1	Friday, 28 April 2017	1	A. Yes, sir.
2	(10.30 am)	2	MR DAVIES: Thank you.
3	MR DAVIES: Good morning, sir.	3	Sir, that completes my questioning.
4	THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.	4	Can I just say for the record, it may not matter,
5	MR IAN ARUNDALE (continued)	5	but the premise of some of Mr Weatherby's questions was
6	Questions from MR DAVIES (continued)	6	that J4 in fact ran across the arc of fire of Q9. That
7	MR DAVIES: Just one more issue, Mr Arundale, from me,	7	is a question of fact for you to determine, because you
8	please.	8	will recall that neither officer saw the other but it is
9	Just to make clear, I am expressly not asking you	9	not a matter it seems to me for Mr Arundale.
10	for your opinion on why the three men were in fact in	10	THE CHAIRMAN: No, I understand.
11	Culcheth on 3 March. That is a matter for the tribunal.	11	MR DAVIES: That completes my questioning.
12	A. Yes, sir.	12	Thank you, sir.
13	Q. All right.	13	THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr Davies.
14	I would just like to understand your evidence on	14	Ms Whyte.
15	a separate issue from the point of view of a firearms	15	Questions from MS WHYTE
16	commander	16	MS WHYTE: Good morning, Mr Arundale.
17	A. Yes, sir.	17	A. Good morning, ma'am.
18	Q or TFC.	18	Q. Like others I am going to take my questioning through
19	Bearing in mind the background of the three	19	themes. The first theme I would like to deal with is
20	individuals, individually and collectively, bearing in	20	the methodology of how someone in your position goes
21	mind the surveillance activity in Stoke in and around	21	about compiling the type of report you were required to
22	the G4S security compound and vehicles.	22	compile.
23	A. Yes, sir.	23	A. Yes, ma'am.
24	Q. Bearing in mind the surveillance activity in the four	24	Q. I think you have agreed already that coming to the type
25	days immediately preceding 3 March.	25	of detailed after-the-event assessment that you have
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1	A. Yes, sir.	1	been required to provide can be fraught with the risk
2	Q. You have listened to that evidence, including reference	2	that your views are infected to some degree by what you
3	to sledgehammers, hacksaw activity and so on. Bearing	3	know about the outcome.
4	in mind the intelligence picture, as has been	4	A. Yes, ma'am.
5	articulated in evidence and bearing in mind the	5	Q. You have explained that you have tried to guard yourself
6	surveillance activity on the 3rd itself, including the	6	against that natural tendency when considering many
7	fact that the vehicle was parked where it was, as it	7	issues, which I think you will agree are not an exact
8	was, for a period of close to half an hour without	8	science.
9	moving.	9	A. Yes ma'am, I would.
10	Have I understood you correctly that a reasonable	10	Q. Do you agree that that can be particularly challenging
11	TFC in that situation, with that understanding, or	11	for an expert such as yourself where there is a fatality
12	something close to that understanding, reasonably could	12	and that the focus, rightly and understandably, will be
13	have inferred that those men were there that night to	13	on whether the particular death could have been
14	commit armed robbery?	14	prevented? It is quite an onerous challenge to combat
15	A. Yes, sir, that is a reasonable assumption for the	15	against that 20:20 hindsight trap?
16	firearms operation, irrespective of what the motivations	16	A. Yes, ma'am, and I have tried to concentrate on that
17	of individuals were I would expect a reasonable TFC to	17	throughout and tried not to assess whether the death
18	assess that that was the situation.	18	could have been prevented and make judgments in
19	Q. Yes, and I am not going to ask you about this but it is	19	a slightly different way.
20	on the premise that the circumstances justified	20	Q. No, because of course if the subjects have been
21	a conclusion that the men were there to commit armed	21	disrupted and had gone on to commit a further offence,
22	robbery that night. That you say, when eyes were lost	22	for example involving a firearm, before any alternative
23	in particular, that a different contingency should at	23	arrest strategy could take place, then inevitably the
24	least have been considered, for example involving the	24	focus would be around why a particular state might not
25	use of distraction through ARVs or otherwise?	25	have been called earlier?
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1 A. Yes, ma'am, and that is why my suggestion	·	would have come to a different decision than perhaps
2 can be done in a way and in a form which ma		Mr Williams had there been a review, et cetera, and to
3 obvious to the subjects that there is a police p		whether or not the decision to call Strike Amber at
4 in the area. My position is the arrest could h		a particular time was correct?
5 place at an appropriate time thereafter and b		A. I think I have made slightly different types of
6 assessed.	6	observations according to the nature of the issue I have
7 Q. I think your position is also that once the car w		been looking at. My observations in relation to, for
8 stationary on the car park a reasonable command	•	example, Z15 and Superintendent Granby in relation to
9 quite properly have decided to effect an arrest th		course failure. I have made a slightly different
10 A. Yes, ma'am. There are many milestones wi		decision observation, in terms of (1) there should
11 incident that a commander may have made t		have been a formal review and (2) in relation to Z15,
12 Q. I suppose the bracket of reasonable judgment,	1	more of an agreement with Mr Williams that because of
scenario, is quite wide?	13	the way the failure was written in terms of the
14 A. Yes, there is a wide variation of views that c		fundamental safety failure that could be life
15 made. I think what I have done is paid emph		threatening, that the short-term decision, I think to
16 perhaps what are the main key consideration	·	a reasonable observer, should have been a suspension
17 the loss of eyes, that point in time.	17	until the full facts were known.
18 Q. Yes. Do you agree that those tasked with exerc	•	Q. Sorry to talk over you. Those are two situations where
19 firearm command judgment required in this case		you have come pretty close to indicating what you think
20 most firearms situations requires a particular b		should have happened, ie what you might have done. Is
21 of caution, because of course they are command	·	that fair?
22 officers carrying lethal and less lethal weaponry.		A. Yes, ma'am, what I tend to try and think about is it is
23 also confidence in their own judgment and decis		very difficult to say in these instances whether
24 making skills because they might need to react of		something was right or wrong but occasionally some of
25 confidently and quickly in changing circumstance	ces? 25	the issues get close to that so my opinion and
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1 A. Yes, they would, ma'am.	1	observation in those situations can change or can be
2 Q. It is quite a particular blend, isn't it, that caution		different.
and confidence requirement?	3	Q. Not saying what you might have done is the outcome of
4 A. Yes, ma'am.	4	you applying hindsight. Can you tell us whether you did
5 Q. Is this therefore correct, that when guarding yo		anything else when compiling your report to actually
6 against that hindsight trap, you have considered		guard yourself against hindsight, and, if so, what it
7 tactical, operational and professional judgment of		was?
8 others, but you have borne in mind that there mi	·	A. I think that would have been the mental processes I was
9 more than one reasonable approach to such judg		going through as I was preparing the report.
That is one way of guarding yourself against too		Q. Can I move on then to a different topic
hindsight; would that be fair?	11	A. Sorry, ma'am. Perhaps to say in most instances I would
12 A. Yes, ma'am.	12	have probably had a peer review or a check of my
Q. What else have you done, if you can think of an		observations, in this particular instance that didn't
examples, to guard yourself against that hindsig		take place so everything contained in this report is
15 A. I think what is important is to try not to say		purely based on my thought processes and my assessment
16 I would have done in the circumstances, beca		of the situation.
anybody in my position could well be tainted	•	Q. Roughly how long did it take you to prepare the report,
18 knowledge of the eventual outcome of this inc		may I ask?
19 I have tried as far as possible and where it is	19	A. It took some time, some months. It was a huge amount of
appropriate to come up with an assessment o		documentation and because of the constraints placed upon
of the individuals against their training and v		me it took significantly longer to prepare the
I would expect to see from a reasonable body		documentation than would have been the case if I could
23 commanders in their position.	23	have for example had the papers in hard copy, printed
24 Q. Yes, and is that in particular in relation to asses	-	them out, copied and pasted
the competence of officers such as Z15, whether	you 25	Q. Carried them about on the train and so forth, yes.
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1	A. It was very difficult compared to normal circumstances.	appeared to be informed and measured?
2	Q. Yes.	2 A. Yes, ma'am.
3	During that period, was this your primary task or	 Q. And noting just at this point for future reference that his tactical options were obviously recorded in
