your cross-examination, Mr. Costelloe.

MR. COSTELLOE: Thank you, Chairman.
CHA RMAN You're doing nothing wrong.
MR. COSTELLOE: Thank you, Chairman. I wasn't in fact going back to the objection. I just want to make it
clear before I ask my next question. I don't need to know and I don't care if we're talking about a transcript that's e-mailed to you or a transcript which is available through the portal for the tribunal, I am only asking if you read some or all of the transcript of these parts of the evidence, do you understand?
A. I do understand, and I said I read some of it. Some on1ine and some from the transcript.
Yes. And as I understand your answer, will you tell me now if I have got this wrong before I go any further, you read some of the transcript of the evidence of Superintendent Comyns and you've read some of the transcript of the evidence of chief Superintendent Dillane?
A. I would. Some of it I would have read on the phone as wel1.

183 Q. Say that again to me, please.
A. Some of it I read on the phone, on my phone, on the daily news.
184 Q. Right.
A. And honestly, I want to be as honest -- I did not and I will say it again, Mr. Costelloe, I did not read all of the transcripts. I read some of the transcripts of Superintendent Comyns and Chief Superintendent Dillane and I am willing to answer any question that's asked of 12:21 me.

185 Q. Absolutely. Okay. I have taken that to be the case, I have certainly taken it for granted that you're willing to answer questions, inspector. So my next question
for you then is, the evidence that you gave yesterday and today, do you feet that there's any chance that the evidence you've given has been informed or supplemented or clarified to your mind by what you read in those transcripts as opposed to your memory as the case was prior to reading those portions of the transcripts?
A. I gave my own evidence here today and it's nothing to do -- I speak for myself and it's nothing to do with the evidence of Chief Superintendent Dillane or retired Chief Superintendent Dillane or Superintendent Michael Comyns. I gave my own evidence to the tribunal, not helped in any way by anything I saw or read.
186 Q. okay. And of course we have, if you forgive me, and I don't say this pejoratively, the rather colourful image that you gave us yesterday of you being an operational guy, you're a hands on guy, you deal with the lads and girls, as you said it, but you wouldn't be great for taking notes as you go along. You don't seem to have much in the way of notes in relation to these particular incidents?
A. No, and I accept that, and I said the same things two days ago, I deem myself operational, I'm working, I'd be out at the accidents, I'm an outdoor person and I don't around with a journal writing down every note. I do accept that.
187 Q. So, for example, where you make a statement to the tribunal and something isn't included in the statement but then subsequently, either in response to questions which were put by the investigators to the tribunal or
in response to a question put by Ms. McGrath, you do mention it, is that because it's just come back to you or is it because you have had your mind refreshed based on the testimony of other witnesses?
A. No, it would depend on the question you asked me.

12:23
Q. That's fair enough, that's a very generalised questions and it's probably unfair to put it that way. I will get to specifics in due course, inspector. You knew my client long before anything happened between him and Superintendent Comyns?
A. That's correct.

190 Q. I mean, you went on to describe your response to him coming back to work having been out on leave due to work-related stress, as he saw it, as being delighted that he was back to work. That was your response at that time, isn't that right?
A. I was, because there was an issue of half pay and I was ${ }_{12: 24}$ delighted to see him back. I would not like to see any member on half pay.
191 Q. Yes. And again, you have anticipated something that I was going to ask you about, you would have been well aware, you're an experienced guard in any event but you 12:24 certainly in the context of somebody who was your friend, had been well aware of the fact that he was down to half pay because of the fact that he was out sick from work?
A. I was aware, because I think I would have brought him some of the documentation.
Q. A man with a family, a man with a wife at home, this is something that would have been a real problem for him and you would have been alive to that?
A. I fully accept that and I think that is why I said I was delighted to see him back.
193 Q. Yes. You were appointed on 9th August 2012 to conduct the inquiry that's mandated under HQ 139/10, correct?
A. That's correct.
A. I think what I said, I'd no recollection of the call. I basically got the documentation, did $I$ have a discussion with Superintendent Comyns before that? do not know. I would come back from somewhere and there would be paperwork in my tray upstairs in the super's office, and I would just take it. I could have had a conversation but I've no recollection of it. In any event, whether it was specifically as a result of a conversation with Superintendent Comyns or for other reasons, presumably a relatively small station, people talk, you knew by the time you went out to speak to my client that a Regulation 10 had been served on him as a result of him being 20 minutes late to work?
A. I was aware of that. And I was aware, I gave evidence on Tuesday, I know exactly where I was told it: At the door of the superintendent's office one evening by Superintendent Comyns.
196 Q. So you do recall?
A. Oh I was well aware of it.

197 Q. Fair enough. Then you went out to speak my client, you met with him at watergrasshill I think, is that right?
A. That's correct.

198 Q. And as I understand your evidence, but you tell me now if I have this wrong, he declined to speak to you, saying that because you and Superintendent Comyns worked in the same building he wanted somebody independent to deal with the issue?
A. That's correct.

199 Q. So that we understand ourselves, you're there to speak to him in the context of him having filed a sick report, a sick note effectively, saying that he's out of work due to work-related stress, that allows for a procedural mechanism under HQ 139/10 whereby an inspector, for example, has to speak to the guard or the sergeant in this case to try and ascertain what is the cause of the work-related stress, and you make efforts to do that by going out to speak to him at Watergrasshil1, correct?
A. That's correct. I was appointed under HQ 139/10 by Superintendent Comyns and I think there was a copy of the sick form to Garda Clifford saying it was work-related stress.
Q. And when you spoke with him, he said he had an issue with Superintendent Comyns but declined to say anything further to you, correct?
A. That is correct.
okay.
A. I explained to him that I was there, HQ 139/10, I was appointed to investigate it, and he said, I do not wish to discuss the matter with you, but he said he an issue with Superintendent Comyns.
Q. Well, my question then for you is, that in the context of all of that, in the context of why you were there, your formal reason for being there, if I put it that way, under the HQ Directive, and the fact that you were a friend of Mr. Barry's, was it not peculiar that you didn't ask him what was the nature of his complaint about Superintendent Comyns?
A. And I think I did say it on Tuesday, I think in March Mr. Barry, Sergeant Barry same back, his attitude towards me would have changed. He saw me as part of the management chain, albeit I was the lowest rung of that ladder. And Mr. Barry was not going to discuss anything with me that day. He made it quite clear to me that I was in the same building as the chief and the super and he wished to have somebody outside of Fermoy Garda Station investigate it. And I did not have any other conversation with Mr. Barry on that day.

203 Q. When you say in March his attitude changed, is this prior -- I am not certain, I don't really -- I'm not clear as to which March you're referring to?
A. No, I'11 te11 you, it's the 29th March 2013. This is all about 2013 I am speaking of. 29th March 2013, when Mr. Barry came back to work. But that's not when you went out to speak him under the HQ Directive?
A. Well, that would have been in September.
Q. Inspector, we are going to be here for days if I have to keep going back over -- hang on a second, inspector. We are going to be here for days if I have to keep going back to clarify matters. Everyone, I would suggest to you, knew I was asking you about the meeting at Watergrasshi11 in August/September, I think it was actually September?
A. Sorry, Chairman, that was just one error.
okay.
A. I will answer any question. I got mixed up between 4th September 2012 and March 2013. Sorry.

207 Q. okay.
A. My apologies.

208 Q. So then whatever part of your answer relates to his behaviour or his attitude towards you in March is completely irrelevant to this particular meeting because this predates that, isn't that correct?
A. It does, it does.

209 Q. okay.
A. I accept that.

210 Q. So 1et's go back then to the question I asked you. You're there for a formal reason and you're also there as his friend, he is a man who has put in a sick note
to say he's out as a result of work-related stress and he says to you, it's got something to do with Superintendent Comyns. And you say there's no further conversation because he declines to speak to you. And my question is: Isn't it peculiar that you don't ask him about the nature of the complaint he has in respect of Superintendent Comyns?
A. I respected Sergeant Barry, he said he did not wish to discuss it. And in fairness, if I go to a person as an independent person, and I believed I was independent, and I go to that person and I say, I am here to do such a thing, and I am told, I do not want to discuss the problem with you, I will respect that person, be it he or she. And that's not the first time I investigated HQ 139/10.
211 Q. Do you know the meaning of the word loquacious, do you know what I mean by that?
A. I do.

212 Q. Would you consider yourself to be a loquacious person?
A. All I can say to you is --
well in fairness now, that's a fairly simple question and I'm asking you of your own view of yourself?
A. I would say, yeah.

214 Q. You seem like a fairly gregarious, easy to get on with kind of guy, well able to have a chat with somebody,

man who you shared an office with for years, and you're telling the Chairman that you never asked him, tell me about the complaint, give me information about the complaint, let me know anything about the complaint, or any words to that effect vis-à-vis his issue with Superintendent Comyns?
A. That is all that was disclosed to me on that day. I don't know why Mr. Barry was holding back, what he was thinking of doing at that time, I cannot answer that for Sergeant Barry. But Sergeant Barry said to me on that occasion, I will not discuss the matter with you. And I did not, whether rightly or wrongly, I did not ask him anything else.
216 Q. I am going to move on, but before I do so I am going to formally put it to you that you did ask him what was his complaint with Superintendent Comyns at that meeting?
A. I didn't, is the answer to that. If Mr. Barry or Sergeant Barry told me the day what the complaint was, I think would I have put it in that.
217 Q. Okay. I am moving on now, I am moving onto the next year and I am moving onto the timeframe in around 29th March to 9th April 2013, okay? Is that all right?
A. Sorry?

218 Q. Not at a11. There was a bang behind us there, you that I am moving on to the following year?
A. Yes.

219 Q. To the timeframe roughly the 29th March 2013 to roughty the 9th April 2013?
A. Thanks, Mr. Costelloe.

220 Q. Okay. Sorry?
A. Thanks.

221 Q. okay.
A. Thanks.

222 Q. of course. And what we're dealing with here is your attendance at Mitchelstown Garda Station when you spoke with Mr. Barry, okay?
A. That's correct.

223 Q. So is he comes back to work on the 29th March, isn't that right?
A. It was the 29th March.

224 Q. Yeah. And that night you speak with him at Mitchelstown Garda Station?
A. I did.
Q. None of this appears to be disputed, this all seems to be agreed, yes?
A. Yes, that's correct, sorry.

226 Q. One of the things that -- I have a suspicion that the Chairman knows the answer to this long before I ask the question, but $I$ want to be clear I haven't got something wrong, you were coming back from delivering adult cautions under the scheme, isn't that right?
A. I was.

227 Q. You would have been wearing a uniform in order to deliver those adult cautions?
A. I had a uniform on me when I was dealing with the adult cautions, yes.
Q. There's a protocol uniform, where if you're in front of the president of Ireland you wear your full dress or battle dress, but for here, for the purposes of court or a tribunal or, for example, delivering adult cautions, you dress as you're dressed right now?
A. Exactly. I was just going to say, Mr. Costelloe, exactly like I was now, where I was delivering the adult cautions.
Q. Sorry. The middle word in that sentence I didn't catch?
A. Sorry, when I was in Charleville that day and Mallow, I would have been dressed exactly like this, epaulettes, shirt and tie.
Q. okay.
A. Exactly, that's the way I would have been dressed.
Q. And the adult cautions from in Charleville?
A. And Mallow.
Q. And mallow, I beg your pardon, I missed that, which one was first?
A. Charleville was first and Mallow was second.
Q. So you did Charleville, then you went over to Mallow?
A. Then I went to Mallow.
Q. What time did you finish delivering the cautions in Mallow?
A. I don't know exactly what time I finished, I would have ${ }_{12: 34}$ thought it was earlier than nine I called to Paul, so it would have been sometime between half eight and nine.
Q. What time did your tour of duty finish that day?
mean you must have gone long past your --
A. Sometimes, if it's a bank holiday, I could start late or I could start early.
Q. Right.
A. Bank holiday, there would be no -- at there was no inspector in Mallow and I was doing the adult cautions in Mallow.
Q. Okay. So why did you go into Mitchelstown Garda Station?
A. I wasn't aware Mr. Barry was at work.
A. That's correct.
Q. You'11 have discerned from the manner in which I phrased that question that $I$ am putting emphasis on the word bumped, okay?
Q. Sorry, you what?
A. I wasn't aware at the time that Sergeant Barry was back at work.
A. As I said, if we were passing garda stations, I think our boss would always say to call in to Mitchelstown Garda Station.

242 Q. okay.
A. And I would see no issue, I gave eight of the happiest years of my life in Mitchelstown Garda Station.
Q. I am delighted to hear it, inspector, but with all due respect, that's not the question $I$ am asking you. And my understanding of your evidence to the Chairman on Tuesday was that you might call in to passing garda stations, particularly if quote-unquote the boss told you to?
A. No, I think what I said, we would be told if we were in route back from some place to call into a garda station.

244 Q. We will find that particular part of the evidence?
A. I think.

245 Q. Page 150 odd? we wil1 find that and come back to it.
A. If I was on route the boss would say, call into the --

246 Q. We will move on so we don't have to delay things unduly?
A. Yeah.

247 Q. So are you telling the Chairman then that it was just a complete fluke, a total happenstance that in driving home late enough in the evening on the 29th March, rather than going directly home, having finished giving adu7t cautions, you decide to stop off at Mitchelstown Garda Station?
A. That's correct.

248 Q. Okay. Could I suggest to you that you knew full well that Sergeant Barry was back at work and you made a point of going back in to speak to him?
A. I didn't know Sergeant Barry was back to work.

249 Q. And I am suggesting to you that you went in at a time when you knew that he would be on shift. Do you have any response to that? I mean, I think we can infer you are saying you didn't know he was there?
A. I didn't know Sergeant Barry was in work at the end of March. March.
Q. And that the purpose of going in there was to discuss with him the necessity of producing a certificate saying he was fit to come back to work?
A. I spoke to Sergeant Barry in relation to the medical cert and I knew that anybody who had been out sick, you would have to have a medical certificate to come back. My own service, I would have known that at the time and I did say to Sergeant Barry, you need to have a medical certificate.
Q. How long do you think you were speaking with Paul Barry that night?
A. Ten, 15 minutes.
Q. So a relatively long period of time, longer than you and I have been questioning and answering?
A. I would think I was there ten minutes.
Q. okay.
A. I couldn't exactly say how many minutes. Ten minutes.
Q. Ten to 15 minutes $I$ think was your initial gambit?
A. Yeah, ten to 15 minutes.

This is somebody who has been out sick, a friend of yours, you bump into him and you're having a conversation with him, all of that is correct?
A. That's correct.

256 Q. You know that it's an issue for him about being on half pay, correct?
A. That's correct.

And your point at this stage is to say to him, you need a certificate in order to come back to work officially, 12:37 so that you can then be back on full pay. Have I got that right?
A. I don't think there was any mention of full pay or half pay. What would I have said to Sergeant Barry on the night, because I would have known with all the other members going through the Garda Síochána, anybody who is out sick, whether short-term or long-term, there is a certificate needed. And I did say to him certificate. I know exactly what I said on that. Again, it's something to do with the acoustics today or maybe I am just bunged up and I can't hear you properly. Would you mind, I am terribly sorry, would you say that last answer again?
A. I didn't discuss with Sergeant Barry about a certificate or full pay, all I asked was, you will be required to submit a certificate. And that would be general knowledge to me.
259 Q. Yes. I just want to explore that ever so slightly, okay. We have a situation where a friend of yours, a man who you shared an office with, who you were aware would have a financial hit as a result of being out sick, has come back to work, you know from your own experience that he needs to get a certificate to show that he is back properly, if I can put it that way, and
thereby he would be back on full pay. Are you seriously suggesting that you wouldn't have made that point to him, saying, get your house in order, get a certificate so that the half pay issue is behind you
and you are back on full pay?
A. My understanding, and I did not say to him about full pay, I did not have that conversation with him, even I would presume somebody is back, he's back on the payrol1, but I did say to Sergeant Barry, and I was delighted to see him back because I was aware he was gone on half pay, I did say to Sergeant Barry, you will require a medical certificate.
260 Q. okay. I understand your answer, I will move on. I think we can agree in any event that you did discuss -sorry, I don't want to put weight on it that perhaps it 12:39 doesn't deserve, but in the conversation there was mention of a medical certificate?
A. 110\% I asked for a medical certificate.
Q. And in this context was there a discussion about his general practitioner, his doctor, wanting to affix a term or a condition to the certificate before she would give it to him? Do you understand what I mean?
A. I do. And I have no recollection of any condition and I think Mr. Barry has said that I told him to put conditions on it, I did not tell Mr. Barry to put believe I had any discussions about conditions.

