

statements were provided. Additional witness statements were forwarded by Mrs Nelson and the Lawyers Alliance for Justice in Ireland and, at the direction of the Supervising Member further statements were sought from the Committee on the Administration of Justice, who provided statements from two clients of Mrs Nelson detailing references allegedly made about her by police officers during interviews at Gough Police Office. Efforts to secure interviews with these witnesses and others did not meet with success.

The Supervising Member and a Commission staff colleague spent half a day at the RUC Complaints and Discipline Department reviewing various associated crime file documentation. Subsequently the Supervising Member formally directed that extracts from these be copied and handed over to the Commission.

SUPERVISION OF THE INVESTIGATION

The supervision and direction by a Member of ICPC of an investigation into alleged police misconduct represents a pro-active engagement with the detailed process of the inquiry. There are meetings for information, review and the issuing of further directions held between the Supervising Member, Investigating Officer and their various assistants. The Investigating Officer is required to keep the Member informed of all developments in a case, provide all relevant documentation upon his receipt of it and follow the directions given by the Supervising Member. At interviews of witnesses and police officers who are the subject of complaints the Supervising Member has a right to be in attendance and to direct that certain questions be put or specified matters addressed.

It is the responsibility of the Investigating Officer to conduct his enquiries in an effective and ethical manner, to the satisfaction of the Supervising Member.

In the course of this investigation, in addition to the measures previously outlined in this statement, twenty-eight interviews took place with police officers. The Supervising Member attended twelve of these.