4 5	were you busy on other work?	 his tactical options were obviously recorded in considerably more detail, weren't they, than for example
_	A. This was my primary task. I did have other things to attend to but this was my main task.	6 Mr Granby's?
6 7	Q. Thank you, that is very helpful.	7 A. Yes, ma'am.
8	Can I move on to a different topic, that of	8 Q. But he rejected disruption as a tactical option and
9	• •	9 arresting Mr Totton, who was the main and only indeed
10	Superintendent Ellison. A. Ma'am.	10 target at that stage, at his home address because both
11	Q. I think you were in court when the superintendent gave	he thought displaced risk. Instead he, and I think you
12	his evidence; is that right?	12 approve of this, factored in disruption into his
13	A. I was, yes.	13 contingency?
14	Q. You have had a chance to look at his emails, his logs	14 A. Yes, ma'am.
15	and his statements, et cetera?	Q. Do you agree that, from his paperwork, it certainly
16	A. Yes, ma'am.	seems that once a tipping point had been met he was
17	Q. Thank you.	17 proposing a strike?
18	Do you, standing where you are, have any concerns	18 A. I can't recall the fine detail of his particular
19	about the way he went through his process as a TFC on	paperwork, because my terms of reference were very much
20	25 January?	to focus on Mr Granby and others who were closer to the
21	A. In terms of the standard: do I think his actions were	21 3rd. I find it difficult to give a definitive answer in
22	reasonable in the circumstances? I do. I would make	relation to that fine granular question you have just
23	some observations that some of his opinions and the	23 asked.
24	processes he followed were more based on the wider GMP	24 Q. We will probably come back to that.
25	view of certain issues and processes.	25 Moving on to general intelligence matters, I think
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commanders, not necessarily from an investigative point	. /	GMP, in fact the risk that Mr Grainger contributed to
	8	the planning had been underestimated if anything, rather
	9	than overestimated?
Q. No. I think you also thought that the applications for	10	A. Could you just rephrase that, or make it clearer to me,
RIPA authorities and the authorities themselves were	11	please?
appropriately considered and properly authorised?	12	Q. Yes. The risk that Mr Grainger posed has been the
	1	subject of molecular analysis in the last few months.
_		Yesterday and the day before, when answering questions
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		from Mr Beer and Mr Davies, you agreed that in fact
	1	considerably more information about Mr Grainger's past
	1	and potential previous offending and association with
	I	people like David Totton could have been considered and
	I	provided.
	I	A. Yes, ma'am.
	I	Q. In that sense, is it possible that the way in which the
	1	officers were told about the risk from Mr Grainger was
	1	underestimated rather than overestimated?
	I	A. Yes, ma'am, I think that is a fair point.
actually an SIO and the firearms commanders to work on	25	Q. Do you agree that had it been known that
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the basis in this case that Mr Grainger would have been	1	Mr Joseph Travers was likely to be present and therefore
	2	a subject, that that would not have reduced any threat
	1	assessment because of what we know about his
=		antecedents?
	5	A. Of course, even if his identity was not known, he should
		have been classed as an unknown level of threat and the
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		only way really to deal with that unknown level of
		threat is to make assumptions that it could be high.
		Q. It could be high. I think you explain that in your
		report at paragraph 114 and indeed the Manual of
-	1	Guidance, it is paragraph 6.13, states that in decision
	1	making considerations should include information
	1	available about the subject's associates.
	1	A. That's right.
	1	Q. Here Mr Travers was the brother of Aaron Travers,
	1	himself a very close associate of Mr Totton. That
	1	reinforced the OCG aura of this job, would you agree?
	1	A. Yes, ma'am.
	I	Q. Mr Ellison on 21 February said this, and I would like
	I	you to tell the chairman whether you agree with him:
	1	"The AFOs don't need to know all of the nuances and
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	1	the ins and outs of each individual. They need to know
	1	that they are potentially faced with vehicles, in that
	1	case two, with the subjects and/or associates who may be in the vehicle with the intent of committing in that
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3	potential behaviour that a subject or associate might	3	other's understanding of tactics and munitions might
4	exhibit, but beyond that they are trained in their own	4	also have speeded up the process. Again subject to the
5	way as AFOs to respond to what they see before them."	5	caveats that there needs to be proper consideration and
6	Do you agree with that rather pithy summary of	6	a proper audit available?
7	an ICI for AFOs?	7	A. I would fully accept that, ma'am. The caveat I would
8	A. I agree with everything that is said there. There could	8	put on, it might speed it up but that still leaves the
9	be a bit more in relation to context wrapped around	9	requirement to document all the things that they have
10	those issues, but I don't disagree with the statement.	10	considered.
11	Q. Whilst we are on briefings, I think your conclusion was	11	Q. Absolutely. I don't think anyone in the room would
12	that the briefings that you had analysed in Shire	12	disagree with you, Mr Arundale.
13	demonstrated GMP's awareness of the relevant	13	The criticisms you make of this particular working
14	legislation, in particular around article 2?	14	strategy, as I have understood it, is that you think
15	A. Yes, in particular. That was very consistent across all	15	there should have been clarity in the working strategy.
16	the briefings I saw.	16	That any evidential tipping points in effect must defer
17	Q. Can we move on to working strategy.	17	to safety, to operational tipping points. Do you agree
18	It is clear from what you have said and written that	18	that some commanders at that level, and with the
19	you would disagree with a previous adviser like	19	experience that we know these two had, might consider
20	Mr Molloy, who considered that the working strategy	20	that to be implicit?
21	formulated on 2 March was, to use his words, "	21	A. I acknowledge that in my report, that some observers
22	appropriate and well thought out". You diverge from him	22	will say that. My position is very much that because of
23	in that, do you not?	23	the nature of this tactic and the risks associated with
24	A. Yes, ma'am.	24	these operations, it is something that needs to be
25	Q. Can we see if we can agree about whether the following	25	reinforced, even if that is on every operation with
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1	factors might reasonably have contributed to the	1	experienced commanders.
2	speedier preparation of the working strategy than on	2	Q. Does that risk making something that requires sometimes
3	previous occasions. We know that the head of the TFU,	3	time critical decision more of a paper exercise than it
4	Mr Lawler, had acted as TFC very shortly before, with	4	needs to be?
5	his own documented strategy and plan, and that the	5	A. No, it doesn't. Some of these things can be reinforced
6	intelligence had not changed in the sense that it was	6	in fractions of a second.
7	still anticipated that the subjects were going to commit	7	I think for me there was three key areas there and
8	an armed robbery?	8	I could have gone into other issues but I think for me
9	A. Yes, ma'am.	9	it was the importance that there was an extremely
10	Q. We know from the evidence, it will be a matter for the	10	important criminal justice element to this which carried
11	chairman entirely what he makes of it, that there had	11	particular risks, that was allowing the criminal
12	been discussion between Mr Lawler and Mr Granby around	12	enterprise to proceed to a certain point.
13	that previous strategy and the plan?	13	Q. Yes.
14	A. Yes, ma'am.	14	A. The documentation didn't indicate any discussion of that
15	Q. Likewise, Mr Sweeney, the SFC, had received some prior	15	issue.
16	knowledge of what had happened on the 1st and 2nd from	16	Q. That is a very common occurrence isn't it, Mr Arundale,
17	Mr Heywood during the morning of the 2nd?	17	in a force such as GMP that investigates and arrests
18	A. Yes.	18	subjects for prolonged acquisitive crime conspiracies,
19	Q. Both of those things might reasonably have contributed	19	in particular drug conspiracies
20	to the speed of decision making, as long as that	20 21	A. It is, yes.
21	decision making was appropriately audited and	21 22	Q which often go hand in hand with firearm
22	reasonable?	23	conspiracies. Would you accept that?
23	A. Yes, ma'am.Q. If the tactical firearm commander, in this case	23	A. I think it is a whole range of criminal offences and yes
	O. II the tactical inearm commander, in this case	L 24	it is a reasonably common issue. For me what is
24		25	absolutely importants there needs to be clarity in towns
	Mr Granby, and the SFC, in this case Mr Sweeney, knew	25	absolutely important: there needs to be clarity in terms
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of who is approving that particular operation because of 2 the risks associated with it. I would expect there to be clarity in terms of who is saying: "Yes, I am allowing this to run with all the associated risks and these are control measures."

