

GISTED WITNESS STATEMENT OF EN53

EN53 has provided the Inquiry with a witness statement comprising 12 paragraphs.

Italicised text in square brackets below represents where the contents of the witness statement have been gisted.

Non-italicised text in square brackets below represents where acronyms have been spelled out.

I write this impact statement in response to the request in a letter dated 17.2.17 from Melanie Jones of [the Metropolitan Police Service Directorate of Legal Services] and after my meeting with her previously.

I have stated throughout my willingness to co-operate with the [Undercover Policing Inquiry] and this remains my stance. Regardless and without compromise to that stance I am not prepared to reveal anything at this stage that will likely compromise or contribute to the compromise of my true identity and/or the nature of the operations on which I have been deployed.

Furthermore I have no current permission from those on whose behalf I have deployed to reveal details of operations, covert techniques, facilities and/or staff. I have also pointed out to Ms Jones and colleagues the danger of aggregation of information from the compilation of any document that seeks to link one individual to a series of operations - something that intelligence tells us, criminals have been trying to do for a generation.

- i. I am a retired police officer having served in the [Metropolitan Police Service] for over thirty years. I have [*also been seconded to organisations outside the Metropolitan Police Service*]. For about 18 years in my service I was a trained undercover officer.
- ii. I wish to seek anonymity for my real identity and covert alias I have assumed during my covert career. For all undercover operations within the [United Kingdom] this is the standard start point for the provision of evidence and were the defence to win an argument to waive such protection, and the measures associated with anonymity to ensure compliance, often a prosecution would be stayed.
- iii. I have always deployed as an operative or cover officer on the basis that anonymity applications would be sought for any legal proceedings arising. [*EN53 gives an example of assurances having been obtained as a prerequisite for the officer's involvement in an operation*].
- iv. My partner is the only member of my family who knows anything about this activity. My partner and I have a communications system to prevent them or our immediate family being endangered were I to encounter anyone I have deployed against.
- v. I have been compromised to my knowledge once and this caused significant concern due to the violent nature and history of the subject. I do not believe the subject discovered my true identity.
- vi. My ongoing security measures as far as my family is concerned is the use of a cover story where I have [*EN53 describes the cover story*]. This has prevented an interest in my job by my wider family members.

- vii. Only my partner is aware of the impact of *[EN53 refers to a specific event]*. I have discussed none of this with friends and family.
- viii. I do not wish to go through a diary of deployments for reasons mentioned above and discussed in meetings. I believe this example exists on its own merits and should be treated as overwhelmingly supportive of my anonymity application for the inquiry. I have deployed against *[EN53 describes the target of the deployment]*. Compromise of my identity could be extremely dangerous for me, my family and elements of my wider family who are completely unaware of my work.
- ix. For my role and identities to be revealed would, apart from the danger outlined above, cause significant adverse impact to family relationships as I have clearly lied to protect them for many years. It would also have a massive risk to the health of my elderly parents who would be caused unnecessary worry when both are in poor health. *[EN53 gives a brief description of a serious medical condition suffered by one of EN53's parents]*.