262 Q. To be fair to with you, we all appreciate you use the way there of expressing yourself that that you don't
remember it. Is it possible that in the context of the medical certificate discussion he would have said to you, my doctor won't give it to me unless she can put a condition on it, or words to that effect?
A. No. No, that did not take place.
Q.

So we're clear before I move on, you're saying to the Chairman that at that point you wouldn't have had any knowledge that his doctor wanted to put a particular term or a condition in his return to work certificate?
A. No, I never heard of conditions at the time and if it was mentioned I think -- the only condition I would have known with a medical certificate was light duties, where somebody would stay in the office and couldn't go outdoors.
264 Q. Before I move on, I am going to suggest to you that that was part of the conversation and that he did raise it as an issue, that his GP didn't want to give him a certificate unless she can put a condition in it?
A. If that was the situation I think would I well remember it because it would be new to me to see conditions in a $12: 41$ medical certificate. I had never seen them before, with the exception of light duties, if somebody comes back after an injury they take the calls at the desk and don't go out.
265 Q. I am going to move on but before I do, just to go back to that portion of your evidence, Mr. Perry has found it for me, it's at page 139 of the transcript. You were asked about -- the question, it's at line 10:
"Q. Now, you say in your intervi ew with the i nvesti gators, you say that you're based in Fernoy Garda Station and you al so tell the investigat or "I woul dn' t be in Mtchel stown that much, is that right?"

And the response you gave was:
"Well, that would be correct. I thi nk if we were coming back fromsone place we could call in to Mtchel stown Garda Station. Our boss people would tell 12:41 us if we saw a garda station, if we were passing on route we may call in. But other than that, my job was in Fermoy, I would go strai ght to Fermoy every morning unl ess there was sone reason not to."
A. That's correct. And if I was coming back from Mallow, coming through Ballyhooly, before I passed the door, the garda station was open, our boss man would say, stand in and hello to the guard. And that's what I said to on Tuesday. If the door was -- the garda station, pass a garda station, our boss would tell us to call in. I think that's what I said.

266 Q. I am going to move on, inspector, but I am just going to suggest to you, with all due respect, that's not what you said on Tuesday. On Tuesday, which I just read to you, you said you could or you may, but not that you had to or you must?
A. No, I never said I have --I could pass sometimes with the door open. But I said, our boss would tell us to go in. It's not to say every time I saw a door open
that $I$ would go in, $I^{\prime m}$ not saying that.

Certainly Chief Superintendent Dillane touched upon it, I think other witnesses did as well. In any event, you know what I am talking about, right? I don't want there to be any confusion, you understand I am moving on to this topic?
A. I know what you mean by the word by I just don't know how...

269 Q. Well, Ms. McGrath touched upon this earlier and as a result I don't think I need to spend a great deal of time upon it. But I do want to put it to you specifically because I said to you a moment ago or at least earlier on that $I$ was going to. We have a situation where my client came back to work and a medical certificate is issued, I'11 get on to the nature of the medical certificate in due course, but there's a term within it that says that he should not come into contact with Superintendent Comyns nor should
he have to attend at Fermoy Garda Station, you're aware of that?
A. I'm aware, that's correct.

Yes. And we know from the statement of chief Superintendent Dillane, which was at page 552 of his statement, we know that he says that -- sorry, I beg your pardon, $I$ have confused myself. Let me just re-set. Superintendent Comyns tells us in his statement at page 552, that "In di scussing with Chi ef Superintendent Dillane on 3rd April 2014, that it would 12:44 be injurious to Sergeant Barry's health to work with me or in Fermy Garda Station. Asked I nspector O Sullivan if he would deal with -- " and I am using particular emphasis here, inspector, "-- all matters rel ating to Sergeant Barry until investi gations fini shed. I nspector O Sullivan agreed and we al so agreed that if I nspector O Sullivan had any issues, he would contact re and there would be a consultation on the issue."

Now, that's already been put to you, you're aware of the fact that that's how Superintendent Comyns in his statement expressed himself in the context of what he was asking you to do vis-à-vis Mr. Barry, yes?
A. That's my understanding, it was correspondence to deal with it.

271 Q. You see, you've gone right to the nub of it. You've helped me out in a big way. I can discard ten questions, we've gone right to the nub of it. That statement says "all matters"?
A. Yes.

272 Q. Nowhere in any statement that you made to the tribunal, I say this, I hope without fear of being corrected by any of the parties in the room, nowhere in any statement that you made to the tribunal or in response to any questions put to you by an investigator for the tribunal do you use the word correspondence to deal with this arrangement that's been put in place being referred to here. And the only time that we hear any reference to this arrangement being limited to correspondence is when Superintendent Comyns gives his evidence both in direct to Mr. Marrinan and in cross-examination to questions put by me. Do you understand?
A. It is my understanding, and a11 I can do is speak for 12:46 myself, $I$ had a conversation with Superintendent Comyns inside in the clerk's part of the district office, that's what I said to Ms. McGrath, that it was April '14, and I knew that something came from Dublin that would be injurious to Mr. Barry's said. And
Mr. Comyns did say to me deal, whether he said correspondence or deal with -- deal with whatever comes in here to me, and my understanding was that was any paperwork.
273 Q. When I was cross-examining Superintendent Comyns, I put 12:46 to him that there was a clear distinction between the use of the words "all matters" and the use of the word "correspondence". He agreed with me?
A. I can't --
Q. No, just bear with me, bear with me. He agreed with me, okay, that's in the transcript. It's there. As to the reasons for that, he gave his own reasons and I'm not concerned with that in this question for you. But do you also agree that there's a distinction between a11 matters and correspondence?
A. Well, they're two different words, I accept that. But all I can say to you, Mr. Costelloe, is, my conversation, I was led to believe anything that would come in for Mr. Barry, I was to deal with it. If something came from Dublin, it ended up in my tray, I rang Mr. Barry and in fairness to him, 11 out of 10 , he always met me to meet me to collect the stuff. That was my understanding of that Apri1 '14 agreement.
Q. Excuse me for speaking over you a moment ago. Do you need to repeat your answer, $I$ think we all heard it.
A. If you didn't hear it.

277 Q. No, no, I heard it?
A. Yes, that was my understanding.
Q. Before I move on, the portion of the transcript of the evidence of Superintendent Comyns that you read, be it on your phone or however you read it, was that portion a part of the evidence that dealt with this particular issue as to the distinction between all matters and correspondence?
A. I don't believe I read anything in relation to that in the transcript. A11 I can say to you, Mr. Costelloe,
is, I was well aware of what was going on with
Mr. Barry or Sergeant Barry and Superintendent Comyns at the time. And I was well aware, and that's why I said to Ms. McGrath this morning she had the wrong year, that it was April 2014 that I was told to look after the correspondence. That was my understanding. Well, we're about to move on to that in fact, but before $I$ do, that is move on to the distinction between 2013 and 2014, but before I do, can I suggest to you that in fact what happened in April of 2014 was Superintendent Comyns decided to insert you for everything, for all matters between himself and Paul Barry?
A. That is not my understanding of the agreement. And you're going to have to recall Superintendent Comyns.
A11 I can do is speak for myself. It was my understanding from the conversation that if something came into the building belonging to Sergeant Barry, I was to deal with it because Superintendent Comyns didn't want to write his name on it.
280 Q. So that you aren't in any way misled by the manner in which I am phrasing my questions, Superintendent Comyns did say in his direct evidence that this process was so that you would deal with, and again the word now is correspondence, and that's day 9, the 1st June, I think it's approximately page 45 , but my point is that until he said that in his direct evidence, the only thing we knew about this arrangement from any of the material we had was his statement which said that he had put you in
between himself and Paul Barry for quote-unquote all matters?
A. I think it was to deal with correspondence -- that's was my -- all we can do, Mr. Costelloe is say that it was my understanding it was to deal with correspondence 12:49 that would come into the garda station. That Superintendent Comyns would not write his name on it and he would put it in inside in Inspector o'Sullivan's tray in the other part of the -- that was my understanding of it.

281 Q. Okay. We're coming up to the lunch break, we've ten minutes, so let's see if we can get one of the other topics off the table before we come back after lunch?
A. Thanks.

282 Q. Let's deal with the fire, okay. The incident on the 9th April and the complaint that my client has, whereby he says that he has been targeted because he has been unduly criticised for the perceived noncompliance with the directive as to how critical incidents are supposed to be reported. We're going to deal with that now?
A. Yes, thanks.
Q. I am just making it clear because we are somewhat jumping forward and I think we might be able to get it done between now and lunchtime, and that is why I am doing it, okay?
A. Thank you.

284 Q. It seems to me that the directive is quite clear, there is a requirement to make a report within 30 minutes if during day time hours a serious incident occurs, isn't
that correct?
A. That's my understanding of it.
Q. And you were able to tell us that whatever the directive says, the reality is that outside of normal office house, or specifically, as in this instance, after ten o'clock at night, nobody would ring Sergeant Terry, rather they would wait until the morning and make sure that she was informed. The 30 -minute requirement wouldn't be complied with outside of the normal office hours?
A. I suppose it would depend on the incident, Mr. Costelloe. If it was a murder it would be a different situation. But in relation to a fire, where somebody is pronounced dead, I don't believe that Sergeant Terry would be rang in relation to that. Q. And, in fact, you used an expression today, if I paraphrase it this way, this method, this process of relaying information is to keep the superintendent up to speed, effectively, isn't it? It's to make sure that he or she is informed of what's going on in the district. So, as you explained yourself earlier this morning, for example, if there's a phone call from the media the following morning, the superintendent has some knowledge of it and they can deal with it at that point, isn't that right?
A. The report would be forwarded to the superintendent.

287 Q. Yes. And there's a distinction then between that immediate response and the information that has to be sent up the line to the regional office so that the
regional office has a full picture of the serious incident, isn't that correct?
A. That's correct.

288 Q. Will you agree with me that in the directive there is no reference anywhere to it being the sergeant or a guard's responsibility of communicating that information to the regional office?
A. To the regional office?

289 Q. Yes.
A. No. The information $I$ believe, and that --

290 Q. Sorry, do you agree with me on that?
A. Sorry, could you just say the question again?

291 Q. There are two requirements under the directive. One is a 30 -minute requirement, we've already dealt with that?
A. Yeah.

The other requirement is to make sure that the regional office is appraised of the information as quickly as possible, vis-à-vis what's going on, what's the situation in relation to this critical incident and the circular sets out how that it to be done, doesn't it?
A. Yeah, that's correct.
Q. And that is to be done either by the DO, the acting DO or the superintendent?
A. That's correct.

294 Q. Not the sergeant, not the guard, nobody else?
A. Oh I accept that.

295 Q. Okay. So we are in agreement?
A. Oh yeah, that's a hundred percent.

296 Q. On the night in question you had phone calls with Garda

Henry Ward, correct?
A. Yeah. Made two phone calls with me now, I thought it was one.

And perhaps this is a helpful illustration of the fact that, you know, a lot of time has gone by and your memory of things may not be quite as accurate as you thought they were, because you seem to think that these phone calls only came after midnight, and we can see from Superintendent Comyns' notes that you were in contact with him about the fire at 10.42?
A. No, I didn't say -- I said I got no phone call after midnight. I believe there was one phone call before midnight but from that record now it would appear there were two.
Q. okay.
A. But it was never about phone calls after midnight, because I knew I had gone to bed and if I had got a phone call at two o'clock I would have remembered it.
299 Q. I obviously got that wrong. I thought you were telling the Chairman that you thought the fire was after midnight?
A. No.

300 Q. But clearly not. okay.
A. No. I think I said 11 o'clock maybe or something.

301 Q. In any event, from that particular note, which has it's page 731 of the material book, we have an awareness that you informed Superintendent Comyns that there had been a fatal fire, that the scene was to be
preserved and that there would be an examination by sOCO in the morning, isn't that correct?
A. That's correct.

302 Q. And the result of the postmortem examination would be the following day, isn't that correct?
A. That's correct.
Q. Again, so that I understand your position before I ask you any further questions about this, what you are saying is that it was insufficient to say that the superintendent could have relied on the C71 form in order to get enough information to be fully aware of, to be fully appraised of what was going on, that that was where the dereliction was, that is where the failure was. Have I got that right?
A. What I am saying, Mr. Costelloe, is, 99 times out of a 100 all over Ireland a report would be made up of that fire that night, the sergeant would write, superintendent, Fermoy, forwarded for your information. It would arrive in an envelope at district headquarters probably marked urgent.
304 Q. Okay. I don't want to belabour this point so I will just cut straight to the chase. It have put it to previous witnesses, it has been put to previous witnesses. In this particular instance Garda Henry ward is standing right next to my client and Garda has seen, we agree that?
A. Mr. Barry says he was there and I accept he was.

305 Q. Garda Henry ward says that he's in regular contact with
you, your memory is that it was only one phone call, but perhaps it was more?
A. No, two. I did not get a phone call after 12. I think what Garda ward means by regular contact, is taking the 12 hours from the time of the fire at ten o'clock all up to 12 midday, or 24 hours. That's what regular contact means to me I think.
Q. Okay. However many times he's in contact with you, he said regular, you have your own view about that --
A. No, Mr. Costelloe, I just want to make it quite clear 12:56 now to the tribunal, if I got two calls before 12 o'clock, the regular contact, in fairness to Garda Ward, and he's a good guard, the regular contact with Garda ward is about me phoning him about the PM, he ringing back about the PM later in the day. So I think 12:56 we might have had five, six calls maybe.

307 Q. Again, we can only go from the piece of paper in front of us. You have an interpretation of what Garda ward means by regular contact, we have all heard you say that. Can we at least agree that he's in contact with you at least twice?
A. There's issue with that. I have no issue with that.

308 Q. okay. There is, of course, a further -- you go to the seen the next morning?
A. The first thing in the morning.

309 Q. And you relay what you see at the scene and information you've garnered, you relay it to Superintendent Comyns. We know this because there is a note in his journal?
A. Yes.

310 Q. That you have been in contact with him about 7.48, 7.49?
A. It was before 8am anyway.

311 Q. Okay. Now, at this stage, or sorry, subsequent, just in or about this time, what we know is that the c71 form has been completed, the Pulse database has been updated, were you aware of that fact?
A. It would go on Pulse, I would expect, yeah, yeah.
Q. Certainly you would agree, as you already have, that Garda Henry ward has been in contact with you?
A. Correct.