That for me in this instance would have been the commanders of this operation.

- Q. Might that be one little example of where hindsight has allowed you to be perhaps Utopian? In the sense that the sustained public protection emphasis arose after this incident but has been in force for some time before today, do you think there is a chance that you are imposing a focus from 2014 that you are aware of and know that commanders should be aware of, that was in writing in a more defined way and therefore in training perhaps in a more defined way than was the case in 2012? Is there a risk of that?
- 17 18 A. I hope I haven't done that, it is now within the 19 firearms manual. Of course it was a fully documented 20 criminal justice and investigative technique before 21 that, because many of these issues are not associated 22 with firearms deployments. There is a long track record 23 of allowing the criminal enterprise to proceed before 24
- 25 Q. Quite.

understood your evidence.

- 2 A. An acknowledgement of the benefits and limitations, as 3 is outlined in the standard operation procedure for GMP.
- 4 Q. Again, would you agree that perfectly reasonable 5 commanders at their level and with their experience can
- 6 be taken to know what the benefits and limitations are?
- 7 Therefore that this again is perhaps over-contributing
 - to a paper exercise that is not strictly necessary?

be within their knowledge and remit.

- 9 A. Hopefully not, that is why all the documentation, the 10 national and the force documentation, indicates that it 11 must be recorded so that the decision making is 12 auditable subsequently. I do fully accept that may well 13
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- 15 A. Because of investigations and Inquiries such as this, we have ensured that the training and guidance says, 16 17 "Document it and identify why you are making this decision".
- 19 Q. To use Mr Beer's expression, the standing pros and cons 20 are relatively defined and self-evident aren't they for 21 the use of special munitions?
 - A. I think some probably are a little bit more obscure to people outside the firearms arena I know --
 - Q. Yes, but we are in the firearms arena, so let's confine ourselves to that.

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A. I think it is such a fundamental issue to a command decision that commanders would know that there are risks associated with it, because of course the offence could be committed, there could be an accident to do with fast driving of vehicles.

I would expect commanders to acknowledge that, because what they must do is ensure that they assume that responsibility at the appropriate level in the organisation and tell others, "I am approving this, this is what you are allowed to do and these are the parameters I am placing on the operation".

I would expect that within the documentation

- Q. My understanding is you would expect it within the working strategy?
- A. Yes, because I am saying that because I think in an ideal situation this is a high level important decision which is appropriate at the level of chief
- 20 Q. We will have to graciously disagree that that is likely 21 to have been implicit for officers like Mr Granby and 22 Mr Sweeney.
- 23 Your second criticism of the working strategy was 24 that it ought to have contained a list of the benefits 25

and limitations of special munitions. That is as I have

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- 1 A. -- they have been drawn out within this Inquiry, but 2 again generally the people who are going to be holding 3
 - those police officers to account might have an external
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- 5 Q. Here I think Mr Sweeney at a separate part of his log,
- 6 it is C/500 for anyone that needs it, the operation and
- briefing section, gave -- albeit briefly -- his 7
- 8 rationale for using special munitions. He just didn't
- 9 put it in the working strategy as you have advocated?
 - A. Yes.

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- 11 Q. I think your third criticism of this working strategy is
- 12 that you have referred to the national decision making
- 13 model and that you think there ought to have been
- 14 express reference to that in the sense that commanders
- 15 should always bear in mind before conducting something
- 16 as serious as a vehicle strike that they need to have
- 17 considered and reviewed whether there is a less drastic
- 18 way of achieving the working strategy, yes?
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- A. Yes, ma'am. There has been indication from Mr Thompson
- 20 who was concerned about some perhaps of the previous
- 21 approaches of GMP, I think it is very good practice --
- 22 no matter how familiar commanders are with each other --
- 23 to reinforce some of the key, albeit potentially
- 25 on making decisions is as expected by the manual and

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obvious, points of an operation to ensure that the focus

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1	training.	1	MS WHYTE: Yes, please, Mr Arundale.
2	Q. Even though the log that we have seen for both types of	2	A. Yes, ma'am, I am there.
3	commanders has healthy repeat reminders about the model	3	Q. Thank you, they are difficult bundles sometimes to
4	and that, I think as you acknowledge in your own report,	4	negotiate so do take your time.
5	some observers might say that is implicit again?	5	That is the tactical options and plan section of
6	A. I would accept that, ma'am. I think the position is to	6	Mr Ellison's log. We can see that the accepted option
7	try and encourage people not just to have it on the	7	has been described actually not as MASTS, but as
8	documentation but to reinforce it through good	8	surveillance on Totton supported by an armed capability
9	leadership and communication with those they command.	9	to arrest once suspects are positioned to commit the
10	Q. In fact, if we look at Mr Ellison's working strategy,	10	offence. He says that that supports the working
11	which is at G1/2333, his working strategy is remarkably	11	strategy, potentially secures additional evidence, so he
12	similar to that of this SFC and TFC, seven out of ten of	12	is thinking by the looks of it about public safety but
13	the factors related to human safety which was something	13	also sustained public protection. But that against
14	you observed in relation to Mr Sweeney/Granby's, there	14	that, you need to have the subject and vehicles prior to
15	was no reference to sustained public protection issues,	15	departure and then he goes on as we have briefly
16	or cross border considerations, special munitions or the	16	discussed to list other options which were absent from
17	national decision making model in the working strategy	17	Mr Granby's, including disruption and a different arrest
18	part. You would therefore be critical of that even if	18	strategy.
19	it might have featured somewhere else in the log in	19	His wording there, would you agree, rather presumes
20	a different way?	20	an arrest by armed officers once evidential points are
21	A. I was not obviously tasked with doing a detailed	21	met?
22	critique of those two. The SFCs of course that would	22	A. Yes, ma'am. As you say, it doesn't mention MASTS and it
23	relate to that particular part of the firearms operation	23	doesn't specify the nature of what the actual arrest
24	as well.	24	strategy itself would be at that point in time.
25	Q. Thank you.	25	Q. He obviously considered and rejected various options,
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1	Can we move on to tactical options.	1	but the wording suggests in effect a MASTS strike?
2	Do you think that each of the seven generic options	2	A. It suggests it, it could suggest other issues as well.
3	should always be recorded with the pros and cons in	3	Q. An absence of alternative written tactical options,
4	order to explain after the event the rationale for the	4	would you agree, doesn't necessarily reflect
5	selected option?	5	a pre-determined approach to the selected option?
6	A. No, I don't, ma'am.	6	A. No. No, ma'am.
7	Q. You would agree for example with someone like Chief	7	Q. I have understood from your evidence, but please correct
8	Superintendent Sturman that that does risk a rather	8	me if I am wrong, that you somewhat agree with the
9	routine and systematic paper exercise where it is not	9	previous people who have expressed expert views, such as
10	necessary?	10	Mr Sturman or Mr Molloy, that here, as long as the
11	A. Yes, ma'am. I am aware of his reference in his report.	11	process is correct and the record keeping is reasonable,
12	Q. Yes.	12	that MASTS was the appropriate and perhaps even obvious
13	A. I don't agree with the way that that is framed in terms	13	choice?
14	of the issues he is highlighting at that time, because	14	A. As a method of supporting the operation, I absolutely
15	I think he is referring to the start of the operation on	15	agree with that. Of course when I come to that point
16	the 3rd in relation to his comments. My opinion is that	16	what I say is, " but not necessarily to arrest the
17	you don't necessarily have to document all of them.	17	subjects".
18	What you should do is consider all relevant options and	18	Q. No, we will come to that, I appreciate that.
19	give an indication as to why some may not be appropriate	19	Just in terms of tactical options selection and
20	and why some are appropriate.	20	decision making, MASTS is the appropriate choice?
21	Q. If we look, for example, at Mr Ellison, it is G1/2339,	21	A. It was an appropriate way of doing it. What I do say in
22	if you could be provided with that.	22	my report is there are other methods of supporting
23	THE CHAIRMAN: Sorry G1?	23	a surveillance operation as well as MASTS. I am saying
24	MS WHYTE: 2339, sir.	24	in a force that has that capability it was certainly
25	A. 2339?	25	appropriate, but it could be and would be delivered in
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1	different ways in other parts of the country, or	1	a prolonged period with the clearly identified objective
2	potentially by different commanders in GMP depending on	2	of delivering a greater public safety outcome. We all
3	the nature of the operation.	3	know perfectly well what you mean by that. You conclude
4	Q. There is enormous regional variation, isn't there?	4	that Operation Shire was not in your view negatively
5	A. Yes, ma'am. There could be variation within GMP as	5	influenced by using evidential tipping points as markers
6	well, depending on the nature of the operation.	6	for requesting an arrest. In that sense I think you say
7	Q. Can I move on to contingencies.	7	that was good practice.
8	A. Do I need this?	8	A. Absolutely, ma'am, as long as nobody misunderstood that
9	Q. No, thank you very much. Not for the moment. You may	9	an evidential tipping point was the tipping point for
10	need your report, because I am going to look at	10	an arrest as well.
11	paragraph 322.	11	Q. No.
12	A. Yes, ma'am.	12	Can we move then to disruption.
13	Q. There you cite additional contingencies that could have	13	A. Yes, ma'am.
14	been identified. Do you mean on 2 March, because the	14	Q. I would like to explore with you some of the factors
15	way you phrased it is, "During Operation Shire", so	15	that might be relevant to disruption to see if we agree
16	I want to make sure I have understood what you are	16	on their potential relevance. Obviously we are very
17	saying there?	17	much in a hypothetical situation and I fully understand
18	A. I suppose really this is not I am certainly not	18	that when asking you these questions.
19	suggesting this is a definitive list, it is more	19	Would you agree that it would be prudent to have
20	illustrative of contingencies that could have been	20	operated on the basis that subjects such as Mr Totton
21	considered at various stages. I am not sure here if	21	and Mr Grainger would, given their organised and
22	I am particularly focusing on a particular day, I am	22	sophisticated it might be said planning, they
23	probably focusing on the last 36 hours of	23	could be expected to know when banks and building
24	Operation Shire at this point	24	societies in a discrete place might open or close?
25	Q. Are you saying	25	A. Yes, ma'am.
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1	A 24/36 hours.	1	Q. It is pretty basic, isn't it?
2	Q. I am so sorry, I interrupted you.	2	If the SIO and the TFC have intelligence which they
3	A. The last 24 hours at least of Operation Shire.	3	honestly regard as reliable that a robbery is going to
4	Q. Are you saying that those should have listed somewhere	4	happen some time that day, without knowing where
5	in a log, if only to be kicked into the medium-sized	5	precisely, and with the proviso that it might actually
6	grass?	6	be on the Monday, rather than the Saturday, and if
7	A. No, I am not, ma'am. What I am suggesting is, from my	7	taking that into account, by the late afternoon you have
8	experience these are the sort of issues which are going	8	credible evidence from the surveillance officers that at
9	through the heads of certainly tactical advisers and	9	least two of the anticipated subjects have come together
10	sometimes commanders and these are issues that could	10	with an unknown male and are making off to the same
11	have been considered. I wouldn't necessarily on every	11	place in a stolen car where previous recces have
12	occasion have a full list done.	12	occurred, that that might reinforce the sense that
13	Quite often a short narrative can indicate why	13	a robbery may well take place?
14	a range of tactical options may not be particularly	14	A. I understand that.
15	appropriate in a certain operation.	15	Q. We are agreed on that, aren't we?
16	Q. No, these are contingencies?	16	A. Yes, ma'am.
17	A. Yes, ma'am.	17	Q. By going to Culcheth, rather than simply being seen in
18	Q. Indeed we know for example that in terms of loss of	18	Boothtown, the evidential situation had developed,
19	surveillance Mr Ellison did document that as a split	19	a little further
20	contingency.	20	A. Yes, ma'am.
21	A. Yes, ma'am.	21	Q and public protection concerns might have become
22	Q. Can I move on to tipping points.	22	quite acute or been thrown into quite sharp relief?
22		23	A. Yes, ma'am.
23	You observe in your report that Operation Shire was	23	110 1 00) 1111 11110
	You observe in your report that Operation Shire was trying to achieve in effect the difficult decision	24	Q. We are firmly then, we are agreed, in the territory of
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23 24	trying to achieve in effect the difficult decision making relating to allowing the criminality to run for	24	Q. We are firmly then, we are agreed, in the territory of both operational tipping points and evidential tipping
23 24	trying to achieve in effect the difficult decision	24	Q. We are firmly then, we are agreed, in the territory of

