

APPENDIX**Aspects of this investigation that illustrate the unsatisfactory nature of the inquiry by the RUC are listed below.**

- Observable general hostility, evasiveness and disinterest on the part of the police officers involved in this investigation.
- One officer attended for interview 45 minutes late, without explanation. He smelled of alcohol and continually referred to one of the complainants as being the murderer of two police officers.
- An officer indicated, through the Chief Inspector, that on reflection he considered that he ought not to have answered any of the questions that had been put to him.
- An officer's uncooperative stance during an interview was explained by the Chief Inspector as indicative of his "very peppery" character.
- Having declined access to legal advice, an officer, when questioned about matters crucial to the enquiry asked if the interview was going to end. He indicated that if this were not to be the case he would avail of legal advice. This officer left, refusing to sign the last page of his statement, which made references to key allegations.
- Prior to three supervised interviews the officers concerned, without the prior knowledge of the Supervising Member, prepared and presented at interview, written statements.
- When questioned, after caution, about specific allegations one of these officers substantially answered by indicating that his written statement constituted his reply. By doing so did not adequately address the very serious matters that were being put to him.
- The Supervising Member inquired of this officer how it was that he had decided to prepare a statement in advance of the interview. He replied that he had done so at the request of the Chief Inspector who had conducted the interview.
- The Supervising Member directed that the Chief Inspector was not to repeat this request to any other police witness or suspect, as his doing so would prejudice any subsequent interview. At this point the Chief Inspector informed the Supervising Member that he understood that one such statement was currently in preparation by another accused officer.