313 Q. Right. We11, with those three sources of information, what you have been told by Garda Henry ward, the Pulse database, the C71 and actually let's add a fourth, your own observations at the scene, wasn't that sufficient information for Superintendent Comyns to be able to relay up the line to the regional office what had been going on?
A. A11 I can say, Mr. Costelloe, is any of the other units in Fermoy would forward a report to the superintendent. 12:58 And all I can say to you is, 99 times out of a 100 or 99 stations out of a 100 , that's what would be done. That's all I can say.
314 Q. The criticism here is that subsequently letters are exchanged, letters are sent, where there's an implication that my client hasn't done what he should have done, and he says that that's unfair? okay? You understand that?
A. I do. But, Mr. Costelloe, all I can say, and I can see
where you are coming from and you represent Mr. Barry, is all $I$ can say, that if that was to happen tonight in Fermoy Garda Station there would be a report sent over to the super.
Yes. And what I am suggesting to you, inspector, is that using the word report doesn't get us anywhere because here you have three if not four different sources of information, which is more than adequate to give Superintendent Comyns the information that he needs for him to comply with the circular and send the report up to the regional office?
A. In all other cases the reports are forwarded. And they're two separate entities, Mr. Costelloe, the C71 is a total separate entity.
I think I have been quite clear in saying to you, I am not limiting it to the C71, I am also dealing with the Pulse report?
A. You're saying the Pulse. But all I can say is, when that when that e-mail came out from the assistant commissioner, it went out to the inspectors, that would 12:59 be sent on to the sergeants, they discuss it at the weekly PAF meetings, the superintendent when he comes in in the morning expects to have that report on his desk, whether marked urgent or not.
MR. COSTELLOE: Chairman, I wonder if that would be an appropriate place to leave it until after lunch.
CHA RMAN Yes, thanks very much.
THE WTNESS: Thank you.
CHA RMAN Thanks very much, inspector, you can go for
the moment and we'11 come back after lunch. I just want to discuss something here. Mr. McGuinness, Mr. Marrinan and Ms. McGrath, Mr. Kavanagh is raising a question about whether we should interpose Assistant Commissioner Fanning. I'm not sure that's a satisfactory way to do it. Mr. Costelloe, I think you should proceed with your cross-examination to a conclusion and whatever the situation is, there's no urgent need to interpose Assistant Commissioner Fanning. So I mean, I am just deciding it this minute. 13:01 So I think you should proceed with your cross-examination to a conclusion.

## MR. COSTELLOE: Yes.

CHA RMAN And we will then consider Assistant Commissioner Fanning's situation.

MR. COSTELLOE: Just so you know, Chairman, I did communicate certain information to your counsel yesterday and I don't want to be misspeak and I certainly don't want to say --
CHA RMAN No.
MR. COSTELLOE: But if Mr. Fanning is being called, I wil1 have no questions for him.

CHA RMAN I understand. I knew that as far as you were concerned you didn't require him to give evidence, I mean, there's no sort of secret or anything,
everybody has been helpful, but I don't know about anybody else and whether they want to have Mr. Fanning give evidence. what $I$ am saying is this, Mr. Costelloe, it may transpire that we don't call

Assistant Commissioner Fanning at al1, but if that's not the case and we're proceeding with Assistant Commissioner Fanning, we will not interpose him because there's no reason to do so. You proceed with your cross-examination, I don't want to interrupt that and I don't see any reason to interrupt it. And then we will deal with the evidence of Assistant Commissioner Fanning. Everybody happy with that? Any good reason why that shouldn't take place?
MR. MARRI NAN No, that is perfect, Chairman. CHA RMAN Thanks very much.

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CHA RMAN Now, thank you very much, Mr. Costelloe. MR. COSTELLOE: Thank you, Chairman.

317 Q. Inspector, I am going to go back to the chronological way in which I was trying to deal with things before the lunch break, okay. We took the force majeure issue out of turn but I bring you back now to April of 2013, okay?
A. Thanks, Mr. Costelloe.

318 Q. okay. So, specifically I am going to ask you some questions about the medical certificate that was produced by my client and your role in relation to enquiring about that, yes?
A. Yeah, thanks.

319 Q. Okay. So on the 4th Apri1 2013, the medical
certificate was dropped in at approximately 4pm, this was at Fermoy Garda Station. Again, I don't think there is any contention, that seems to be common case?
A. No, that's accepted.

Yeah. while in other parts of the testimony of other witnesses there was some discussion about who did what and at whose instruction, $I$ am going to suggest to you, just to try and get all of that out of the way in one go, you were spoken to or you spoke with, however you wish to describe it, Chief Superintendent Dillane and he told you to go to Dr. Kiely?
A. That's correct. On Thursday, 4th April 2013, probably around five o'clock.

321 Q. I think you know why I am putting it to you that way, just because initially there was some confusion as to whether or not you were going there anyway and, in fact, Chief Superintendent Dillane just piggy backed on that, if you will, and just used the fact that you were going there, whereas it now seems to be the case, I think even Chief Superintendent Dillane has acknowledged it is the case, that in fact he spoke to you on the 4th and told you to go there to make certain enquiries, yes?
A. That's correct. I was made aware of that at the time, that the statement was being taken there about a month 14:03 ago.

322 Q. Exactly. It was put to you.
A. It was put to me.
Q. Exactly, exactly.
A. Yeah.
Q. And look, I am not going to waste everyone's time going back over all of that. So we will move on then. One of the areas upon which you were closely questioned on Tuesday by Ms. McGrath was to do with your purpose, your job, why you were going to speak to Dr. Kiely, you remember being asked quite a few times about that, yeah?
A. Yeah.

And that, if I could suggest to you, centred around the 14:04 fact that in Chief Superintendent Dillane's statement he had said that he had asked you to go there to see if the certificate was genuine, that is the word that he used, that's to be found at 337 of the materials, we needn't open it, we have gone through it many times with earlier witnesses, but he used the word genuine. And you, in your statement to the tribunal investigator, and this is to be found at 1306, say that you were instructed to go there by Chief Superintendent Dillane and that the reason was "to check the val idity of the medical certificate". okay. So he uses the word genuine, you used the words check the validity, that's what the purpose appears to be, from the materials at least, of why you're going to speak to Dr. Kiely. Are we agreed on that before I move on?
A. Yeah, that's the word that was used.

326 Q. Yeah. Now, I want you to tell me if I have this wrong, I have heard the evidence and I read the transcript of your evidence and I understand you to be saying that
insofar as you may have made enquiries about the date being crossed out or the eligibility of the signature or anything else, your purpose in going there wasn't because there was a concern that the medical
certificate was a forgery or a fake or fraudulent, but rather it was to do with the term or the clause within it, which was unprecedented as far as you were concerned, which seemed to preclude Mr. Barry from going to Fermoy Garda Station or having any interactions with Superintendent Comyns, is that correct?
A. That's correct. There was never an issue about a forgery.
327 Q. Yeah. So again, because I am going to have to come back to this, I think you will anticipate that, or you must have anticipated that, but just, you know, if we can all mark the lines on the pitch before we start the game, if you will?
A. Thanks.

328 Q. That seems to be what you're saying; that you were there not because there was a concern that it was a forgery or fake but rather because, when you use the word validity, what you are saying is, this cause, this condition that's put in the certificate?
A. Well, I suppose, Mr. Costelloe, I think I wrote three things on it. It was 4th April 2013 and that was crossed out.

329 Q. Yes.
A. And in biro, the 28th March ' 13 was in it. And I think
myself, my own evidence was that I had never seen a medical certificate with the date changed on it, because it moved back to say somebody could check to work earlier and there was no initial on that certificate, that normally if a doctor changes a certificate, I would expect to see an initial alongside it.
330 Q. Because you have brought us to it, let's deal with that then. The 28th March being, of course, the day before Mr. Barry had come back to work?
A. Yes.

Also being the day before you spoke with him at Mitchelstown on your way back from Charleville having done the adult cautions?
A. That's correct.

332 Q. Mr. Barry, as you know, I have put it to you and I am sure you are aware anyway even if I hadn't, says that in that conversation the issue of a medical certificate was brought up, you appeared to agree with that, but he said also that his doctor would only issue one if she could insert a clause or caveat within it to the effect that he couldn't go to Fermoy or have anything to do with Superintendent Comyns?
A. That discussion never took place.
Q. And again, I fully appreciate that you say it didn't take place. It's just that we now have a scenario which seems to be that having gotten the medical certificate, it appears to be dated in type the 28th March, being the day before and you yourself have
acknowledged that this was something that you wanted to enquire about because that date was crossed through and it was replaced with the date in ink, 4th April 2013, yes?
A. That's correct, I had never seen a medical certificate that had the date changed that wasn't initialed. But again, and I am trying as best I can to keep the distinction between the content of the certificate itself, the doctor's clause, if you will, and issues about the date and things like that. I am just dealing with the date right now. Isn't it in fact the case that because you now have been provided with a certificate which has a date on it which appears to say exactly what my client says was raised in the course of the conversation with you on the 29th, that when you saw it on the 4th April you had an immediate concern about whether it was valid or not?
CHA RMAN I don't understand that question.
MR. COSTELLOE: Sorry, Chairman?
CHA RMAN I don't understand that question, Mr. Costelloe.
MR. COSTELLOE: okay.
CHA RMAN I don't think anybody could understand that question.
MR. COSTELLOE: okay.
335 Q. So, you understand obviously that I have put it to you that this conversation happened on the 29th and you've disagreed about the content of that conversation?
A. I am telling you that I never had a conversation on the

29th about putting conditions in a certificate. Because I said earlier, Mr. Costelloe, that the only condition I saw on a medical certificate prior to that and since that would have been light duties, other than Mr. Barry's certificate.
Q. Yes. But what I am putting to you is that, in fact, you must have and you did have a concern about the validity as to the genuineness or whether it was real or not of the certificate, because in fact you had had that conversation on the 29th March and now you're looking at a certificate with a date crossed out, which appears in the content of that certificate to reflect what my client, $I$ am putting it to you, said was said was discussed in the conversation. I hope I have done a better job explaining the question there.
A. Mr. Costelloe, I am still going to answer you the same way: There was no discussion on the 29th March in relation to conditions on a certificate.

337 Q. Yes.
A. There was no conversation.

338 Q. Yes. Insofar then as one of the three things that are written on the copy of the certificate that we have in your handwriting, which you have admitted, you've accepted were written by you.
A. That's right.

Is a query about the date, that is just to ask a question about why it was drawn through and replaced in ink?
A. I think I penciled that, $I$ wrote that down myself, that
is my writing, and I definitely wrote down the date, the amendment and I think I put receptionist on it.
340 Q. Yes. But my question then is: If the issue about the date only goes so far as the fact that you had never seen a medical certificate with a date changed on it before, what's the big deal?
A. Sorry, I didn't get that question, sorry.

As I understand it, you're telling the Chairman that you were only asking a question about the date on the certificate because you had never previously seen a medical certificate with the date crossed out and replaced in ink, have I got that right?
A. Yeah, but --

342 Q. Sorry, have I got that right before we go on?
A. No, not fully.

CHA RMAK wait now. Mr. Costelloe, ask a question and then stop. You're speaking across each other and it is difficult to know, he begins an answer and you begin another question. Just it's an important area, I'd like you to ask questions as simply as you can so that
I can understand them and so that the witness can understand them. And then stop and let him answer.
343 Q. MR. COSTELLOE: Do you want me to re-ask that question? I interrupted your answer.
A. Sorry, could you ask the question again, sorry?

344 Q. Certainly. we have moved on in the transcript, but rather than scrolling back, you told the chairman that insofar as you had written anything about the date on the copy of the medical certificate that you had, and
insofar as you made any questions or asked any questions about the date, the only issue, as far as you were concerned, was the fact that the original date, the date in print, had been crossed through and replaced with a date in ink and you had never seen that 14:12 happen before?
A. That's correct. But Mr. Costelloe, I said in my evidence, you're correct in what you said, that's what I wrote down in the certificate, but chief Superintendent Dillane had concerns about the content of the certificate and obviously when I saw it, I'd never seen one before as well but I didn't -- and Mr. Dillane wanted to start from scratch to say, yes, the doctor means this, he can come to work but he can't enter the place of work.
345 Q. Sorry?
A. No, Mr. Costelloe, my apologies.
A. Mr. Dillane, I think, it was obvious the contents of the certificate was of concern as well, and I think that is why the chief was sending me on.

347 Q. Yes.
A. And I wrote down these things because I saw the date was changed and the amendment, sorry.
348 Q. Okay. So you're being directed to go there by chief Superintendent Dillane, Chief Superintendent Dillane has expressed to you that he has concerns about the content of the certificate, is that correct?
A. He has mentioned the certificate.
349 Q. No, no. Inspector --
A. I am not --
350 Q. Sorry, Inspector, let me finish my question?
A. Yes.
351 Q. Because the Chairman has asked that I try and do this as simply as I can, which I am endeavouring to do. You just told us that Chief Superintendent Dillane had concerns about the content of the certificate. Now, do you want to change that answer or can we accept that as your answer and move on?
A. No, I'm not changing it, Mr. Costelloe. Mr. Dillane was concerned about the certificate and I think he put me in on an errand that morning to see is this certificate correct, and he was going to work from there, how he was going to handle a situation that the certificate said this man was fit for work but he could not enter the place of work.
352 Q. So, insofar as he was concerned about the content of the certificate and insofar as he directed you to make enquiries about the content of the certificate, does that extend or encapsulate the issue about the date being crossed out?
A. It was I -- Mr. Costelloe, it was I wrote that in myself. I take full responsibility, that is my writing.
353 Q. So I come back to my question: what's the big deal with the date being crossed out and written in in ink?
A. Again, as I said, Mr. Costelloe, I had never seen, and I haven't seen since, a medical certificate -- you have
to be very careful when you're coming back to work. That certificate said the 4th April and it was amended by the doctor and a new one was furnished. It was amended -- a brand new certificate, 4/4/2013 was issued, an updated certificate came in. Obviously if you get a medical certificate into your hand, that was my own thinking, the date was put back to the 28th, of course you're thinking, why isn't the correct date on the certificate.

Because you're worried about the authenticity of the certificate?
A. No. No, Mr. Costello. I know Mr. Barry. It never came in that this certificate was a forgery. Mr. Barry would never do anything like that. And I say that to Ms. McGrath.
Q. And, inspector, it's not just a case of it being any date that's crossed out, it's a case of it being a date the day before you met with Mr. Barry at Mitchelstown Garda Station when, even on your own evidence, the fact of him requiring a certificate is discussed?
A. That's accepted, the 28th March was the day before the -- and I accept that, Mr. Costelloe. conclusion from you writing that as one of the three things you're going to ask about when you go to Dr. Kiely's surgery, is that you had a concern that the certificate had been doctored up or fraudulently created in order to coincide with what was said at that conversation on the 29th march. Do you understand
that?
A. I do, Mr. Costelloe.

357 Q. okay.
A. That situation, and I will answer it again to you, never arose. The typed version of the medical certificate clearly said what it wanted.

358 Q. okay.
A. And I did not think for one minute that it was a forgery.
Okay. Leave aside entirely the issue of the doctor's certificate, the third of the three reasons set out by you, written down as an aide memoire, however you want to refer to it, on that document, is that you wanted to speak to the receptionist, the word receptionist is written in?
A. I'd say I probably wrote down on that that probably the receptionist might have changed the date.

360 Q. Inspector.
A. That's my thinking.

361 Q. You wrote the word receptionist?
A. I did, that's my writing.
Q. Isn't that clearly an indication that in light of the conversation you had with Chief Superintendent Dillane you were going there in order to ask the receptionist did she print up this document, did she know anything about why the date was changed on it?
A. I never had that conversation with the receptionist. And, Mr. Costelloe, I never went there with that intention. And if I had that intention, Mr. Costelloe,

I was waiting ten to 15 minutes, $I$ had plenty of time to ask the receptionist.
363 Q. And again, your reason for writing the word receptionist is?
A. I jotted down, it may be that the receptionist changed the date on it. But that's my writing.

364 Q. Let's leave aside then that side of your enquiries, to do with those three things and let's deal with the content of the certificate itself. This was unprecedented as far as you were concerned, you couldn't believe your eyes when you saw this in the certificate, he wasn't to go to Fermoy Garda Station and he wasn't to have anything to do with Superintendent Comyns, yes?
A. That's correct.