1	points coinciding to a degree, with the operational	1	phones, as we can see from the Shire evidence, they, as
2	tipping points having primacy?	2	we know from Mr Totton, regularly change address,
3	A. Yes, ma'am.	3	sometimes for a week or two at a time and,
4	Q. That is going to continue to develop and depend on	4	notwithstanding the best efforts of the dedicated
5	events on the ground?	5	surveillance team, eyes are lost quite habitually?
6	A. Yes, it is.	6	A. Yes, ma'am.
7	Q. The added difficulty here, would you agree, perhaps	7	Q. The lay ups of these stolen vehicles, only one of which
8	unlike that facing Mr Ellison, was that the subject	8	remained by the time of the 3rd, was a quiet suburban
9	premises remained unidentified right up until the	9	area and there wouldn't always be notice, would there,
10	strike?	10	of them coming together, if it is assumed that
11	A. Yes, ma'am.	11	Mr Totton, Mr Grainger and Mr Rimmer were operating as
12	Albeit, ma'am, I think that we have a limited sum in	12	a team depending on the surveillance capability, you
13	terms of potential vehicle-based robberies against cash	13	wouldn't necessarily know when they were all going to
14	in transit.	14	come together. Would that be fair?
15	Q. Yes, absolutely right. Again, everybody would agree	15	A. That's correct, unless the technical or surveillance
16	with that observation.	16	capability could give that indication.
17	If the intelligence remains that there may well be	17	Q. By 3 March at 6.30 there was an unknown male whose
18	a robbery that day, it remains sensible doesn't it to	18	identity was unknown and therefore home address unknown?
19	consider and plan for the target being cash based	19	A. Yes, ma'am.
20	A. Yes, ma'am.	20	Q. That, what I am going to suggest is an individual and
21	Q or retail based?	21	a collective rather determined lifestyle, that is what
22	A. Yes, ma'am.	22	it is, can have a direct bearing on how easy an arrest
23	Q. Some of those premises in Culcheth were concentrated on	23	might be in another place and in particular at a home
24	a parade and some were just a little further out.	24	address?
25	A. Yes, ma'am.	25	A. Yes, ma'am.
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1	Q. That continuing uncertainty about precisely where it is	1	Q. The merits of disruption in a case like this are these,
2	that your subjects might suddenly go will have a bearing	2	aren't they, and please indicate whether you agree or
3	on how you might plan to disrupt them?	3	disagree.
4	A. Yes, ma'am.	4	That if there is lot of surveillance, or if there is
5	Q. Mr Granby told the Inquiry that he reviewed matters in	5	for some other reason a perceived need not to do a MASTS
6	the wake of closing premises with his SFC but still	6	strike, let's say a group of ten five-year-olds come
7	deemed MASTS to remain the most appropriate option at	7	into the zone, whatever it might be, and disruption is
8	that stage. I don't know whether you were in court when	8	used, and the subjects behave cautiously, they quietly
9	that was developed?	9	blend off to their home addresses, then the merit of
10	A. Yes, ma'am, I was.	10	that is that no robbery has taken place, so immediate
11	Q. I don't think you have suggested that that was	11	public protection has been preserved, and at no stage
12	unreasonable, just that there should have been	12	has it been necessary to have armed police with their
13	additional contingency planning?	13	weapons drawn on the street?
14	A. Yes, ma'am. On the basis that MASTS was an appropriate	14	A. Yes, ma'am.
15	method of supporting the operation at that time.	15	Q. The risk that can be associated in public with firearms
16	Q. Yes.	16	policing has dissipated completely?
17	Would you agree that it is also relevant to decision	17	A. Yes.
18	making around disruption as an ultimate tactical option	18	Q. It might allow, depending on the lifestyle and the
19	rather than a contingency that the subjects in question	19	circumstances and the resources available, for a safer
20	have what I am going to describe as a very elusive	20	arrest strategy if evidence exists to justify an arrest?
21	lifestyle?	21	A. Yes.
22	A. Yes, ma'am.	22	Q. Those are both, one and two, quite short term but
23	Q. They hire cars so that they can switch the identity of	23	obvious advantages and the third and alternative arrest
24	their car quickly and therefore it is harder to identify	24	may be quite longer term, but dependent on evidence?
25	them when in a car. They use a myriad of different	25	A. Yes, ma'am.
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1 Q. What are the other obvious merits of disruption in 1 Q. Do you agree with what one officer said, that disrupting 2 2 a scenario like this? at that stage of an operation was in effect handing over 3 A. I think the main overriding issue is public safety. 3 control to the suspects at a time when surveillance 4 4 capacity had been lost? 5 A. Particularly if surveillance is lost and it is near to 5 A. That doesn't resonate with me at all, ma'am, no. 6 a venue where an offence might take place there are huge 6 Q. You didn't understand what was meant by that? 7 7 public safety considerations. I think that is probably A. I think I understand what the individual was trying to 8 the main heading and from there you could articulate 8 say, but it didn't make any sense to me at all in the 9 9 a range of particular benefits for it. concept of this sort of operation. 10 10 Q. What do you think he was trying to say? 11 A. The main issue is stopping the offence taking place. 11 A. I think doing nothing and letting subjects run should be 12 12 a conscious decision on behalf of a firearms commander, 13 13 A. That can be in a range of manners, from being very I can't say what the officer really meant in relation to 14 subtle to very, very overt in relation to it. I would 14 this, unless it was an attempt to justify why there 15 say public safety, officer safety and subject safety, 15 wasn't a disruption contingency. 16 all three, are the key main considerations for 16 What I have been very clear on is that there should 17 disruption. 17 have been a disruption contingency or contingencies in 18 18 It takes place on other occasions where you don't this matter. 19 have the resources to carry out alternative options. So 19 20 quite clearly if the subjects were going it take a left 20 A. Very unusually the resources were available for it and 2.1 turn and move into a third force area for example, you 21 the time was available to plan a range of options. That 22 22 could have led a tactical adviser and the AFOs from might consider a disruption by stopping the subjects 23 even if you didn't meet the evidential criteria because 23 Cheshire to scope the area, scope the premises, scope 24 you couldn't be sure of managing the aftermath at the 24 all the potentials that could happen if the subjects did 25 far end. The benefits would be many and varied, but 25 indeed arrive at Culcheth. Page 39 Page 37 1 1 My opinion is that is far better to have all those there is also a downside to it as well potentially. 2 Q. I would like to come to those. One of them you have 2 ready and in place in case the commander deems they are 3 3 identified which is Culcheth geographically is situated appropriate to deliver. 4 amid a number of force areas; it doesn't take long for 4 5 a determined driver to hit a different force boundary. 5 A. If you don't do that, you don't have the option. Your 6 Just dealing with what the potential disadvantages 6 own option is to do a MASTS strike or do nothing. 7 are, we have agreed that it might be difficult to know 7 Q. Yes, you are describing the planning stage. I am very 8 precisely where to disrupt, if you don't know whether 8 much at the how it would look on the ground stage. 9 9 the subjects are in the car, or, if they are not in the A. But I think you cannot separate the two, because the planning stage will determine the range of options that 10 car, where they have gone, and if they have got out of 10 11 the car, whether or not they might have separated 11 you have available, the benefits associated with those 12 because there are potentially three of them. In that 12 and it will give an opportunity to mitigate some of the 13 sense disruption is potentially quite difficult, because 13 downsides that are apparent in all tactics. 14 14 of an unknown starburst that might have occurred? Q. Yes, of course. 15 A. What I would say is through good planning for 15 Would you agree that with this type of -- it is my 16 expression -- high-end criminal the disruption would 16 disruption, and there are many options for disruptions, 17 17 you could mitigate many of these downside factors to the have to be pretty subtle, because these are men who are 18 18 extremely watchful, extremely surveillance aware, their tactic itself. 19 Q. Yes, if they have separated and if you don't know 19 antennae are up the entire time, particularly when they 20 whether any of them are armed and if so how, then what 20 are in the middle of what was suspected to be the final 21 you potentially have is three obviously dangerous men, 21 stages of committing a very serious offence. Do you 22 potentially armed in public, out of the car? 22 agree with that? 23 23 A. What I would agree with, it would have to work. Not A. Yes, ma'am. You have the option then of do nothing or 24 disruption tactic or anything else which might be 24 necessarily be subtle --25 25 appropriate. Q. What does that mean?

