

Witness Name:

P Donnelly

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THE ROSEMARY NELSON INQUIRY

Witness statement of Paul Donnelly

I, Paul Donnelly, will say as follows:

Background

1. Motivated by a sense of public service, I applied to become a Member of the Independent Commission for Police Complaints (“ICPC”) in late 1996. I went for an initial interview and following this was invited back for a second interview. Initially I had applied to become a Member of the ICPC but at the second interview I was informed that I was being considered for the position of Chairman. I was offered this post and I accepted. At the time I was a senior academic at Kingston University and so I took a leave of absence from my post there, initially on a part-time and later on a full-time basis. Geralyn McNally was appointed as a member of the Commission at the same time as my appointment as Chairman.
2. At the time of my appointment NIO officials indicated that an important element of my mandate was to prepare the organisation for the major changes that would