365 Q. Okay.
A. But he wasn't to enter Fermoy Garda Station even if Superintendent Comyns was out of the country for a month and I was acting super, he couldn't enter the building, that's what it said.
Q. You know, to adopt the words of one of my children which is repeated to me every time he gets an opportunity to do so, is this for real? Seriously, this is a documents that's been handed in as a medical certificate, you're looking at it and it seems to completely preclude Mr. Barry from going to Fermoy or having anything to do with Superintendent Comyns?
A. Yeah, Mr. Costelloe, I said I never saw one before.

367 Q. okay.
A. I'm 35 years in the guards, and I never saw one since.

368 Q. Yes. And to be clear, you're not saying that you were worried about the document being a forgery, you're not saying -- is that right, before $I$ move on?
A. No, I have said --

369 Q. You are not saying that you were worried about anybody other than Dr. Kiely having written it, is that correct?
A. Correct.
Q. It was just that there was this clause, this line in it and you couldn't believe your eyes when you saw it?
A. Chief Superintendent Dillane, who was my boss, asked me to do a job and as far as I was concerned, Mr. Costelloe, I don't believe Dr. Kiely had any difficulty with me that morning. I was clarifying an issue for Chief Superintendent Dillane. That's what I was doing. Doing my job.
371 Q. When Chief Superintendent Dillane asked you to go there, did you have any difficulty with what you were being asked to do?
A. I hadn't really.
Q. Pardon?
A. I didn't.

373 Q. You didn't?
A. No.

374 Q. And on your evidence, you were going there to speak to Dr. Kiely to ask her about how it is she comes to write in the medical certificate he shouldn't go to Fermoy and he shouldn't have anything to do with

Superintendent Comyns?
A. I suppose Chief Superintendent Dillane -- or we'11 say myself, Mr. Costelloe, the organisation was being hit with a certificate, this man -- if it was a building site, this man is free to go back to work but he can't enter the building site, he has to stay outside and look in. The reason the certificate -- there was concern about the certificate.
Q. Yes.
A. I was actually as polite as I could be with Dr. Kiely, there was no issue, it was done very discreetly.
Q.

Before you went to speak with Dr. Kiely you spoke with Superintendent Comyns, isn't that right?
A. I have no recollection of that. If Superintendent Comyns says that he spoke to me -- my recollection was Fermoy, in my tray. That I brought it up to -- it was a Thursday evening and I would have been doing court in Fermoy on the Friday, and I went up to see the doctor before I went to court because it could be five o'clock 14:20 when $I$ would be finished in court.
Q. You can't assist us then with anything by way of what might have been said in that conversation?
A. No, I honestly can't. I have no recollection, I have a recollection of Chief Superintendent Dillane telling me 14:20 what to do. Not Superintendent Comyns.
Q. You told counsel for the tribunal on Tuesday that you were there for ten to 15 minutes and you told Dr. Kiely you were asked to make an enquiry as to whether the
certificate was valid or not. "I asked was it issued by Dr. Ki el y as the date had been changed and she had no issue, she confirmed that it was."
A. She confirmed that she issued the certificate.

379 Q. Sorry, I am just reading back to you what you said on Tuesday?
A. Sorry, yeah, that's correct.

380 Q. This is page 173 , line 4 onwards in the transcript?
A. That's correct.

381 Q. Now, we have established therefore that your evidence is that on foot of a direction from Chief Superintendent Dillane you went to Dr. Kiely to ask her about this clause in the medical certificate, correct?
A. I think I said the contents of the certificate, was the word I said.

382 Q. We11, the contents are on that line as we11, aren't they?
A. Sorry.

383 Q. The contents include that line, don't they?
A. Oh they would, I presume, yeah.

384 Q. We put aside the issue about the date and the issue about the signature and the issue about whether you were speaking to the receptionist, we've dealt with that. I'm just dealing now with the line in the medical certificate that says he's not to go to Fermoy Garda Station and he's not to have any contact with Superintendent Comyns. That's not exactly what it says, 1 'm paraphrasing, but we all know what I am talking about, isn't that right?
A. Yeah.
Q. Okay. You're going to speak to the general practitioner who has issued a medical certificate from my client about something that she has said is not to
happen in order to protect him, you have raised no issue with your chief superintendent about going and making those enquiries and what I am asking you is, why didn't you leave it up to the chief medical officer?
A. Chief Superintendent Dillane asked me to do a job for him. And any time I am asked to do something by a superior, I would do it and that's why I went there that morning, Mr. Costelloe. And I think Chief Superintendent Dillane wanted to get the ball rolling, to start right away and see what is happening with this. Because we had never seen a certificate that would tell somebody you are fit to go to work but you can't enter the workplace.

392 Q. Had you ever gone to a doctor's surgery before to query the content of a medical certificate that had been put in by a guard?
A. No. No.

393 Q. Had you ever had cause before to query the medical advice or the medical statement of a doctor who was acting for a guard?
A. No. Mr. Costelloe, honestly, but having said that, I never saw a certificate like the one that we're talking about.

394 Q. With all due respect, inspector, given the unique nature of that clause and given what was going on at the time, wouldn't the sensible thing have been to wait for the chief medical officer to pick up the phone to Dr. Kiely and say, what are you at, what's this all about?
A. Mr. Costelloe, I didn't see an issue with it, being honest with you. And even today I don't see an issue with it because $I$ carried out a discreet enquiry. Why is whether it's discreet or not relevant there?
A. I am just saying that $I$ didn't go in in full uniform, like I said, and say I'm here, I'm checking out -- this thing was done very discreetly and I had a jacket over my blue shirt and I told the receptionist, I'm a guard. Dr. Kiely has given her own statement, it's in the records, she has expressed how she felt about you attending at her surgery. Her view is that you were in full uniform and she has described herself as being unnerved by your attendance there that day?
A. It is my understanding, Mr. Costelloe, from my visit to Dr. Kiely on the date in question, there was no issue raised by her. The only time $I$ have seen issue raised by Dr. Kiely is in the May '22 notes. And Dr. Kiely, if she says she was unnerved, I would dispute that. She walked on to her next patient as soon as -- and I said thank you and I walked out the door. And I didn't 14:24 see anything unnerved about Dr. Kiely. I thought she was very nice to me, because I actually said to the receptionist, if I can't see her in the next ten minutes, $I$ have to be in court for half ten in Fermoy. I said I would come back and I expected that to happen but in fairness to Dr. Kiely, she came back to me within five minutes and $I$ was back down in time for the court.

397 Q. I am going to move on but before I do I am going to put
it to you that in fact you went there that day at the direction of Chief Superintendent Dillane in order to see whether or not the document, the medical certificate had been forged or manipulated by somebody other than the doctor, that's the first thing I am putting to you?
A. Can I answer that?
A. I have said it before. I worked with Mr. Barry. He would never do something like that. And to have you suggest that I thought that after working for eight years with Mr. Barry, that never crossed my mind, that that was a forgery. Mr. Barry would not do something like that, to be fair to him.
However you may have felt about Mr. Barry, Chief Superintendent Dillane was calling the shots here and he was the one sending you to make these enquiries?
A. But I don't -- I cannot speak for Chief Superintendent Dillane. But I do not think that Chief Superintendent Dillane thought it was a forgery.
400 Q. Well, as you said yourself, you can't speak for him?
A. Okay, sorry.

401 Q. I am putting it to you that that was part of why you were there?
A. I don't believe Chief Superintendent Dillane either believed it was a forgery.

402 Q. And the other thing I am putting to you is that you made enquiries about the content in the sense of the clause, if you will, within the medical certificate, do
you want to respond to that?
A. Yeah, I did. I said the clause, and the doctor confirmed it was correct and maybe I said something about the CMO would be in touch or something.
403 Q. And I am then finally putting it to you on this before I move on, that the appropriate thing in that scenario, where you're saying you're only going to enquire about this along with the other issues, but that content, that clause, would have been to leave it up to the CMO to make the enquiries himself?
A. I actually didn't see an issue with it, Mr. Costelloe, being honest. I did not see an issue with it. I think Mr. Dillane, in fairness to him, wanted to get that ball rolling quick. And $I$ think that he was hit with a certificate in front of him saying, I have a person that's fit to work but he can't enter the workplace.

404 Q. We'11 move on, please, inspector, we'11 move to the meeting with my client on the 9th April 2013, okay?
A. Thanks.

405 Q. This is the occasion upon which you attended at the request of Chief Superintendent Dillane and then met with my client, initially in the car park but I think you went into the station with him, have I got that right?
A. That's correct.

406 Q. Okay. There is, and I absolutely am not going to spend any time on this with, a disagreement as to whether or not Chief Superintendent Dillane was in full uniform, ful1 formal battle dress, as you describe it. My
client says he was, including wearing a Sam Browne belt, you emphatically say he was not, correct?
A. No. Chief Superintendent Dillane had that Sam Browne belt on him once in 2016 in the Kent memorial and he had no Sam Browne belt on the night in question. And the reason we were in the car park, Mr. Costelloe, is the garda station is closed, Mr. Dillane wanted to speak to him about the day before, he had to meet Mr. Barry somewhere. The station was closed and the appropriate time was to meet him on the way into the station.

407 Q. Can I just suggest to you then, given the context of everything that happened, given the context of you having spoken with Mr. Barry on the 29th, of you having spoken to his doctor on the 5th, turning up at this time of the night with Chief Superintendent Dillane was unnerving and, in fact, put my client in a situation where he felt intimidated by virtue of the fact that the two of you are there and he's on his own and you're waiting for him to turn up in the parking lot, in the car park that night?
A. Mr. Costelloe, Mr. Dillane had documents to discuss with Mr. Barry. Mr. Barry was commencing nights at 9 pm . There was no other way, to be fair to Mr. Dillane, he was leaving Cork City, there was no o'clock, Mr. Barry could be gone out to a call, there is no one in the garda station, he could delay. The appropriate time would be start of duty, and it was no
inspection like that.
408 Q. I understand that that's why you are saying that that meeting happened that night at that time?
A. Sorry?

409 Q. I understand that's your reasoning for why the meeting happened there and at that time?
A. That is the reason.
Q. What I am putting to you is: Given the circumstances it put my client in a position where he felt intimidated by two more senior officers turning up, waiting for him in the car park before he starts his tour of duty on the night in question?
A. I don't believe Mr. Barry would ever be intimidated by me. We worked together for eight years. And the reason Mr. Dillane, in fairness to Mr. Dillane that night, he had to give the documents to Mr. Barry. He couldn't ring Mr. Barry to come to Fermoy Garda Station because the doctor said he can't enter the building. where else could he meet Mr. Barry to give the documents? Unless he set up a checkpoint and gave them 14:30 to him. I'm sorry, you're throwing out suggestions here, I suggest to you, inspector, that this is the only way this could have been done. In reality, the only
problem, the only issue was Mr. Barry going to Fermoy Garda Station, the man could have been met on the side of the road or at a petrol station and documents could have been given to him, a phone call could have been had saying, we're going to swing by Mitchelstown Garda Station between the hours of blank and blank on the day of blank, please be there and the documents handed over. What's wrong with that?
A. Mr. Costelloe, can I answer that? It's my
understanding that the chief was in Dublin the day before, Chief Dillane, and he got certain things to do. Mr. Barry happened to be working the following night, starting at 9pm. He was not going to start ringing Mr. Barry at home during the day. I cannot speak for Mr. Dillane, I see no issue of coming in to Mitchelstown Garda Station, sitting in a car park and going in to speak to the members and they starting duty. I don't see any issue whatsoever.
413 Q. I understand you see no issue with it, inspector, I can't challenge you or cross you on what you see an issue with or not. I am simply saying to you that you have said now on many occasions that this was the only way this could have been done, that transfer of documents from Chief Superintendent Dillane to my client, the only way it could have been done was at nine o'clock at night approximately in the car park of the garda station. And what I am saying to you is, there were a myriad of other ways it which it could have been done, all of which probably would have been
more appropriate than waiting for the man in the depths of the evening, in the dark, in the car park in order to serve upon him documents where two senior officers turn up and he's on his own?
A. I don't believe there was an issue with meeting -- and

14:32 I often met people in a garda station at nine o'clock when they were starting. I don't see an issue with that. I actually don't see any issue.
we'11 move on. We have the meeting itself. We have the fact that you're present. You're clearly there in order to be a witness to what is said and what is done during the meeting, would you agree with me?
A. Mr. Dillane asked me that day, saying that he was going, calling to meet Mr. Barry at 9pm, would I go with him, and he was my boss, I went with him.
415 Q. And the reason you were there is in order to be a witness as to what is said and what is done during the meeting, correct?
A. I didn't ask Mr. Dillane, I presumed so, he wanted somebody with him.
416 Q. All right, fair enough, you presumed so. So you went there and you were in fact a witness to the meeting?
A. I was there.

But we've established you didn't take any notes or jot down any record of what was said at that meeting?
A. No, that's correct.

418 Q. And when you make a statement to the tribunal you make no reference to my client uttering anything about, it'11 be the super who has to go, I'm not going
anywhere, isn't that correct?
A. That is correct.

419 Q. And subsequently, after disclosure has been made to you, after you have received documents from the tribuna1, you are asked questions by the investigator for the tribunal a couple of months back, and then for the first time ever you say, Mr. Barry said in that meeting it's the super who is going to have to go, I'm going nowhere. That's correct isn't it?
A. That was said.
Q. Okay. I am suggesting to you that nothing like that was said by Mr. Barry, okay?
A. I heard what was said.

421 Q. And I am suggesting to you that, in fact, you have inserted that from a false memory or for some other reason into the narrative of what happened that night because it works with what you're trying to convey to the tribunal was the tone and the tenor of my client's response to Mr. Dillane that evening?
A. Mr. Costelloe, to answer you, I would never do something like that. I made out my original statement, I know nothing about tribunals, only what $I$ read in the paper. We got a folder -- I actually didn't believe there was a tribunal going to happen. We got a folder and basically we were told read the folder, anything that concerns you, you should make a statement about it. And I did my best. I was investigated here by the tribunal investigator, obviously they asked me more probing questions, what happened at the meeting, and I
told them what happened at the meeting and I honestly told them what happened at the meeting and that's what happened.
422 Q. How confident are you in relation to the recollection of the words that were used about my client?
A. $110 \%$ confident.
A. Mr. Barry was getting up himself and he said, I'm not moving, I'm going nowhere. As he turned around to the door he said, I was right alongside him, he said, you can move the super, and he walked right out the door. 424 Q. You have cut to the quick of it again, as appears to be your want, you have anticipated exactly where I am going. In your statement to the investigators you used the words, I'm not going, the verb is to go, the super will have to go. Yesterday it was put to you that that was what you said and you agreed and then subsequently you said, what he actually said was, I'm not moving, the super will have to move and you just said it again there?
A. I'm not moving, the super has to move. That's it.
Q. Well, which is it? Did he say, I'm not going, the superintendent will have to go, or did he say, I'm not moving, the superintendent will have to move?
A. He said, I'm not moving, the superintendent has to move.
So when you said to the investigator for the tribunal a couple of months ago without the benefit of any notes that he had used the words to go, you were wrong and in
fact you're $110 \%$ certain now here today that the words that he used were move?
A. It was. Move.

427 Q. okay. And that's not at all in any way impacted or influenced by virtue of the fact that you would have had sight at that stage of the statement of Chief Superintendent Dillane, who referenced the fact that he says in that meeting my client said it was the super who would have to go, that he wasn't going anywhere?
A. I heard what Mr. Barry said that night, and I would not 14:35 come into any tribunal and say that if I didn't hear it.