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1 A. Stop them, if for example they haven't committed the 1 deciding whether or not to engage with disruption as 2 2 primary criminal offence we suspect them of, that it is A. Yes, ma'am. It would be a consideration, I agree. 3 going to stop them from doing it. The ideal situation 3 4 would be that it will stop them from doing it, in 4 Q. Because, just stating the obvious, if any one of them 5 a manner that they are not suspicious that they are 5 was out of the vehicle and armed, or if they were in the 6 actually under surveillance at that particular point in 6 vehicle and sped off, both of those scenarios might 7 7 bring risks to themselves, to the public and to officers 8 Q. How are you suggesting that could be down whilst they 8 alike? 9 9 A. Yes, ma'am. 10 A. That may not be able to be delivered, but what I would 10 Q. There would be an obvious risk if they did speed off to 11 say is that would be the ideal situation and scenario 11 pedestrians and other road users, yes? 12 and it could be as simple as a police officer walking 12 A. There could well be, ma'am. 13 through Culcheth might be enough to spook them, because 13 Q. Yes. 14 from the evidence we have heard, very simple issues in 14 Here real consideration might be given to what 15 relation to the potential sighting of a police vehicle, 15 officers might reasonably infer from people like 16 or other indications of law enforcement, can spook 16 Mr Totton, and which he confirmed here, which is that he 17 people in these situations. 17 would have no intention of hanging around if he was 18 Q. That would be a uniformed officer, if they were in the 18 remotely aware of police presence, escape and flight 19 car, what walking across the car park directly within 19 were always his fancies, if I can put it that way, and 20 20 a certain distance? that is the way that people like Mr Totton regularly 21 A. I am not suggesting that as a planned contingency, but 21 operate. 22 these things happen. During these operations little 22 A. Yes, ma'am. I think that is another indication of why 23 things can spook an individual and of course you could 23 disruption can be extremely effective as well. If it is 24 have an armed police officer walking through the area, 24 done thoughtfully, this is a risky business, all the 25 you could have --25 decisions made by firearms commanders can result in Page 41 Page 43 1 untoward occurrences but my view is it should have been 1 Q. And how do you think they might have reacted? 2 THE CHAIRMAN: You are interrupting the witness. 2 seriously considered, because I think this was 3 3 a situation where it was required. MS WHYTE: I am so sorry, Mr Arundale. I do not mean to 4 4 Q. At trial Mr Totton told the jury, and the reference is interrupt. 5 A. My point is you can plan this all the way up from 5 G2/901, 903 and 911, that in Stoke he had planned for his own contingency of needing to escape and knowing 6 considering scenarios from one officer walking through 6 7 7 which roads were dead ends and which were not. an area, to two officers, to a car driving in, to a high 8 profile entrance with blue lights and two-tone horns, to 8 There is a risk, isn't there, with disruption, if it 9 is unsuccessful, of a pursuit arising in which indeed of giving the appearance that a police incident is in 10 progress in the area. 10 course the driver of the car, in this case Mr Grainger, 11 There are a whole range of issues that could be 11 might have lost control and ended up killing any one of 12 the occupants of the car? 12 considered and are considered as potential disruptions, 13 but I fully agree with you, all of those will have 13 A. I suppose that is a possibility, but of course the 14 14 police service is geared up, has the resources and the consequences that have to be considered. 15 Even if that consequence is you disclose that 15 trained assets to deal with police pursuits. 16 a police operation is in place, that could be in certain 16 Q. We know from the download of the Audi on 17 21 February 2012, after what was suspected to be a recce 17 circumstances better than allowing public safety to be 18 to St Helens that Mr Grainger, and it is K/1040, drove 18 compromised by a team of suspected armed robbers 19 committing an offence. 19 back and on the East Lancs and this might suggest a fear 20 Q. Would you agree therefore that a very material factor in 20 by Mr Grainger that he was being surveilled, hit speeds 21 21 of 107 and 115 miles an hour, and that's non-motorway -this case is that if attempts at disruption, the precise 22 type of which could not possibly be known until the last 22 A. Yes, ma'am, I have seen that information. Yes, ma'am. 23 23 Q. That therefore gives you a flavour of some of the risks minute, were observed in any way, by any one of these 24 suspects, that the unpredictability of how they might 24 that would have to be balanced when considering 25 25 respond would be a very serious factor to consider when disruption? Page 42 Page 44

