

Core participants

Ruling 20

Honor Robson and Francis Bennett

1. The applicants are, respectively, the sister and brother of Michael Hartley, born on 9 June 1950, who died, when he fell overboard on his first trip out on the fishing trawler “James Barry” on 4 August 1968. His identity was used by the undercover officer identified as HN12, who was deployed by the Special Demonstration Squad, into two left-wing groups between 1982 and 1985.
2. The applicants were not aware that their brother’s identity had been so used until informed by the Inquiry on 27 April 2018. The cover name of HN12 was released on 28 May 2018. The applicants were entitled to a reasonable period in which to decide whether or not they wish to apply to be core participants. They unquestionably satisfied the requirement for designation in Category [F]. I shall so designate them.

Suzan Keen

3. By email on 21 May 2017 Suzan Keen applied to withdraw as a core participant in Category [K]. For reasons which I cannot determine, her email was overlooked. She will, henceforth, no longer be so designated.

24 July 2018

Sir John Mitting
Chairman, Undercover Policing Inquiry