We11, I will move on, but can I just ask you this last question: where you're telling us you're $110 \%$ certain, are you $110 \%$ certain now or were you $110 \%$ certain a couple of months ago when you were talking to the investigator?
A. I'm $110 \%$ certain that Mr. Barry said he wasn't moving or going and the super has to move.
429 Q. Moving or going, so now we have two different versions? 14:36
A. It's the same word.
Q. With all due respect, inspector, that's a matter for the Chairman. I'm suggesting to you that it most definitely is not the same word. I am suggesting to you, inspector, that you are changing your narrative as 14:36 to what you are saying happened that night?
A. Mr. Barry said, I'm going nowhere, and he was going out the door he said, you can move the super. That was the last word he said going out the door. And I was
standing to the right of the door at this stage.
431 Q. The very last thing before we move on from this meeting, inspector, can we agree at least on this? There was definitely a discussion at that meeting about the transfer at public expense or a transfer at private 14:36 expense?
A. There was.

432 Q. And you remember that, you're a member of An Garda Síochána for 35 years plus?
A. That's right, yeah.

433 Q. You remember that conversation?
A. Yes.

434 Q. We will move on then?
A. Can I say, Mr. Costelloe, how I remember that is Mr. Dillane was begging Mr. Barry. He said, this cannot go on, he said you're not reporting to Fermoy in the morning or the evening or answering phones to the superintendent. And he was asking on a number of occasions, I can't let this go on, and they were trying to get a compromise of a transfer.
435 Q. Thank you, inspector. I really wasn't looking for the surround, if you will, as to why it came up, I just wanted to confirm with you before 1 moved on that it definitely was discussed and the distinction between transfer at the private expense and at the public expense was mentioned?
A. It was discussed.

436 Q. And obviously, as has come out now on a number of occasions, this is because if you ask for a transfer,
it comes out of your own pocket when you move, whereas if you are told you're transferring, the public pays?
A. The public pays, yeah, thanks, that's correct.

437 Q. We are coming close to the end. So I am going to move onto the force majeure?
A. Thanks.

438 Q. It sort of blends in with, bleeds into the issue of leave, but I am going to try and keep the two as distinguished as I can. So, obviously as you have shown you're well able to do, if you're not clear on any question I ask, you tell me?
A. I will, thanks, Mr. Costelloe.

439 Q. Dealing with the force majeure then, my understanding is that the application for leave was made at late notice, according to you, for dates in April of 2013, have I got that right?
A. Yeah, but Mr. Costelloe, to be fair to Mr. Barry, it could have been in the public office a couple of days, so I do not know what date he applied.
440 Q. I appreciate the distinction, thank you for correcting me. So a request is made, it goes into the pub7ic office and it's a request for leave on days in April of 2013?
A. That's correct.

441 Q. okay. And again, this is a distinction that I am going 14:39 to have to put to you in a moment, but just so we are completely clear, you were emphatic in correcting Ms. McGrath this morning about this very issue. You say that insofar as you took over any role in relation
to documents or matters pertaining to Mr. Barry, that was in April 2014, not April 2013?
A. I believe that's the following year.

442 Q. And again, in this instance you gave us a very detailed explanation as to how you say you came to refuse leave for certain dates in 2013, isn't that correct?
A. That's correct.
okay. As I understand your evidence, what you're telling the Chairman is, the reason you would have been dealing with the leave application in April 2013 must have been because you were the acting Do, the superintendent perhaps being otherwise engaged or not working or on holidays or whatever, is that right?
A. Yeah. When I found that leave sheet, Mr. Costelloe, Mr. Barry wasn't long back at work, and I wanted peace and harmony. I take it, I went up to the district office that evening, Superintendent Comyns could have been finished, but that leave was done that evening by the clerk in the district office for me.
444 Q. But the reason you made sure to get it done was because 14:40 you were acting in the place of Superintendent Comyns?
A. I would presume that I was.

445 Q. And again, this isn't because of some arrangement as far as you're concerned between yourself and Superintendent Comyns where you would interject
yourself between Mr. Barry and Superintendent Comyns, that didn't happen until a year later on your evidence?
A. No, that's correct.
Q. Yeah. Could we go, please, Mr. Kavanagh to the
statement of Mr. Comyns, page 555. My monitor has gone off.

CHA RMAN Have you got that in front of you?
MR. COSTELLOE: On my own screen, but I don't have it on the tribunal's screen, $I$ don't think anyone else does either, on my row nobody else seems to have it, we're all gone dark. Do I need to do something?
CHA RMAN No, it's nothing to do with you, Mr. Costelloe. We don't have anybody at the moment.
MR. COSTELLOE: Well, what I am going to, do inspector, I am going to read -- it's on7y one sentence.
A. That's fine.

448 Q. If you in any way feel like you're not comfortable with me adopting this method?
A. I am comfortable, thanks.

449 Q. Thanks very much, inspector, it will help us get through this quicker. Superintendent Comyns makes a statement, it's a lengthy statement, at one particular point in the statement he's talking about -- and this is down at the bottom of page 554 and into the beginning of page 555 of the documents, he's talking about the 19th Apri1 2013, in which he forwarded a report to Chief Superintendent Dillane, we know it to be Dillane, setting out details of force majeure leave taken by Sergeant Paul Barry on the 15th, 16th, 17th of 14:42 Apri1 2013, okay?
A. That's correct.

450 Q. If you wi11, that's the scene set, okay.
A. Thanks.

So he's dealing with those dates, he's dealing with the force majeure, he's dealing with the fact that Mr. Barry didn't turn up for work on giving days then. He goes on to say:
"I forward the report for the information of the district officer and l al so outlined my difficulty performing my duty as DO, as district officer."

He then goes on to say, and this is the relevant portion I am reading to you now:
"In terms of the application for force maj eure leave, Ser geant Barry had applied for I eave whi ch had been ref used. I had del egated I nspector ÓSullivan to process the application and make the decision. He was acting district officer for the purposes of the leave appl i cation. "

Do you wish to say anything about that?
A. If Mr. Comyns says that, that's correct.

453 Q. Sorry, I can't hear you, inspector?
A. Sorry. If Superintendent Comyns was away on some other job, right, not in Fermoy, I could be in Mallow, come back at three o'clock or four o'clock to sign the post and I would have got that, I believe I got that leave
sheet. So if Mr. Comyns said I was acting district officer that day, I accept that I was.
454 Q. Yes. I am going to come to the next part of the process of explaining what's going on here, but I just wanted to put that to you first, okay. what he says is, 'I had del egated Inspector O' Sullivan to process the application and make the deci sion. He was acting di strict officer for the purposes of the leave appl ication. "

That's what he says about it, okay? He doesn't explain it, he just says what's happening. okay
A. Thanks.

455 Q. If we move on then to the actual report just referred to, which is the report $I$ think it was opened earlier today. It was sent by Superintendent Comyns on the 19th April 2013, it's to be found at, I hope, page 746. Now, again you don't have the benefit of this on the screen?
A. It's okay, you can read it to me, Mr. Costelloe, I'm happy with that.

456 Q. In fact, you've already had some of it read to you, but I'm going to --
A. Thanks.

457 Q. Just to be clear this, is a letter or, if you wish, a 14:44 report which is sent to the chief superintendent, Cork North, we know that to be Mr. Dillane, and it was sent by Mr. Comyns and it's sent on the 19th April 2013, okay, right?
A. Thanks, yeah.

458 Q. It's in his statement, as I've just read it to you, he says that he sent -- Mr. Comyns says he that he did in fact send this report to Chief Superintendent Dillane because of the fact that my client was, whichever way you look at it, out on force majeure or absent without leave. So this is the report that he sends up the ladder. And in it he says, in the first substantive paragraph he says:
"Sergeant Barry had applied for annual leave on the 15th, 16th and 17th April 2013 al ong with numerous ot her dates."

That's the first part of the paragraph. He then goes on and this is the applicable part that I want you to listen to.
"Due to the ongoing i nvestigation by Chi ef Superintendent Kehoe, I did not deal with this application. "

So there he's giving his explanation as to why he didn't deal with the application for annual leave in April. He is saying to his superior officer, it's because of the act that chief Superintendent Kehoe is conducting the investigation, okay?
A. That's a matter for Superintendent Comyns.

459 Q. Yes. But it's a matter for you in the sense that this
would suggest that you have been delegated the person to deal with the leave applications because of the fact that Superintendent Comyns feels he cannot do so given the ongoing investigation?
A. No, Mr. Costelloe, I came in to the public office in Fermoy Garda Station and I found a leave sheet belonging to Mr. Barry in my tray. It could have been there two days, three days, I don't know. And I did my best with the leave that evening and I basically granted two days that I wouldn't have granted if it was 14:46 submitted -- if arrived to me as acting district officer and I refused two out of three days, the 15th and the 16th and I actually said, because you can't go changing the dates on the leave sheet, I asked him to resubmit the 17th and there's no issue to be granted.
460 Q. Nobody disputes any of the fact of you dealing with the leave application, okay. However, what I am putting to you is that it wasn't a case of Superintendent Comyns being out on vacation himself, it wasn't an instance of superintendent comyns just delegating you on a one-off basis to act as the delegated district officer. In fact, what was going on was that as early as April 2013 Superintendent Comyns was directing you to deal with leave applications being brought by Mr. Barry because of the fact that there was an investigation being conducted --
A. No.

461 Q. -- by Chief Superintendent Kehoe?
A. All I can say, Mr. Costelloe, I had no knowledge of
that in 2013 and I found Mr. Barry's leave sheet in a public office in Fermoy.
462 Q. okay. So without getting into a scenario whereby I am asking you to interrogate the mind of Superintendent Comyns, the most you can tell me, the most you can agree with, is that you were never told by Superintendent Comyns in April of 2013 that you were to deal with leave applications by Paul Barry because of the fact that Superintendent Comyns was being investigated by chief superintendent Kehoe?
A. I had no knowledge of that.

463 Q. You've already, many times now, explained what happened about the phone call, you actually picked up the phone to Paul Barry and said to him, I can't grant you leave on certain dates. You made the effort of contacting him, and then you followed through on that by sending him a letter subsequently, all of this has been opened to you and I think you accept all of that, isn't that right?
A. I did. I did. I wanted to pass it on to him, that I couldn't grant him the leave.
464 Q. Were you aware of the fact that my client's wife had an ongoing issue with her back?
A. No. And Ms. McGrath asked me that this morning. I had no knowledge of $\square$ Barry having issues with her 14:49 back.
465 Q. And again, I suspect that there's not really any reason to spend much time on this, because it's a simple divergence, but I am just going to put it to you, that
my client in that conversation on the phone said to you that if he didn't get the leave he could end up having to take force majeure because he might be needed at home due to his wife's condition?
A. Mr. Costelloe, $110 \%$ that did not happen. And if it did 14:49 I would have not -- I would have told Superintendent Comyns when he asked me, listen here, Mr. Barry said to me about his wife, and I would have rang Mr. Barry.
But I know Superintendent Comyns would tell me, ring Mr. Barry. That did not happen.

466 Q. Was it not odd that he didn't explain to you why he wanted leave on those dates then?
A. Sorry?

467 Q. Was it not odd to your mind that he didn't explain to you why he wanted leave on the dates that you were not able to give him?
A. I think Mr. Barry was applying for various dates of leave, if you look at that, there was a block leave, maybe five or six different dates that came in to me. I had no discussion with Mr. Barry. And do you think, Mr . Costelloe, for one minute if I thought that Mr. Barry said that to me, that I would make a statement to Superintendent Lehane saying I had no knowledge of it, or that I wouldn't tell Superintendent Comyns, he mentioned about his wife's back to me, that 14:50 he might be off. We would have rang him.

468 Q. I know you mean that as a rhetorical question and we're not going to get into a situation of you asking me questions?
A. That's my answer.
Q. I understand your answer, inspector, okay. Again, before I move on, I am formally putting it to you on my instructions that during that conversation Mr. Barry explained to you that if he didn't get leave he could be left in a situation where he might have no alternative but to take force majeure because of the fact that his wife may very well be incapable of performing certain household functions and he'd have to step into the breach?
A. Mr. Costelloe, $110 \%$ that conversation never took place and if it did, I wouldn't have made a statement that I made, or I would have told Superintendent Comyns.
Q. It occurs to me I should, because as an experienced guard you may want to comment on this or you may feel you can comment on this: Obviously by definition force majeure is something where you notify after the fact, you can't anticipate, if you will, you can't send in a notification saying, I'm taking force majeure on blank day of blank?
A. That's accepted. That's accepted. It's something that happens.

471 Q. And you've referenced it yourself there a moment ago about Superintendent Lehane and his enquiries afterwards. My client has always asserted that he somebody, he doesn't remember who, to say that he wouldn't be in because his wife was sick. Do you know anything about that?
A. That's my understanding, that there was a phone printout, it's a small garda station, 20 members, nobody remembers who took the call and Mr. Barry couldn't remember who he rang.
472 Q. I think you're aware of the fact that there was a call noted?
A. That was said about a call, yeah.

473 Q. Sorry?
A. I heard mention about a call.

474 Q. Sorry, if you don't know, you don't know, I'11 move on, but there was an actual investigation as to whether or not there was an official record of the call and there --
A. I don't know anything about the investigation, sorry, Mr. Costelloe.
Q. That's fine, that's fine, we'11 move on. Moving then to the actual issue of annual leave itself. Again now I am fast forwarding a month. So now we're into May of 2013 and my client is looking for annual leave. okay?
A. That's correct, Mr. Costelloe.

476 Q. Again, I am just setting the scene so that there is no misunderstanding that I have moved on. Now, in this particular instance my client made the leave application on the 17th May 2013 but this leave application was dealt with by Superintendent Comyns, did you know anything about that?
A. I think, Mr. Costelloe, going by the timeframe, and I said it this morning to Ms. McGrath, based on what Ms. Gould has said in her statement, I would have found
the leave again in the public office in the tray. After I do my best by sending Superintendent Comyns' report or instructions, for want of a better word, and I think I explained this morning the way the leave system worked in the superintendent's office. I believe I put that into the super's post myself. Because I could be leaving the building, I could have been going anywhere. and put it into the super's pigeonhole?
A. Yeah, I accept that. I accept that. I wasn't happy about the situation and $I$ tried to resolve an issue.

478 Q. Because you brought it up there, let's deal with it?
A. Yeah.

479 Q. We have a situation where a woman who had worked as a clerical officer within An Garda Síochána for many years felt compelled to write down a record of her interaction with you pertaining to this entire thing because she felt that it was necessary to keep a record 14:53 of it. I mean, that must be unprecedented in your experience, is it?
A. Mr. Costelloe --

480 Q. Sorry, inspector, is that unprecedented in your experience?
A. I don't know who keeps notes, being honest with you, Mr. Costelloe. But can I say in relation to that, I don't know if Ms. Gould is giving evidence or not, I did not abuse Ms. Gould. I asked her, and specifically
what I said this morning, that Mr. Barry must comply with the regulations by the superintendent. And it came to the situation where I removed my postbox, and I accept that, because I wanted harmony for my own life as well.

481 Q. The situation had got to the point where you had to go to the extreme of removing your own postbox so you can could remove yourself from the ongoing issue between Superintendent Comyns and Mr. Barry?
A. No. Mr. Costelloe, can I answer that?
A. There was no doubt I said that Mr. Barry should comply with the instructions of Superintendent Comyns. I don't believe I was raving. People don't describe me as an excitable man. I don't believe -- but I probably
was frustrated and I ended up by saying -- she said, I'm going to comply with Mr. Barry's instructions, after I asking to him to comply with Superintendent Comyns and I said, okay, you know how I'11 solve the problem, I'11 take my postbox, and that's what I did. therefore, you must agree with me that Superintendent Comyns dealt with this particular leave application, you didn't deal with it, isn't that right?
A. I put it in an envelope and put in the superintendent's post.
Q. Yes.
A. I may have been off. I don't know was I going out the door, was I going in the door, but I did put it in the super's post.
486 Q. You are, of course, quite right to correct me there, because you don't know what Superintendent Comyns did. But to the extent to which anything was done about this leave application in May 2013, you didn't process the leave application?
A. No, nothing to do with it.