1	A. I agree.	1	potentially in different locations which might
2	Q. Is another disadvantage that if the car was able to	2	themselves present risks and difficulties in terms of
3	speed off upon realising or fearing disruption that the	3	planning?
4	unknown third person in the car might bail unsighted and	4	A. Yes, but of course some of my observations relate to the
5	therefore the police never know who he is?	5	fact that the location of the subjects was not known.
6	A. Ma'am, I accept that may have happened.	6	Q. So it is, in terms of disruption, a lot more complicated
7	Q. If the car is quick enough to escape, and is abandoned,	7	than just stopping the offence?
8	the technical ability to surveil the car will have been	8	A. Every single tactic is complicated in terms of its
9	lost?	9	potential outcome because this is about the deployment
10	A. Yes, ma'am.	10	of armed police officers, so they all carry risks.
11	Q. You have referred to operational compromise. I think	11	Q. In fact here, once eyes were lost, there was a pause, as
12	everybody understands that that would be a very serious	12	it were, the commanders didn't go in straight away once
13	consideration in deciding whether or not to convert	13	eyes were lost, there was a pause whilst they waited and
14	a potential MASTS strike into a disruption.	14	tried to get more information through use of
15	A. Yes, ma'am. But of course I am suggesting that there	15	surveillance?
16	were significant alternative options to using the MASTS	16	A. There was certainly a pause in the operation, anyway,
17	officers and not disclose the MASTS tactical platform in	17	ma'am.
18	this particular operation.	18	Q. I think you fairly in your report acknowledged that any
19	Q. By "disclose" you mean alert them to how it works?	19	review around disruption of the type that you have
20	A. Yes, because one of the key principles is that clearly	20	advocated might not have affected the outcome?
21	it should be kept as confidential as possible, and there	21	A. Yes, ma'am.
22	were other assets available.	22	Q. Ie that a reasonable commander faced with the same
23	Q. It is not a very confidential tactic now, is it,	23	circumstances after taking that tactical pause at the
24	Mr Arundale?	24	point of Amber, faced with the same circumstances and
25	A. Not with the discussion in this particular Inquiry, no,	25	considering all the issues that you have discussed with
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1	but its visibility on the streets is something that	1	me in the last ten minutes might well have considered
2	police forces do seek to minimise.	2	that after hearing that the vehicle was still occupied
3	Q. The operational compromise might not just involve those	3	that an arrest using MASTS officers was appropriate?
4	sort of more sophisticated considerations but might in	4	A. Yes, ma'am.
5	fact involve the loss of other types of evidence, cars,	5	Q. Yes.
6	if there had been a weapon in the car, weapon, disposal	6	I think you also said during the first day of your
7	of clothing and the like if the determined criminal and	7	evidence that as soon as the car became stationary,
8	disruption does not work, gets away, it is not just	8	likewise, it might have been a reasonable decision to
9	operational compromise in terms of alerting them to the	9	request an arrest there and then?
10	police intention or police tactics it is actually	10	A. Yes I can see commanders making that decision, some
11	potentially involving the wholesale destruction of	11	commanders.
12	evidence?	12	MS WHYTE: Sir, I am going to move to CS, we are making very
13	A. Yes, and of course this argument reverses because if	13	good progress, we will finish I anticipate well before
14	a tragic incident had occurred at a Post Office or	14	lunch in our collapsing timeframe.
15	Sainsbury's supermarket and somebody had been injured or	15	Would this be an appropriate moment for a break?
16	killed similar questions would have been asked in the	16	I am entirely in your hands.
17	opposite question, "Why did you not develop a range of	17	THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, it rather depends how much more material
18	appropriate contingencies and consider it?"	18	you have. If it is 20 minutes or so we might carry on
19	This is the world of the AFO and the firearms	19	but if it is more than that we will take a break.
20	commander, balancing all these difficult decisions and	20	MS WHYTE: Sir, it might be more than 20 minutes so I would
21	issues.	21	not like to commit myself.
22	Q. I think you would agree that another disadvantage of	22	THE CHAIRMAN: We will take a break.
23	disruption over trying to strike when they are all	23	Five minutes.
24	contained in one car is that it might, if the evidence	24	(11.39 am)
25	justified it, lead to planning of three separate arrests	25	(A short adjournment)
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1	(11.50 am)	1	particular statement, but certainly I was aware, I would
2	MS WHYTE: Moving on to a new topic, Mr Arundale, and that	2	have expected a person in my position to be aware but
3	is CSDC.	3	I was the national lead.
4	A. Yes, ma'am.	4	Q. Quite.
5	Q. You were obviously aware at the time of the preparation	5	A. SFCs are trained in relation to the kit and equipment
6	of your first report, late last year, that CSDC had	6	that is available for them nationally, as are most
7	never been evaluated to national standards and gone	7	people involved in the operation. I can't put myself in
8	through the very clear process that the code of practice	8	other people's minds, but my expectation is that there
9	mandates?	9	was broad knowledge about what was and was not available
10	A. Yes, ma'am.	10	and how to go about getting kit and equipment approved.
11	Q. Can you help us with how you were aware of that?	11	Q. Right, thank you, that is helpful.
12	A. Sorry, how	12	What I asked was whether you would have been aware
13	Q. Yes, how is it that you were aware of that? It may	13	in 2007 and you have actually helpfully explained not
14	sound like a very obvious question.	14	only would you have been aware it was unauthorised, but
15	A. That is probably because of my knowledge of the firearms	15	other people holding command roles or working in the
16	world then and last year, because I do a number of	16	firearms management and policy and procedure world for
17	things which keep me involved there and my understanding	17	police operations would also probably have been aware
18	at that time was that that was the case. What I did was	18	because the list of munitions available is quite slight?
19	I sent one email checking through to CAST just to check	19	A. Yes. I slightly caveat to say probably be aware or know
20	my understanding was correct, because if it had changed	20	where to go to get that question answered, which is
21	or there was something I was unaware of clearly that was	21	perhaps a bit fairer.
22	something I needed to check before I put it in my	22	Q. In paragraph 16 of your second report, you list do
23	report.	23	have it hand if you would like to remind yourself.
24	Q. Yes. I know that you have said in your report that you	24	A. Yes, ma'am.
25	were unaware of what was happening and no one would	25	Q. You list in some detail the overview of how the systems
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1	contradict that at all, do you think that someone in	1	approach can look in practice, I think is how you have
2	your position in 2007 would likewise have been aware	2	expressed yourself.
3	that CSDC was an unauthorised munition, if I can put it	3	A. Can look and I was clear to make sure that was
4	that way?	4	illustrative and that that was not necessarily one which
5	THE CHAIRMAN: Can I just interrupt for clarity, when you	5	would apply to all munitions or weapons systems
6	say "someone in Mr Arundale's position", do you mean	6	Q. No.
7	somebody in the position of a serving chief constable or	7	A and could be amended, shortened or fast tracked
8	a superintendent or what?	8	depending on the nature of the technology.
9	MS WHYTE: Both. I think you were about to become a chief	9	Q. Is there an obvious and central document, whether it is
10	constable, weren't you, in 2007	10	code of practice or some other governance document
11	A. 2008 I became a chief constable, in June.	11	available
12	Q. I think you were DCC at that stage in West Mercia?	12	A. I think the main document sorry, ma'am.
13	A. Yes, ma'am.	13	Q. If I can just finish the question. That sets out these
14	Q. You would have had a very senior command position within	14	types of very clear steps that might potentially need to
15	a police force and as I have understood your evidence,	15	be engaged in before a force decides whether or not to
16	you would have your ACPO PUF role as well, so you would	16	use a munition?
17	be, to use your word, immersed in the firearms world, if	17	A. Not in the way that I have listed it there, because
18	I can put it that way, for policing?	18	I have summarised what comes from a number of documents.
19	A. Yes, ma'am. I would expect anybody who was a strategic	19	There were a range of publications which came out from
20	firearms commander, or particularly the chief firearms	20	the Home Office Scientific Development Branch in one of
21	officer nominated in accordance with the 2003 code, to	21	its iterations, there is also supplementary documents
22	be aware, because there is only a few pieces of	22	which came out from the Patten Commission in relation to
23	equipment that are authorised. There is not a big list	23	a worldwide search for less lethal weaponry, which was
24	by any means; it is very, very short.	24	published I guess in around 2002. There were a large
25	I do accept I am applying my judgment to that	25	number of documents nationally.
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1	Also what happened, and some of these are actually	1	be considered for the next edition?
2	already before the Inquiry, you will see one in	2	A. Yes, ma'am. I do need to I think put this document in
3	particular is the CS spray research document from HOSDB,	3	context, this is not a document that was submitted.
4	which does give an indication of all the type of testing	4	I think from a read of it, it is very obviously a first
