

IN THE UNDERCOVER POLICING INQUIRY

OBSERVATIONS ON BEHALF OF
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PRELIMINARY DRAFT MODULE 2c (TRANCHE 1 ERA) ISSUES LIST

1. We note the proposals for the list of issues for Module 2c. We propose the following additions to the draft list:

The Home Office

2. Q1.2: Where was that role documented/recorded/justified?
3. Q1.3: How did its role and involvement compare to its role and involvement in other police units carrying out long-term undercover work (e.g. SO10 officers deployed against Serious and Organised Crime Groups)?
4. Q2.1: If it played a role, where was that role documented/recorded/justified?

Q2.2: Who in the Home Office authorised the provision of UK Passports in their false identity to undercover SDS officers?

Q 2.2: Did the Home Office know that the identities being used were those of deceased children when administering the passports?
5. Q3.1: Of what value was SDS intelligence, if any, to the Home Office?

Q3.2: Where was the SDS intelligence recorded by the Home Office and who had access to it¹?

¹NB Paragraph 3.2.13 of the Taylor Report: "On the basis of above, my conclusion is that the key file [Home Office Queens Peace Series File, QPE 66 1/8/5] which contains the evidence of Home Office interaction in relation to the SDS from 1968 to 2008 probably no longer exists and there is no record of what happened to it. It is known that this file would have included documents classified as Secret and Top Secret. The absence of any record of the file or the known reference number in Departmental systems is a concern and it is not possible to conclude whether this is human error or deliberate concealment".

6. Q6.1 Did the SDS act appropriately in relation to the Home Office?

Q 6.2 Were SDS senior managers encouraged to join the Home Office after their retirement from the police? If so, what roles were they offered? And did they have access to SDS intelligence/decisions once so employed?

The Security Service

7. Q 7.1: Did the Security Service act appropriately in relation to the SDS?

8. Q 8.1: Were SDS senior managers encouraged to join the Security Service after their retirement from the police? If so, what roles were they offered? And did they still have access to SDS intelligence/decisions once so employed?

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