487 Q. And we have a situation then, would you agree with me, where in the month previous you dealt with the leave application, you say that this was because Superintendent Comyns was unavailable to do so and you were the acting district officer, he says for a different reason, but then fast forward a month, when Mr. Barry hands in his leave application to you, you take the view that has got nothing to do with you, you
take down your postbox and you give the leave application in to Superintendent Comyns?
A. Mr. Costelloe, again I will say to you, I tried to resolve the leave issue, because the leave is given in the superintendent's office, the computer is there, it's logged on. And I tried to explain the best way I could this morning about Mr. Barry looked for friday off and the days, and he's doing it on the Sunday. If it's in my tray -- Mr. Costelloe, it is very, very relevant, I tried my best in relation to annual leave. I went to the pain of getting out Superintendent Comyns' instructions again and I asked him to please comply with them instructions. I came back again, probably I might have been in court that day, I came back into the public office and found the leave sheet there again.

488 Q. This is in relation to May now I'm talking about?
A. Yeah.

489 Q. Not April?
A. No, I'm talking about the May one. Because in the may one, contrary to the instruction that I sent out in April, it's a total --
490 Q. And insofar as, we have already covered this, but just to round it off and we will move onto the next topic then. Insofar as Superintendent Comyns is telling
Chief Superintendent Dillane on 19th April 2013 that you have been delegated to deal with leave applications because of the ongoing investigation by Superintendent Kehoe, you had no know7edge of that, and when we move
forward to May of 2013, as far as you're concerned it's got nothing to do with you, the application should be made to the superintendent on duty?
A. That's the May 2013?

491 Q. Yes.
A. May 2013, I found that envelope in my postbox again. I put it in an envelope. I put it in the super's tray. The end result of all of that, $I$ had to remove my postbox.
we'11 move on. The last thing I want to ask you, I think the last thing I wish to ask you any questions about, deals with the TOIL/Haddington Road/extra duty situation?
A. Thanks.

493 Q. Can you help me please with a document, you referenced it this morning and we had some conversation or some evidence rather about this previous7y, it's the A85 document?
A. Yeah.

494 Q. It's if we move to -- I hope this is an example that's useful to us. Let's start with the document at page 5494, if we could have that, please, Mr. Kavanagh. Now, this particular document here, this is the A85, isn't it?
A. Yeah.

495 Q. This is the application for -- or rather the document that notes when people perform extra duties, matters to that effect, isn't that right? Is that right, inspector?
A. Sorry, Mr. Costelloe, that's correct.
Q. No, not at all.
A. That's correct.

497 Q. Could we scroll down, please, Mr. Kavanagh, to the signature at the bottom right of that page. Do you recognise that signature, inspector?
A. Oh yeah, that's me. okay. It's quite hard to discern, but do you see the dates there over on the far left column, can you see any of them?
A. I can't actually, but if you tell me the date.

499 Q. A11 right. We11, I might be able to find a better example, there was one, it just doesn't seem to want to cooperate with me right now. Let me see if I can get this one to work?
A. If you tell me the date, $I$ will accept that.

500 Q. Well, I don't want to be putting words in your mouth so... Would you scroll up two pages, Mr. Kavanagh, so we should be coming to page 5902?
CHA RMAN Is it that you can't read the date, Mr. Costelloe?
MR. COSTELLOE: It is, Chairman.
CHA RMAN Wait now. Mr. Kavanagh, there's a series of buttons on the top, including one that says minus and one that says plus, could we try to press the plus one. 15:00 Get the relevant form. Now, do you see up, up, up, there we are. Press that button, again, again, again. Again, again, again. Now, magic. Now everybody can see the date.
A. Thanks.

CHA RMAN Or at least see some of the dates.
MR. COSTELLOE: Thank you very much, Chairman.
501 Q. Sp we're looking there at dates August into September of 2013, yeah?
A. Yes.

502 Q. Okay. Excuse me, Mr. Kavanagh, would you mind, please, going down to page -- no, I am going to have to do it a different way, because $I$ just simply can't read what is on my own copy, and there's no point doing this. So we're going to go to a different page.
CHA RMAK Mr. Costelloe, what I am suggesting is, once we have identified the date and how it's possible to get the date, we can then ask Mr. Kavanagh to reduce it, so that you are able to use it and see the normal thing.
MR. COSTELLOE: I appreciate the assistance, Chairman, but if you just bear with me for one second. CHA RMAN Stay out of it, leave it to you. Okay. MR. COSTELLOE: It's ever so slightly tedious if I --
CHA RMAN Mr. Costelloe, do it your way.
503 Q. MR. COSTELLOE: I am grateful, thank you.
Mr. Kavanagh, let's start again with a different document entirely, page 5503, please. This was the one I was looking for. This is again an A85, isn't that right, inspector?
A. That's correct.

504 Q. Mr. Kavanagh, could you help me, please, would you scroll down to the bottom right of it and we see a
signature there. Do you recognise that signature?
Q. You have that You have that there, yeah. Okay. If we go down two pages thereafter, sorry, three pages thereafter, to page 5505. This page, exactly. Is there a way to get all of that on the screen at one time, I wonder? Could we reduce maybe to $100 \%$, please? Perfect. Thank you very much, Mr. Kavanagh. So, inspector, what's this document here?
A. Sorry, that's a document that's extra hour duty. It's a document that runs with A85. "Application for extra duty".
Q. Yes. In the context of that document we have various columns with prepopulated indicators as to what they are supposed to signify, so we have date, period of extra duty involved, normal tour duty, number of hours, full description of the duty. In this particular instance it says "Haddi ngt on Road agreement" you see that there, don't you?
A. That's correct. And it says "In rel ation to a crime investigation, aggravated burglary, 11th August 2013", the next column 15:03 is "si gnat ure of sergeant in charge approving of the extra duty i nvol ved" and date. Do you see that column?
A. I do.

509 Q. Do you recognise the name of the sergeant there?
A. I would, is it Sergeant Hallahan?

510 Q. I think it might be.
A. James Hallahan, I would think.

511 Q. I think you may be correct. But in any event, somebody has written something in into that column, it appears to be a signature. Then the last one over is signature of district officer sanctioning the extra duty involved. Now, do you recognise that signature?
A. I do, that's my signature.

512 Q. Okay, and is there a date there?
A. There is. 10/9/13.

513 Q. Would you agree with me that that appears to come after the date that the extra duty, the Haddington Road duty was carried out, was performed?
A. I accept that but what I explained this morning

Mr. Costelloe --
514 Q. Yes.
A. -- any time Haddington Road was signed off on, it was done verbally over the phone. And if I signed 10/9/13 on that, and just for argument's sake, if it was Superintendent Comyns on that date that Sergeant Hallahan, 7th September. Sergeant Hallahan would have rang me or rang Superintendent Comyns and he said, said, look, I'm going to use ten hours of my Haddington Road. And if it was Superintendent Comyns got a phone call in relation to that, it is my understanding that if I was doing them forms on the day above in the station, I would ask Superintendent Comyns, did you sanction that. And I said this morning that if there
three Haddington Road applications, that Superintendent Comyns often came out to my portacabin in the backyard and said, did you sanction these. And if I said I sanctioned two out of three, Mr. Comyns would sent back the other one, to say who sanctioned it.
The column which is the second from the end on the right?
A. That's correct.

The signature of sergeant in charge, approving of the extra involved and the date. In this particular instance, this example before us, it's signed, we think it might be Sergeant Hallahan, he appears to be working at that time, but in any event, some sergeant had signed off on there, isn't that right?
A. Well, I think -- he is the sergeant in charge, that is Sergeant Hallahan. What I am saying to you, there is no other sergeant above him, Mr. Costelloe. But I can tell the tribunal that if that was sanctioned, that was pre-sanctioned verbally by someone.
517 Q. What I am suggesting to you is that in fact what this document discloses is that somebody has to do a crime investigation in relation to an aggravated burglary?
A. That's correct.

518 Q. They have to perform extra service and they're putting it down as their Haddington Road agreement service, and that the person who signs off on that is in fact, as is written on that form, signature of sergeant in charge approving of extra duty involved and date, and in this instance we think it is Sergeant Hallahan. Thereafter,
just to finish the question?
A. Yes.

519 Q. Thereafter, it having been approved by the sergeant, you sign off on it after the fact, noting that a sergeant has given permission for that Haddington Road duty to be performed?
A. Mr. Costelloe, can I explain that? And I think I explained it this morning. That if Haddington Road -my recollection, when Superintendent Comyns came to Fermoy, it was in 2010, I think it was the month of July, and I don't know what month the Haddington Road was signed off, but certainly all the hours were sanctioned. They may not -- and I said that this morning, they may not be sanctioned by date on the form but as I said to you, if it came in for sanction you could take it from me Sergeant Hallahan rang me or rang Superintendent Comyns to get pre-sanction for that. Everybody was treated the same with Superintendent Comyns.
520 Q. Thank you, inspector, just one moment. Just so there 15:07 can't be any suggestion I didn't give you an opportunity to comment on this particular letter, there is a document, Mr. Kavanagh, would you mind going to page 5520, please, and you might just get the date of it, it should be the 26th August 2013. I don't know if 15:07 everybody has that captioning box in the middle of their screen but I have in mine?
CHA RMAN Peter, would you make this $100 \%$, please, so I can read it. Do you see the plus.

MR. COSTELLOE: I don't think it will accept commands until okay is clicked, Chairman.
CHAI RMAN Thanks very much. Thank you. No, 100 wil1 do fine. Thank you.
521 Q. MR. COSTELLOE: This is a document which is dated 26th August 2013. You have that, inspector?
A. I have that, Mr. Costelloe, thanks.

522 Q. Excellent. It's addressed to the superintendent at Fermoy, at that time we know that that was Superintendent Comyns, isn't that right?
A. It would be.

523 Q. And it's in reference to an application for TOIL, time off in leave, made by a certain sergeant.
"I wish to apply for 15 hours time off in lieu of duty performed by me on 26/8/13 in accordance with the Haddi ngt on Road agreement. I worked a ten-hour extra tour of duty on 26/8/13, from 9amto 7pm during the course of which I performed three two-hour checkpoints with RSA inspectors in Fermoy district. I wish to apply for TOL as follows."

And I think it's a he, he sets it out. "Friday 30th August 2013, from 7amto 12 midday; Sat urday 31st August, from 7amto 5pm" And in brackets thereafter, 15:09 five hours, ten hours, and someone in ink has written a tick as in an approval tick or a yes tick next to each of those hours, isn't that right
A. That's correct.

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Q. It's stamped as having come from the sergeant in charge of the traffic corps on the 26th August and it's received, we know from a stamp from the superintendent's office on the same day, the 26th August, isn't that right?
A. That's correct.
A. Yeah, my name, is it?
Q. Could I suggest to you that that again is your signature?
A. Oh that's my signature.

527 Q. Could I suggest to you that it seems to have all been written by the same person, sergeant in charge -CHA RMAN It's obviously written by you. There's no mystery in it.
MR. COSTELLOE: I just didn't want again to be presuming anything.
CHA RMAN I think it's safe -- I'm presuming it, Mr. Costelloe.
A. Mr. Costelloe, can $I$ point out one thing in relation to this.
528 Q. CHA RMAN Let Mr. Costelloe ask his question.
A. Sorry.

529 Q. CHA RMAN The writing in blue, including the signature, is yours?
A. Yes, Chairman. No doubt about that.

530 Q. CHA RMAN But it's right to check it out. You confirm a11 that.
A. I do, Chairman. There's no doubt.

CHA RMAN Now, let Mr. Costelloe ask his question.
531 Q. MR. COSTELLOE: I know you know where I am going with this, doesn't this seem to suggest that after the fact you're sanctioning these hours?
A. No, you see, Mr. Costelloe, if you look at that document, that document is application for time off in lieu of Haddington Road hours that were previously sanctioned. Can you look at the document again now? There's no issue, this man is saying, I have worked up so much hours. No doubt there is another form there that that was sanctioned. He's asking for time off instead of it. That's the difference. This man has worked up them hours. There's a form somewhere in the district office to say he did them hours. Do you see the way it is ticked there as well, they're satisfied that them hours were done.
I see what's in front of us there, inspector, but --
A. No, but, Mr. Costelloe, just to be fair now, they are for time off in lieu, that's cost nothing. That is hours that have been worked and had been sanctioned and the person is asking instead of annual leave, I want to stay at home them days.
Well, before we get to that then, do we at least agree that this is a request being made in accordance with the Haddington Road agreement?
A. But it's for time off in lieu.

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Q. Certainly you're making the distinction there, I understand you're making the distinction between time off in lieu and other things, other things would be working the shift that is required under the Haddington Road agreement and then perhaps working extra hours and 15:12 getting paid for it, isn't that right?
A. That's correct.
Q. In this instance it's time off in lieu?
A. It's time off in lieu.

So all I am asking you is, this being an example of somebody under the Haddington Road agreement looking for time off in lieu, you appear to be sanctioning that after the fact?
A. No, Mr. Costelloe, sorry. If we just go up again to the top of it. "I wi sh to apply for 15 hours time of $f$ in lieu of duty performed on the 26th August in accordance with Haddi ngt on Road. "

Right. That duty on the 26th August is sanctioned somewhere else, Mr. Costelloe. The person has the
hours done, that's my understanding, and he's then making an application, can $I$ stay at home and take time off in lieu of the hours $I$ worked. That's my understanding of it.
537 Q. Well, we can go to the page where it appears to be
A. Yeah, bring up the page.

538 Q. It's 5523?
CHA RMAN Just a minute. 5523?

MR. COSTELLOE: 5523.
CHAN RMAN Thanks very much.
539 Q. MR. COSTELLOE: I am going to suggest to you, sergeant, that there doesn't appear to be any prior sanctioning there.
A. And you're talking about the 28th and 20th.

540 Q. The dates that are there in front of you?
A. Sorry, is that the 28th, 20th August. Am I on the same screen as you?
541 Q. I believe you are.
CHA RMAN Hold on. Let's go back to 5520 for a moment.

MR. COSTELLOE: So you have dates there where you have --
CHA RMAN Sorry, Mr. Costelloe, just a moment now.
Let's go down to the dates. Just a moment.
MR. COSTELLOE: So, we see on that letter there that the dates applicable are the 30th and the 31st August. CHA RMAN No, they're the dates he's looking for. MR. COSTELLOE: Yes. Sorry, I thought that's what I said, I beg your pardon, Chairman, if I misspoke. He references the fact that on the 26th August 2013 he'd worked a ten-hour extra shift.

CHAL RMAN Yes.
MR. COSTELLOE: You see that there, inspector?
A. I do.

542 Q. Again, it's entirely possible --
CHA RMAK That's the 26th of August. Can we go back now to the other one you were talking about,

Mr. Costelloe.
MR. COSTELLOE: Yes.
CHA RMAN Just for the benefit of the slower members of the thing, including myself, now the 26th August and we're going to find the date of the 26 th August.

MR. COSTELLOE: We11, we have to scroll down a tiny bit.

CHAN RMAN We will, we will, indeed.
MR. COSTELLOE: And inspector, you have dates written
in there, the 20th August, the 28th August, there's
insertions put in, performance of traffic duty supervision.
CHA RMAN Keep going down, Peter, we want the 26 th August.
MR. COSTELLOE: No, no, sorry, don't go.
CHA RMAN Sorry.
MR. COSTELLOE: No, again, sorry, Chairman --
A. Can I help you, Mr. Costelloe? Can I?

MR. COSTELLOE: Before you do, inspector --
543 Q. CHA RMAN Don't help for the moment, let Mr. Costelloe 15:14 proceed and ask questions.
A. Sorry, Chairman.