5	which is needed for that particular weapon system.	5	draft.
6	Q. What you seem to be describing is a miscellany of	6	Q. Right.
7	documents of varying status. I am talking about	7	A. What I do recall, I think it was probably at the end of
8	guidance that forces can have so that they have a better	8	a week on a Thursday or Friday I first realised that the
9	understanding, if it is necessary, of how to comply with	9	NPIA had been tasked and I had seen the draft code.
10	the type of steps that you have helpfully identified?	10	I went home at the weekend and drafted this myself.
11	A. Right, and I clearly understand where you are getting	11	I think on the Monday morning I sent a copy of my rough
12	at. I don't think there is a simple do-it-yourself	12	draft to the firearms secretariat at West Mercia, just
13	guide for police forces, because they were not intending	13	to let them know I am working on this.
14	any force to do it themselves.	14	This was not the document that was submitted. As
15	The signpost is the code of practice and the manual	15	you will see, there was a whole host of very obvious
16	which says if you think you are aware of something which	16	errors in relation to this, incorrect words and other
17	requires an operational requirement, assessment and	17	issues. I suppose if anything what this is, it is not
18	testing, to contact ACPO and/or HOSDB and the Home	18	a document people would normally see but these are the
19	Office. So that wouldn't be there.	19	thoughts that were in my head on a Sunday morning.
20	The people who were immersed in this on the other	20	Q. Thank you for that explanation. Can I ask you please to
21	side of the fence would have all this information and	21	look at paragraph 48, which is on 1018.
22	detail, albeit a lot of it was in the public domain	22	A. Yes, ma'am.
23	because we circulated all the Taser issues again, which	23	Q. You cite there the existing 4.3.1, which is the very
24	was many years before this decision was made.	24	paragraph that is so central to issues around GMP's
25	Q. Yes.	25	unauthorised use of CSDC.
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2	more effectively worded, and that reflects that.	2	What I think has happened is RIP has effectively
3	Q. If we look at what you go on to say, it is:	3	been accepted with grandparent rights without the review
4	"The wording places responsibility with chief	4	and evaluation that is now specified by the code.
5	officers, which could be counterproductive and result in	5	I think you have RIP which hasn't passed through this
6	individual forces undertaking reviews independent of	6	process, the code of practice which has come in and the
7	ACPO."	7	two are still there.
8	A. Yes, ma'am.	8	Q. Yes.
9	Q. Was that another consideration?	9	A. And effectively
10	A. I don't know whether I submit because this probably	10	Q. When did it come into use then? That is what I was
11	would have gone to the policing minister or the head of	11	asking was when.
12	the NPIA or both, I can't quite remember where the final	12	A. I can't tell you off the top of my head. What I can
13	draft letter went or whether I included this.	13	tell you was it was introduced originally as effectively
14	Q. At the moment I am just trying to understand what you	14	a barricade-penetrating round or a round to be used into
15	meant.	15	premises in hostage situations.
16	A. Just in terms of in my head and my thought processes,	16	Q. Dynamic entry?
17	for me I think it is that second part, chief officers	17	A. Yes, not necessarily dynamic entry but in those
18	should monitor emerging operational requirements in the	18	situations. It was effectively designed to be fired
19	forces. Yes:	19	against a wall at the back of the premises, discharge
20	" and the availability of new weapons systems."	20	its payload and then either encourage people to go out
21	I don't think it is appropriate to task 43 English	21	or to assist an entry into a building by officers.
22	and Welsh police forces with that responsibility. My	22	Q. Is it your position that in your own view there is
23	view that is a central responsibility, but that is	23	effectively no operational requirement for the use of CS
24	probably an amendment which was because of the wider	24	in MASTS strikes, vehicle strikes?
25	application of the code but in fact it is not just	25	A. No, I would say, because you should never say no,
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1	Northern Ireland and Scotland, other jurisdictions	1	because of the things we have learned particularly in
2	adopted the code in terms of all its principles as well,	2	firearms issues you think you have covered all bases and
3	because there were about I think 58 who were served by	3	then you will get suicide terrorism coming along as
4	the secretariat at that time.	4	something you have never even thought of before.
5	Q. Thank you for explaining that.	5	I have considered the use of RIP against a vehicle
6	You can put that bundle to one side for now, and you	6	on one occasion that I can think of, so what I would say
7	may need it again.	7	is no, all options that are approved should be available
8	Can I ask you a little bit about CS RIP.	8	for consideration but it should be carefully considered
9	Are you able to assist us roughly with when RIP	9	and it should never become a mainstream or integral part
10	became authorised as such for use by English firearms	10	of these operations.
11	police departments?	11	I have also made a recommendation in my report, it
12	A. Right. I suppose the word "authorisation"	12	also might now be worth considering whether RIP needs to
13	Q. Is rather loose in this sense?	13	go through that Home Office procedure because there
14	A. It is rather loose in this sense.	14	might be considerations, you know, applicable to RIP
15	I am aware that in one of the iterations of the	15	which have not yet been formally considered.
16	manual, certainly prior to 2000 there is a reference to,	16	Q. That is what I wanted to ask you.
17	say:	17	How is it that, given that the code has been in
18	"Appendix A, B and C [just to illustrate, I am not	18	existence for quite a long time now, that there is
19	sure which one it was will list CS munitions which were	19	a place for a munition which is controversial for which
20	approved by the Home Secretary"	20	there are only grandparental rights when a formal
21	And it is empty.	21	process could easily have been achieved by now. Can you
22	Q. Right.	22	explain to the chair how that has happened?
23	A. At that point the Patten Commission was sitting and it	23	A. I can only give a broad opinion on it, which I don't
24	was tasked with reviewing the range of less lethal	24	suggest is definitive. I think it is probably down to
25	options available and replace the baton round which was	25	the fact that the Patten Commission did a worldwide
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1	search in relation to less lethal options and for some	1	A. Yes, ma'am, I would agree with that you.		
2	reason RIP was not included in that because it was	2	Q. He then expresses his own view and says no other force		
3	deemed to be already acceptable in the police service.	3	does it.		
4	I won't use the term "approved", but it was	4	A. Yes, ma'am.		
5	certainly held by police forces and certainly considered	5 Q. His understanding, rightly or wrongly, when he wrote			
6	to be used in siege situations and to a lesser extent	6	that email was that GMP as a large urban metropolitan		
7	vehicles. Really, I suppose, it has slipped the net.	7	force have been used to using CS canisters in MASTS		
8	It just had the grandparent rights and was not included	8	strikes and appeared to be isolated as a force in their		
9	in a review of the programme. I can't tell you why it	9	use?		
10	happened, it was just one of those issues that	10	A. Yes, ma'am.		
11	occasionally happens.	11	Q. I don't think it is going to be in dispute but please		
12	Q. Everyone knows it is used?	12	look at it if you would like to satisfy yourself about		
13	A. RIP I would say that certainly any tactical adviser and	13	it, that the MASTS SOP number 28 for GMP, which was		
14	AFO would be aware of it. It was very commonly known.	14	going through various iterations with Mr Alder's		
15	Q. We know from documents that were actually generated as	15	assistance referred expressly to CSDC?		
16	a result of the Inquiry into the death of PC Ian Terry	16	A. Yes, ma'am.		
17	that the NPIA, who have a particular focus on licensing	17	Q. So Mr Alder would know at that point in time that		
18	armed policing training, were involved in providing some	18	officers were being trained in it, even though his		
19	advice and critical friendship to GMP in 2009. That was	19	personal view was that there wasn't an operational		
20	done in particular by Mr Alder and, to a lesser extent,	20	justified requirement for it?		
21	Mr Latto.	21	A. Yes, ma'am.		
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23	with the following propositions that at all stages of	23	Mr Latto, who was the NPIA firearms training licensing		
24	that process Mr Alder was plainly aware that GMP were	24	manager?		
25	using CSDC and on his view seemed to be the only force	25	A. Yes, ma'am.		
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2	authorship of it, although it is not his responsibility,	2	Q. That is what GMP inserted on to their pro forma
3	of course one accepts.	3	document.
4	A. Yes, ma'am.	4	Can I ask you now to go forward to 366.
5	Q. The IPCC had these documents as a result of the death of	5	A. 366, yes, ma'am.
6	Mr Terry, and so had they read those documents, they	6	Q. Yes.
7	would have been fully aware of the use of CSDC?	7	Mr Davies, an officer within GMP who was tasked by
8	A. Yes, ma'am.	8	GMP upon receipt of your report to try and investigate
9	Q. Do you know how Mr Alder might know that GMP were the	9	further the issue of the use of CSDC within Greater
10	only force using it? I appreciate you are not in his	10	Manchester Police, in the course of his enquiries
11	mind but would that have been, do you think, from the	11	contacted Matthew Symonds, the person whose name is at
12	firearms world chit-chat or would that have been from	12	the top of the pro forma.
