

## UNDERCOVER POLICING INQUIRY

### **In the matter of Section 19(3) of the Inquiries Act 2005 Applications for restriction orders in respect of the real and cover names of officers of the Special Operations Squad and the Special Demonstrations Squad**

#### **Directions for responding to Minded To note 2 – AUGUST TRANCHE plus HN88 and HN127 from OCTOBER TRANCHE**

1. On 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017, the Inquiry published the note ('Minded To 2') of the decisions I am minded to make about 24 applications for restriction orders which included officers who applied in the August tranche and officers HN88 and HN127 who applied in the October tranche.
2. On 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018 the Inquiry published open versions of the evidence in support and applications for restriction orders in respect of 5 SDS officers listed in the August tranche, namely HN23, HN40, HN241, HN322 and HN348. The evidence in support of the real name restriction applications by 6 other SDS officers in the August tranche (HN1, HN45, HN298, HN334, HN336 and HN347) will reveal cover names and groups. This evidence cannot be published until the Inquiry has identified and contacted all of those who need to be given advance notice of publication, including the surviving relatives of any child whose identity was used and anyone believed to have had an intimate relationship with the officer. The supporting evidence in respect of the October tranche applications by HN88 and HN127 has not been published as the applicable separation process is subject to consultation.
3. The Metropolitan Police Service Commissioner's Designated Lawyers' Team are invited to confirm to the Inquiry in writing by 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018 whether they seek a closed hearing of the restriction order applications made in respect of HN88's cover name and HN127's real name.
4. In respect of the other proposed orders about the 5 SDS officers whose applications and evidence was published on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018, any core participant who wishes to take issue with them should submit written representations to the Inquiry by 4pm on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018 setting out the grounds for the objection.
5. If the Inquiry receives any written objection I will issue further directions for the determination of the applications still in issue. If necessary, a hearing will be held on a date to be notified.

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6. I intend to give 'the Media'<sup>1</sup> the opportunity to make written submissions by 4pm on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018 about the Minded To note relating to the August tranche, before making a decision about the restriction orders under consideration. If written submissions are made the Inquiry will circulate them to core participants.
7. If the Inquiry receives no written objection from core participants and no written submissions from the Media in respect of the minded to decisions for HN23, HN40, HN241, HN322 and HN348, the Inquiry team will issue restriction orders.

4 January 2018

Sir John Mitting Chairman, Undercover Policing Inquiry

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<sup>1</sup> Guardian News & Media Ltd, Associated Newspapers Ltd, Independent Print Ltd, Independent Television News Ltd, Sky UK Ltd, Times Newspapers Ltd, and the BBC