544 Q. MR. COSTELLOE: Before you do help me, you see the insertions for the dates there, the 20th and the 28th.
A. I do.

545 Q. You signed off on that, that's not what we are dealing with, obviously?
A. Okay.

546 Q. Go down then to the two underneath that. what's going
on there? That's somebody who was in the process of looking for sanctioning or somebody has inserted and crossed it out, is that it?
A. Yes, that's what it looks like. But, Mr. Costelloe, what I said this morning is, where I signed that form 10/9/13 and 10/9/13, either Superintendent Comyns or I would have given prior verbal sanction for that. Didn't I say it this morning, that Superintendent Comyns could come out with three Haddington Road forms like that to me and say, did you sanction them? And if I said I sanctioned two, he'd send the other one back out.

547 Q. Well then it seems that the content of these particular documents is of no use, because what you are saying is they reference conversations which are had that there's 15:15 no note of, there's no record of, we can only go with you saying that you would have done this sometime prior to this?
A. If Mr. Comyns prior sanctioned to somebody on the phone he would remember it. And, Mr. Costelloe, if somebody was out at a traffic accident, was trying to build up his Haddington Road hours, it wasn't practical for him to drive to Fermoy Garda Station and get a form signed in advance. He would have rang either one of us and said, look, I want to use up some Haddington Road hours, is it okay what I am doing. And Superintendent Comyns or I would know what they were doing.

548 Q. okay. The duty is performed on the 26th August 2013. If we go to the document one page up from the one that
is currently on -- no, I beg your pardon, 5519. So four pages up. Can you scroll down a tiny bit. Do you see the entry 26th August 2013 ?
A. Yes.

549 Q. You see that it says that it's from 9am to 7pm?
A. Yeah.

550 Q. You see that it is the tour of duty, what does that mean, RD?
A. That's an operation of the RSA, is it? RD is a rest day. Sorry, RD is a rest day.
551 Q. CHA RMAN Rest day?
A. Yeah.

552 Q. MR. COSTELLOE: Sorry, would you say that again, sorry, inspector.
A. Sorry, he would be off that day. But what I am saying, 15:17 Mr. Costelloe, is --
553 Q. CHAl RMAN He worked the days on a rest day.
A. Rest day.

554 Q. MR. COSTELLOE: Rest day.
A. If I sanctioned that and I signed it the 10th --

555 Q. Slow down.
556 Q. CHA RMAN Don't jump ahead for a second.
A. Sorry, Chairman.

557 Q. CHA RMAN All he asked was what is RD, because he wants to ask another question.
A. A rest day.

CHAL RMAN Now, Mr. Costelloe.
558 Q. MR. COSTELLOE: So it's a rest day, it's down that he's worked ten hours, that's the next column?
A. That's correct.

559 Q. And then we have HGV, heavy goods vehicle operation with RSA, Road Safety Authority. Inspectors 10am to 12 midday, 2 pm to $4 \mathrm{pm}, 4 \mathrm{pm}$ to 6 pm . Is all of that right so far?
A. That's correct.

560 Q. Okay. Isn't that what we saw in that earlier document, where he references having worked a ten-hour extra tour of duty on the 26th August 2013?
A. That's correct.

561 Q. Okay. Then we move on to the sergeant in charge column, it appears to be filled in by a sergeant, isn't that right?
A. That's correct.

562 Q. And then we see a signature which appears to be your signature, would you accept that's your signature?
A. It is, I accept that is my signature.

563 Q. And the date on that signature is 10th September 2013?
A. I do, I accept that.

564 Q. Okay. So again, I understand you're telling me that you approved this in advance, $I$ know you're telling the Chairman that that's what would have been done, but from this document all we can ascertain is that on that date, which is after the fact, you appear to have written in your signature in the column sanctioning the 15:18 extra duty, isn't that correct?
A. You would find that in many forms. It's correct.

565 Q. Okay. And what you said to me was, how could you expect somebody to call in advance, to sanction hours
in advance because sure there could be a car accident and you would have to respond to an emergency - wait for it please, inspector - and what we have here is a clear demonstration of an operation which must have been planned in advance, it's a HGV operation with the Road Safety Authority, there's nothing emergence about this, this is something planned, and I am saying to you that in this instance there would have been every reason for the person to get sanctioned in advance and get approved in advance and for you to sign and give a date in advance, if that in fact was what was happening?
CHA RMAN Now, what do you think.
A. Mr. Costelloe, I can assure you where I signed my name 10/9/13, sanctioning that, that it was either
sanctioned by Superintendent Comyns or I verbally. And if Haddington Road was used, if a garda who was behind in paperwork and files, if a garda rang me on the phone and he said I have five hours to do, I'm falling behind with my file, I'd say, no problem, it's sanctioned but I need to see those files before the end of the week.
566 Q. CHAD RMAN But, Mr. Costelloe's point, as I understand it, inspector, is: Accepting the difficulty of somebody being in the middle of a duty and it being impractical to go back. He's not challenging that proposition, as I understand it. But irrespective of that, here's a thing that was clearly coming up in advance and where there would be no difficulty in securing advance sanction and yet it is retrospectively
apparently sanctioned. That's my understanding of what he is saying.
A. Yes.

567 Q. CHA RMAN what do you say to that?
A. Chairman, to explain that, what I would say is: I accept it's retrospectively in biro, in that form, but what I am saying is, any Haddington Road hours in Superintendent Comyns' time were pre-sanctioned either verbally or in writing. And I'm sure if we dug in the garda station we would get ones that were pre-sanctioned as well. These are examples after the fact. And I will accept that I signed that after the date. But I --

568 Q. CHA RMAN So there are some -- I'm sorry to interrupt you?
A. Sorry, Chairman.

569 Q. CHA RMAN There are some cases where it was sanctioned in advance in writing?
A. Oh yeah, there would be. That would be my understanding.
CHA RMAN Thank you, Mr. Costelloe.
570 Q. MR. COSTELLOE: Thank you, Chairman. The very 1ast thing I want to ask you, I don't know if we can agree on this, maybe we can, and see if we can finish with an agreement between us. I'm not necessarily quibbling there was sanctioning in advance, $I$ am suggesting to you that that was done by the sergeants and that a guard or another sergeant would go to the sergeant and say, $I$ need to do $X$ number of hours in compliance with
this or that or the other, I need to do it in order to -- I need you to sanction it, is that okay, and the sergeant would sanction it, would tell you after the fact and you would then sign off on it, assuming you were happy that the work had been done.
A. Mr. Costelloe, I think it was July 2013 Superintendent Comyns came to Fermoy. There was no sergeant sanctioning Haddington Road.
571 Q. So in every instance, even when - there's nothing pejorative meant by this expression, I am just using it ${ }_{\text {15:21 }}$ to distinguish - even when an ordinary guard wants to Haddington Road hours approval, they make contact with you or they make contact with the superintendent, they don't go to their skipper or they don't go to the sergeant in charge of the station?
A. I regularly got calls from a skipper or from a guard saying that he wanted to do so many hours Haddington Road. And I would ask them, what is he doing. And if a garda said to me, look, I have a file, it's getting late, $I$ said, no problem, but $I$ need to see that file tomorrow.

572 Q. Inspector, we have been told that every single guard was obligated to perform an extra ten hours of duty and do another extra ten hours of duty for which they would get something in return, so ten hours free and another ten hours that they'd get something for?
A. That was my understanding, that was all sanctioned. 573 Q. So, are you telling the Chairman that every single guard in the district would have come to either you or

Superintendent Comyns to get that authorisation, would not have gone to their skipper in advance?
A. That's my understanding.

CHA RMAN skipper being?
MR. COSTELLOE: Excuse me, Chairman, their sergeant in 15:22 advance.
CHA RMAN I'm not familiar with that nomenclature.
574 Q. MR. COSTELLOE: Sorry?
A. I suppose, Mr. Costelloe, the sergeant might even ring on their behalf, but $I$ have taken phone calls from guards and from sergeants in advance. And, as I said this morning, I would sign off on it, some of it would be after the date.
MR. COSTELLOE: Thank you very much, inspector.
A. Thanks, Mr. Costelloe.

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CHA RMAN Thank you. Now, wait till I see. Who is next now?
MR. OHGG NS: Chairman, I have one or two questions for the witness.

MR. ANTHONY O SULLI VAN WAS CROSS- EXAM NED BY MR. O H GG NS, AS FOLLOVE:

575 Q. MR. MCHEÁL O HGGN: As you know, I don't act for you but I act for senior members of An Garda Síochána, other senior members and the commissioner. Firstly can

I ask you, in your role as inspector in Fermoy, and occasionally as acting superintendent, you had dealings from time to time with Chief Inspector Dillane?
A. I did, that's correct, chief superintendent.

Did he have a reasonable management style as far as you were concerned?
A. Oh very reasonable. I never had any issue with Chief Superintendent Dillane.
578 Q. A11 right. I want to ask you about one specific matter, the meeting on the 9th Apri1 2013 at Mitchelstown Garda Station, that is to say between yourself, Chief Superintendent Dillane and Mr. Barry?
A. Yes.
Q. This is the first time, according to Mr. Barry, that he was subjected to victimisation or targeting, all right. 15:24 My question for you is: Did you victimise or target him on that occasion?
A. The 9th April, that's the meeting with the chief?

580 Q. Yes.
A. No. There was no -- Mr. Dillane had documents to give 15:25 him, there was no inspection or ambush. The only place he could meet him was in the station yard, I believe. If he wanted to meet him -- because he wanted to move on with this as quickly as possible and he being in

Dublin the day before. That was my understanding.
581 Q. As far as you were concerned did CS Dillane target or victimise him in any way on that occasion?
A. There was no one targeted in my presence. The chief superintendent did not.

Lastly then, did you at any point throughout the period under investigation by the Chairman, did you at any hear anyone in Garda management or see anyone in Garda management oppress or victimise or target Mr. Barry?
A. I did not.

583 Q. Thank you.
A. Thanks.

584 Q. CHA RMAN Inspector, could I just check with you.
A. Thank you.

585 Q. CHA RMAN Did you say the station was closed? 15:25
A. You see, Chairman --

586 Q. CHA RMAN In Mitchelstown?
A. The Mitchelstown Garda Station, when I was the sergeant there it closed actually at 6 pm in the evening. So the only people are there are the working guards. So the unit were coming on at nine o'clock. Mr. Dillane asked me to go to Mitchelstown station. I think he wanted to move this thing on as soon as he could. So Mr. Barry was coming back on nights and he decided, will you go to Mitchelstown with me at nine o'clock.

587 Q. CHA RMAN I have that. But was there nobody in the station when you guys got there?
A. No. Because what happens, Chairman, is, the unit that are finishing at nine will roll in. That station was
in darkness that night, if the station was opened I would have went in. That's why we sit in the car. 588 Q. CHA RMAN So who was going to open up the station?
A. Whatever first member back from work, take out his key, they all have keys.

589 Q. CHAN RMAN Each one would have a key?
A. Actually, I suppose there would have been a key in Fermoy garda station if I wanted to bring it, but I didn't think of it. There would be a key there.
CHA RMAN Thank you very much. I wasn't sure I was understanding that correctly.

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CHA RMAN Now, who is next? where am I looking next. Mr. McGarry, have you any guess.
MR. MEGARRY: I don't have any questions, thank you. CHAN RMAN who is next?

MR. HARTY: I have no questions, Chairman. Thank you. CHA RMAN Mr. Carroll doesn't seem to be around. I'm sorry, okay. So nobody else has any questions, very good.

ME. MEGRATH No, Chairman.
CHA RMAN Have you any more questions, Ms. McGrath?
MG. MEGRATH There's nothing arising.
CHAN RMAN Thanks very much, inspector. You're
finished now, you're free now. You can follow it on-line or on your phone as much as you like.

THE WTNESS: Thank you very much.
CHA RMAN But you are free to go.

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MR. MARRI NAN Chairman, former Assistant Commissioner Fintan Fanning was to be the next witness but none of the parties require him to give evidence and in those circumstances the tribunal isn't going to call him. Therefore, the next is Mr. James Fitzpatrick, please. CHA RMAN Right. Thank you very much.

MR. JAMES FI TZPATRI CK, HAM NG BEEN SVORN, WAS DI RECTLY EXAM NED BY MR. MARRI NAN AS FOLLOVE:

CHAN RMAN Thanks very much.
MR. MARRI NAN Mr. Fitzpatrick's statement is at page 1757 of the material and also at page 1760 of the material. He answered a short questionnaire by tribunal investigator Mr. Ryan and that commences at page 1925 of the material.
590 Q. I think, Mr. Fitzpatrick, you retired from An Garda Síochána in 2016, isn't that right?
A. That's correct, Mr. Chairman.

591 Q. I think that you held the rank of detective garda, is that right?
A. That's correct, Mr. Chairman.

592 Q. And you were attached to Mitchelstown Garda Station and you had been there from 1987 until your retirement, isn't that right?
A. That's correct, Mr. Chairman.

593 Q. And I think that you were the sole member of the detective branch until Detective Garda Denis Ryan was attached to your unit and then subsequently Detective Garda Denise Fitzgerald, isn't that right?
A. That is correct, Mr. Chairman.

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594 Q. Now, the statement that you gave to the tribunal, the second statement that you gave to the tribunal is the one we're concerned about, concerns a conference that was to be held in Mitchelstown Garda Station concerning I think it may have been two rape investigations, is that right?
A. That is correct, Mr. Chairman.
Q. One rape investigation that was being investigated by Detective Garda Denise Fitzgerald and the other by Garda Rosemary O'Conne11, is that right?
A. That is correct.
Q. And I think that this conference was called by Superintendent Michael Comyns, is that right?
A. That is correct, Mr. Chairman.

597 Q. Now, you indicate in your statement that you were contacted by Superintendent Comyns on Friday, 30th January 2015, to organise this conference, isn't that right?
A. That is correct, Mr. Chairman.

598 Q. Will you just tell us what he said to you on the
A. I got a phone call from -- I was probably just -- I think I was resting for the previous number of days. I got a phone call from Superintendent Comyns to discuss
the rape, he decided to organise, that we should organise a meeting/case conference. So at his suggestion, he wanted Friday or Monday, after the conversation, Friday or Monday. I think I wanted to be off Monday, so we tried Friday. I rang him back -- I rang Rosemary O'Conne11, she couldn't make it Friday, she was minding kids, so she had no one to mind the kids. So back to the superintendent. Decided for 12 o'clock on Monday, when everybody would be in involved in the case. So I told Rosemary O'Connell Monday it was, and then I told Sergeant Barry as well about the conference date.
599 Q. Why did you tell Sergeant Barry?
A. Because he was the supervising sergeant.

600 Q. And would he normally attend at a case conference?
A. He normally would attend a case conference, yes.

601 Q. Were you aware at that time of difficulties, friction between --
A. I was, yes.

602 Q. -- Sergeant Barry and Superintendent Comyns?
A. Yes.

603 Q. Were you aware of the extent of those?
A. I was aware that there was friction and basically that there was no contact between Sergeant Barry and Superintendent Comyns.

604 Q. In those circumstances were you surprised at the suggestion that Sergeant Barry should attend?
A. We11, I can't remember, but yeah, well surprised in the sense that Superintendent Comyns was trying to run the
show, so I guess he wanted Sergeant Barry there and the rest of the investigating team there also.
605 Q. So in any event, are you absolutely certain that you notified Sergeant Barry of this?
A. I am indeed, Mr. Chairman.

