

Witness Name: Paul Alan Wakeham

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#### Witness Statement of Paul Alan Wakeham

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I, **Paul Alan Wakeham**, will say as follows:-

#### Background

1. I joined the army as a mechanic in 1983. In 1996 I decided I wanted to change my career and I took the army pilots course in 1997 and was successful. I was posted to 652 Squadron in Gutersloh. In February 1999, I was assigned to Northern Ireland on tour for six months. I looked forward to it as I was aware that I would be doing a lot of flying. I only did one flying tour of Northern Ireland and then left the army in January 2005.
2. In Northern Ireland, I was working with one of the seven Gazelle helicopters which were based at Aldergrove. Each Gazelle had a different number and was assigned to a different task. There were a number of different Gazelles to which I was allocated. I recall that Gazelle 1 and Gazelle 2 were VIP helicopters which were flown by a single pilot. I would