606 Q. You know that he takes issue with that?
A. I'm aware of that.

607 Q. He has given evidence to say that he wasn't notified. He also points out that had he been notified he still wouldn't have attended the conference, but he says that 15:32 he wasn't notified on the Friday by you, are you certain that you did notify him?
A. I am certain I notified him.
Q. Do you recall his response?
A. I don't actually. All I know is I did tell him and I ${ }_{\text {15:33 }}$ spoke with Rosemary o'Connell also, to tell her the date of 12 midday on Monday. I can't recall what he said, probably in one ear with me, out the other. But he was told.
609 Q. Right, okay.
610 Q. CHAL RMAN Sorry, when did you tell him?
A. I'd say around four-ish on the Friday evening in the station at Mitchelstown.
611 Q. CHA RMAN okay.
A. The phone call from Superintendent Comyns would have ${ }_{\text {15:33 }}$ taken maybe five minutes, I would have rang Rosemary o'Connell, it would have taken two or three minutes to discover she wasn't available Friday, so it was back to Monday.


MR. MARR NAN So in any event, the conference commenced at 12 midday on the Monday, is that right?
A. That is correct.

619 Q. And who was in attendance at the conference?
A. In attendance was Superintendent Comyns, myself obviously, Garda Rosemary O'Conne11, Denise Fitzgerald and Sergeant Tony O'Flynn, he was the crime sergeant.
Q. At the commencement of the conference did Superintendent Comyns enquire as to whether or not you had notified Sergeant Barry of the conference?
A. He did, indeed. He said, where's Sergeant Barry? Now he might have said -- I don't know whether he said to go get him or whatever, but anyway, I went downstairs --
621 Q. We11, first of al1, did he ask you had you notified Sergeant Barry?
A. Not at that stage.

622 Q. Right?
A. So I goes downstairs, I was aware Sergeant Barry was in the station. Now I'm not a hundred percent certain on this, but from thinking about it, I think I met Sergeant Barry in the hallway, and I said, Paul, the conference is on upstairs, come on up. And he just opened the back door and went out, exited the station.
623 Q. Yes, go on, you went back up to the conference?
A. Went back up to the conference, I just did this to Superintendent Comyns, shrugged. The conference went ahead. It didn't last long. When the conference was over, Superintendent Comyns called me and said, did you
tell him, Sergeant Barry that is, and I said, yeah, I told him twice. Or, he was told twice. He was told twice, that's what I said.
624 Q. Okay. would you answer any questions, please?
A. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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MR. J AMES FI TZPATRI CK MAS CROSS- EXAM NED BY MR. COSTELLOE, AS FOLLOWB:

625 Q. MR. COSTELLOE: Good afternoon, Mr. Fitzpatrick.
A. Good afternoon.

626 Q. I just have a couple of questions for you. I represent Paul Barry so a couple of questions for you, okay.
You, just in response a moment ago to Mr. Marrinan's question about what happened once the conference had begun on the Monday, said that you went downstairs and although you weren't one hundred percent certain, on reflection you felt that you bumped into him in the hallway, this is Paul Barry, and that you informed him again and that he just turned and walked off?
A. That is correct, Mr. Chairman.

627 Q. Just it's curious because you made a statement to the tribunal dated 11th March 22022, yes?
A. That's correct.

628 Q. You remember making that statement? We're talking about three and a bit months ago, yes?
A. That's correct.

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Q. when you're relating about this, when you're saying about this, you deal with it, it's down the very bottom of your statement, you say:
"On Mbnday, 2nd February 2015, at approxi matel y 12 midday, the conference commenced. To the best of my recollection at the onset of the conference Superintendent Comyns asked me where was Sergeant Barry and al so asked if he was informed of the conference details."

That appears to coincide with what you said just a moment ago. And then you said in your statement a couple of months ago:
"I confirmed that I had informed hi mand I went downstairs to try and Iocate Sergeant Barry, to no avail."
A. On reflection, since $I$ made that statement obviously it was running through my mind, and from thinking about what happened and running my mind through the conference, that is now my recollection.
630 Q. It's a fairly extraordinary thing to remember and not te11 anybody about in advance of giving your evidence, isn't it?
A. Well, this is my recollection.

631 Q. Yes, well your recollection three months ago was different?
A. I agree with that.

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Q. Your recollection about being asked this exact question when preparing a statement to deal with this exact issue was that having gone downstairs and looked for him, you couldn't find him?
A. I think to no avail, is what I said. Does that mean something other than you couldn't find him?
A. Well it was -- in my mind, I looked back on this, at the time it was my first recollection of it, then $I$ had further recollection of my recollections, and that's what I recollect.
Q. Oh boy, you have recollections of your recollection, okay. You didn't tell anybody involved with the tribunal that in fact your evidence as given in your statement was wrong until you came here this afternoon?
A. I spoke to counsel this morning.
Q. And did you inform counse1 for the tribunal that your statement was incorrect?
A. I didn't say that my statement was incorrect, no, I told him what I recollected.
Q. So did you tell counsel for the tribunal that you had made an error in relation to this exact issue and that in fact upon recollection you had met with my client and that as far as you could recall, having told him again on the basis of your recollection, he turned around and walked out of the station?
A. I'm trying to be as truthful as I can to the tribunal, that is now my recollection.
637 Q. Did you take any notes about any of this at the time?
A. Well, notes in what sense?

638 Q. So I am not asking you about notes to do with the conference, obviously you're a detective, you're an experienced man, you took notes to do with the conference. I'm asking you did you take notes about informing my client the preceding Friday or about bumping into him in the hallway on the subsequent Monday?
A. Did I take any?
A. No.
Q. Did you use your Garda notebook to record that you had spoken to my client, as you had been asked to do, and that he had been told he was to go there, did you make any note of that?
A. I made no notes, Mr. Chairman.

641 Q. Okay. So to the extent in which we are relying on your evidence, it is entirely based on your memory of what happened at the time?
A. On my memory, that's correct.

642 Q. And your memory so far as three months sets out was wrong, you say, and your memory now, as you say here this afternoon, is correct?
A. Obviously I am thinking about giving evidence to the tribunal, I a scratching my head, this is going through 15:41 my head and this is what I remember now.
643 Q. Is it possible then that you weren't thinking about giving your evidence when you made your statement back in March?
A. Well, obvious7y if I was making a statement I was going to be giving evidence in March.
644 Q. You must have thought about it, correct?
A. I thought about it then.

645 Q. And having thought about this exact issue, what you said was you went looking for him "to no avail"?
A. To no avail.
okay. I just have to put it to you that your recollection, be it your recollection or your recollection of your recollection, I've lost count myself now, but in any event your memory of what happened is wrong, I am putting that to you?
A. That is incorrect, Mr. Chairman.

647 Q. I am putting it to you that you did not speak to him in the hall on the 4th, on the Monday and tell him -sorry, it's not the 4th, but on the Monday -CHAN RMAN On the Friday.
MR. COSTELLOE: No, I am dealing with the day of the conference.
CHAN RMAN I'm sorry, forgive me.
MR. COSTELLOE: Not at all.
CHA RMAN Mr. Costelloe, sorry, totally my mistake.
648 Q. MR. COSTELLOE: So there's two occasions upon which you say you informed my client that he needed to go to the conference. One predates the conference and one
happens while the conference is happening. You say you bump into him in the hall downstairs and he about faces and walks off.
A. As I said, Mr. Chairman, I'm not one hundred percent
sure, but that is now my recollection. That I recall meeting him in the hallway, I says, Paul, come on up, or towards to that effect, and he goes out the back door.
well, I suppose that I will concede that you're trying to be fair there, Mr. Fitzpatrick, that you are saying it's to the best of your recollection. The point I am trying to make is that three months ago your recollection was very different?
A. I agree with that.

650 Q. Okay. And what I am suggesting to you is that in fact you did not meet with him on the day of the conference to tell him that the conference was going on upstairs and tell him to go up and he did not turn around and walkout of the station?
A. Well, my recollection is that I went downstairs, meets him in the hall way, says, Paul, the conference is on upstairs, come on up, and he walks out the back tour.
651 Q. Did you discuss your evidence or the issue upon which you were going to be examined with anyone prior to coming here this afternoon?
A. No, I did not.

652 Q. Have you read any of the transcripts online off what's being going on in the tribunal?
A. At the start of this I went through the transcripts, if 15:43 my name was mentioned or whatever, but then I flicked through them. I didn't really, no, I didn't.
653 Q. We11, in fact, your name is mentioned, it's mentioned on Day 177, at page 72 , line 18 of the transcript. And
that's the specific occasion upon which this entire issue is dealt with and your name is mentioned then. Did you read about yourself there?
A. What was that in relation to?

654 Q. Effectively my client says that he was never told by you that he had to turn up at a conference the following Monday?
A. Well, I have to say he was told.
Q. Because you had been given a direct order, a direct command by Superintendent Comyns to tell him to do so, isn't that right?
A. We11 no, in fairness, from Superintendent Comyns, it was a request just to organise.
Q. Okay. I don't want to get into quibbling with you about the nomenclature but you had been asked by Superintendent Comyns to tell my client?
A. That is correct, Mr. Chairman.

657 Q. And obviously if you didn't do that, it would be an issue between yourself and Superintendent Comyns, isn't that correct?
A. If I didn't. Well I was asked to do it and I did it.
Q. Yes. I am saying to you if you hadn't done it, having been asked to do it by Superintendent Comyns, that would have created a problem vis-à-vis yourself and Superintendent Comyns?
A. Yes, I guess.
Q. And all of this is happening in the background of a very, if I phrase it as neutrally as I can, uncomfortable environment between Superintendent Comyns
and my client that everyone knows about that's ongoing at that stage?
A. That's correct.

660 Q. Can I suggest to you that you may very wel1 had been told by Superintendent Comyns to tell my client to attend the conference on the following Monday, but that in fact you did not?
A. I was asked by Superintendent Comyns to, or requested.
Q. Yes.
A. And I told Sergeant Barry.

662 Q. And last thing, Mr. Fitzpatrick, I am just formally putting it to you that you never in fact told my client that he was to attend that conference?
A. I told Sergeant Barry on the Friday and on the -- well, mentioned it on the Monday.

663 Q. Thank you, sir?
A. Thank you.

664 Q. CHA RMAN Might I just explore two points? You say about the Monday encounter, meeting, you say about the meeting with Sergeant Barry, that you're not a hundred percent sure?
A. I'm not a hundred percent sure.

665 Q. CHA RMAN okay.
A. It's in my mind.

666 Q. CHA RMAN I understand. I am not trying to sort of -- 15:45 I understand, this is a time ago and so on and counsel have been asking you questions about it. But can you help me as to the reason, if you like, why is it not a hundred percent? what is it about it that makes it --
do you understand my question? Is that a stupid question? Perhaps it is stupid. We all know sometimes that we're not so certain about something, but is there any reason you can think of why you're less than sure about it?
A. Shall we say, when I made the statement back in March I was thinking about it, then I couldn't think, couldn't remember, but I knew. Then I remembered the fact that I thought there was one conversation with Superintendent Comyns but I actually had two after the conference, where I said he was told twice. Then I was scratching my head, I remember going downstairs. And then, it's not like voila or whatever, it's just the fact that $I$ just recall that. you to be less than certain, am I understanding that correctly?
A. Not less than certain, I'm...

668 Q. CHA RMAN Can you understand why I am asking you that?
A. I'm fairly certain that that's what happened.

669 Q. CHAN RMAN That's an answer. Now, the other point I was going to ask you is this: You got a phone call from Superintendent Comyns, is that right?
A. Superintendent Comyns.

670 Q. CHA RMAN And you had your own office, did you? 15:47
A. Yeah, I had my own office. Now, it probably was on my mobile phone. Probably.

671 Q. CHA RMAN Right, okay.
A. But I'm not a hundred percent sure.

672 Q
A. Mobile phone.

673 Q. CHA RMAN That would be the normal way, is that right?
A. Well, in fairness, Superintendent Comyns could ring the office phone as well, it could have been, but I'm not a hundred percent sure.
CHA RMAN So it could have been either, but your best recollection is that it was on your mobile phone?
A. Mobile.
Q. CHA RMAN Did you immediately go -- no, you first rang Garda --
A. Shall we say, the conference day would have suited me better on the Friday, not on the Monday.
676 Q. CHA RMAN sure.
A. I ring Rosemary because she was the investigating member, first of all.

677 Q. CHAN RMAN That didn't suit her?
A. That didn't suit her. So I had to go with her. And then it had to be a Monday then. So I think I rang Superintendent Comyns back. He said, yeah, Monday, he says, arrange that, he says tell whoever, and Sergeant Barry as well. Now, I can't remember whether he asked me to ask the others but it wouldn't have been an issue because they were all going to be working Monday

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Q. CHA RMAN And he was asking you would you organise it, is that right?
A. Yeah. He was asking me. But I mean, it'd be a bit -it was a meeting more than a conference. It wasn't a
$\qquad$
Q. CHA RMAN We won't get hung up on whether it was a conference?
A. Yeah.
Q. CHA RMAN Did you notify all the other people?
A. Well, I notified definitely Rosemary O'Connell, I notified Sergeant Barry, I can't recall notifying Denise Fitzgerald. Superintendent Comyns probably would have notified Tony O'Flynn, I assume.
682 Q. CHA RMAN In any case, you were reassured that they were all going to be on duty, so that wasn't a particular worry.
A. Exactly.

683 Q. CHA RMAN Again, $I$ know it's a long time ago, did Sergeant Barry have an office in the station?
A. Yeah, there was a sergeant's office downstairs, the detective branch office was upstairs.
684 Q. CHA RMAN Okay. Can you recall how that happened? Did you go to his office?
A. I probably --

685 Q. CHAI RMAN or did you bump into him?
A. No, I'd say I probably went to the sergeant's office and I probably told him about the meeting.

686 Q. CHA RMAN okay.
A. Stroke conference.

687 Q. CHA RMAN I'm detecting, I don't know if I am correct, but I am understanding a certain amount of -- sorry, I will put that -- I am understanding a degree of uncertainty about where you met Sergeant Barry, am I right about that?
A. You're right, yeah. It probably was in the sergeant's office, I'm not a hundred percent sure.
688 Q. CHA RMAN Okay. Thanks very much.

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CHA RMAN Now, Mr. O'Higgins, have you any questions? MR. OH GG NS: I have no questions, Chairman, thank you.
CHA RMAN Thanks very much. I don't suppose you have any questions?
MR. MEGARRY: No.
MR. HARTY: I have one very --
CHA RMAN Certain7y. Thanks very much.

## MR. JAMES FI TZPATRI CK WAS CROSS- EXAM NED BY MR. HARTY, AS FOLLOVB:

689 Q. MR. HARTY: Thank you. Just in relation to that conversation, it was in relation to a investigation of a serious offence, isn't that correct?
A. That's correct, Chairman.

690 Q. Just from the point of view of your experience in general, are these conferences valuable in the
investigation of offences of this nature, meetings of this nature?
A. Obviously rape is -- it was a rape investigation, two rape investigations, so yes.
691 Q. And in terms of directing people on the ground and everything else, is it of assistance to have the senior officers there as wel1 as the people who are, shall we say, sergeants or detectives involved in the investigation?
A. Oh yes, it is, yes.

692 Q. And in relation to those investigations, would you agree with me that such conferences, meetings, are an important part of ensuring that such serious matters are properly investigated?
A. Yes, indeed.

693 Q. I have no further questions, thank you, Mr. Fitzpatrick?

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CHA RMAN Thanks, Mr. Harty. Mr. Costelloe, you don't want to come back on anything that I raised?

MR. COSTELLOE: No.
CHA RMAN I realised I ventured off on some of the same lines that you had done.

MR. COSTELLOE: Thank you, no.
CHA RMAN Mr. Marrinan, you have no questions?
MR. MARRI NAN No, no further questions.
CHA RMAN Thank you very much, Mr. Fitzpatrick.

You're free to go now. As I say, you're welcome to attend any part of it but you have no obligation to do so. Thank you very much for coming.
THE WTNESS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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CHAN RMAN Where does that leave us, Mr. Marrinan? MR. MARR NAN That is all our witnesses for today. We have sitting at 11am on Tuesday morning.

## CHA RMAN Very good. okay.

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