13	some sort of central document?	13	A. Yes, ma'am.
14	A. Mr Alder's role at that time I certainly know his	14	Q. This is an email from Mr Symonds to Ryan Mackenzie,
15	background, he was previously a firearms instructor in	15	an officer working with Mr Davies, in response to the
16	West Midlands Police, chief firearms instructor in West	16 17	email that we see on the next page, 367. Basically Mr Mackenzie is asking Mr Symonds for some information.
17 18	Mercia and then a senior adviser for the National	18	He explains that he is a higher scientific officer
19	Policing Improvement Agency. He would visit almost	19	within the mechanical engineering, material science and
20	every force up and down the country, him and his staff, on a regular basis with the licensing process. He would	20	civil engineering functional home which is quite
21	know what was available, what was being used in every	21	a mouthful of CAST. He is asked what the pro forma
22	force up and down the country.	22	is for. He says:
23	I think his opinion should be given weight.	23	"The database pro forma was designed to gather
24	Q. Right.	24	information regarding types, numbers of operational
25	Do you know what if anything Mr Alder did about	25	weapons and ammunition held by UK police forces."
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1	GMP's continuing use of such a munition?	1	Which I imagine accords with your understanding?
2	A. No, ma'am, I don't.	2	A. Yes.
3	Q. Do you accept that the force STRAs made no secret of the	3	Q. He then goes on to say in answer to the question what
4	use and possession of CSDC?	4	happened to it after it was sent to yourself:
5	A. I do, ma'am, yes.	5	"Back in 2008 I entered all information received on
6	Q. You say in your report I think that you don't even know	6	to the database.
7	if the details went on the national weaponry database,	7	"Who would you expect to receive these documents
8	do you remember?	8	from?
9	A. I don't know, because I didn't use the database itself.	9	"The armourer, the chief firearms inspector
10	Q. No. I would like to just look at that in brief detail	10	"Why was it required?
11	with you. Could you go back to the V bundle.	11	"We were requested to carry out this work for the
12	A. Yes, ma'am.	12	ACPO Armed Policing Working Group and the pro forma was
13	Q. Could I ask you to look at V/360.	13	used to facilitate this."
14	A. I'm sorry, I think it is the wrong one again.	14	Are you able to assist with that?
15	Q. Bundle V, that's the CSDC bundle for some people?	15	A. Yes, I don't know if that is wholly correct. I recall
16	A. It is on the top there.	16	HOSDB volunteering to provide this service and this
17	Q. 360.	17	database to mirror what their international colleagues
18	A. Yes, ma'am.	18	were doing. This was more of an external focus so that
19	Q. That is the UK Police Weaponry Database pro forma, which	19	if somebody in Canada for example was going to research
20	was submitted and at its header indicated that it needed	20	a weapon or technology that was in use in the UK they
21	to be completed and returned to HOSDB to a person called	21	could quickly check to see if it was there and make it
22	Matthew Symonds.	22	that way, because there wasn't really a requirement for
23	A. Yes, ma'am.	23	ACPO to manage or to need the information in that
24	Q. We can see on page 361, "Combined tactical systems,	24	fashion.
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1	A. I think the point I make in my report, when you go back	1	ACPO meeting at that stage and enquiries of	
2	to the original document at 360, it says the manufacture	2 a Sharon Pring, do you recognise that name?		
3	and then, " flameless expulsion CS canister".	3	A. Yes, I do. I actually recall seeing the email, the	
4	That may not ring any alarm bells with any people	4	meeting was chaired by Mr John MacDonald.	
5	reading it, because that could well be a public order	5	Q. Mr MacDonald I think was the chair at the time and	
6	technology.	6	having scrutinised the minutes for 27 January, we can	
7	Q. A canister?	7	see that Mr Smith was there of the emails back in time	
8	A. Yes, canisters are used in public order situations	8	about GMP proposed use of the canisters, Mr Dean, who	
9	albeit they haven't been used for many, many years but	9	was the author of the email just before and	
10	they are in storage and CS is used in training	10	Mr MacDonald, the chairman.	
11	situations occasionally.	11	The upshot seems to have been CAST not having any	
12	Having said that, if I had seen that I would have	12	expertise on the product, as we all now know, and the	
13	asked what it was, because I had never heard of it but	13	action was that Mr Dean was to respond to the GMP and	
14	perhaps that is just taking it too far. Of course this	14	refer them to the manufacturer, and:	
15	database doesn't say what that technology, what	15	" to suggest that they work closely with their	
16	situations that technology is used in which would	16	catalogues in Sussex [Police presumably] to provide	
17	Q. Moving forward, we know that the GMP armourer on	17	collective feedback. Mr Dean to advise if there was	
18	20 December 2011 notified HOSDB of a leaking grenade,	18	a national requirement for such equipment this should be	
19	that is at V/723. I would like to look at this	19	passed through the ACPO regional representative."	
20	documentation with you, please. It should be the same	20	There the canister appears to be discussed by the	
21	bundle, V.	21	ACPO firearms group in the full glare of it not being	
22	THE CHAIRMAN: It will be a separate file.	22	an authorised munition?	
23	MS WHYTE: Sorry, mine is all in one.	23	A. Yes.	
24	A. It is a separate file.	24	Although that is a subset of ACPO firearms, that is	
25	Yes, ma'am, I have it.	25	not the main ACPO firearms meeting by any means.	
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2	those organisations, for reasons that we don't know,		being an expert in the component parts of those courses	
3	that accord with the very serious and real concern that	3	or the impact thereof.	
4	you have helpfully expressed in your reports about this	4	Q. No.	
5	munition. There is no sense of that, is there?	5	Have I understood, I was not quite sure from what	
6	A. No, I can't explain why that is the position.	6	you said whether this was right so I would like you to	
7	Q. You cannot think why that might be?	7	just clarify it, that you followed live operations when	
8	A. No, ma'am.	8	you were conducting your role as umpire I think in	
9	Q. Thank you for that.	9	relation to Uglow and Remount?	
10	Can I turn then to the issue of competency.	10	A. No, ma'am. I'm sorry, they are not live operations they	
11	I imagine we are agreed that in the absence of	11	are national exercises. They involve the deployment of	
12	detailed central guidance about this, the impression	12	large numbers of police and military, for example, but	
13	given by your evidence is that there need to be policies	13	they weren't actual live operations. I have commanded	
14	and procedures within local forces for managing	14	live operations myself	
15	competency and that some aspects of that are essentially	15	Q. Of course.	
16	a matter of common sense. I think that was part of the	16	A but those where I had the national exposure, they	
17	sense of what you said.	17	were large set piece exercises ranging over many days.	
18	A. Yes, ma'am, this is the review of any matter which might	18	They were not live operations.	
19	impinge upon an AFO or a commander's ability to carry	19	Q. Thank you, that is very helpful.	
20	out their duties or the implications, the wider	20	Would you agree that observing training is very	
21	implications, thereof.	21	different from receiving it in order to utilise it?	
22	Q. If common sense and potential local variation are	22	A. I would.	
23	denominators, do you agree that the discretion for	23	Q. And it is very different from providing it in order to	
24	example on CFIs, chief firearms instructors, will be	24	assess someone's competence?	
25	informed by the following.	25	A. It is ma'am. I would add as well that I have obviously	
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1	The nature of any failure by an officer on a course	1	been a player in those training exercises myself as well	
2	and any communications from the course providers?	2	and been tested in that environment.	
3	A. Yes, ma'am.	3	Q. In some of them?	
4	Q. The attitude of the individual AFO, his or her	4	A. In some of them, as well, so I do know what it is like	
5	qualifications and experience as an AFO?	5	to be a student as well as what it is like to be	
6	A. To an extent, yes ma'am.	6	a supporter, observer and assessor.	
7	Q. Well, some officers lack insight and that might be	7	Q. In fairness though a student with I don't mean this	
8	relevant to consideration of their competency I suppose,	8	disrespectfully at all none of the operational	
9	is that fair?	9	responsibility for replicating that training in a live	
10	A. Yes.	10	firearms situation?	
11	Q. The discretion might depend in part, though should never	11	A. Sorry, I don't follow your point.	
12	be determined by a force's operational requirements. Is	12	Q. You may well have played the role of a student in	
13	that fair?	13	training, but in doing that, it was never for the	
14	A. Yes, ma'am.	14	intention of you actually performing anything like the	
15	Q. The discretion will also be informed by the individual	15	role that a student would perform in the real firearms	
16	views of, for example, the chief firearms instructor and	16	operational world?	
17	possibly the head of the Firearms Unit, head of	17	A. I'm sorry, ma'am, yes it was. I was actually a student	
18	operations team, et cetera?	18	player for example at West Mercia one of the national	
19	A. Yes, ma'am.	19	Remount exercises held over many days, I was the senior	
20	Q. Have I understood your evidence to be that because in	20	police officer making all the decisions about whether to	
21	your role as the ACPO PUF lead you were able to observe	21	deploy the military, whether to intervene over a long	
22	specialist training, that you feel quite well placed to	22	period of time. So I have been a student in one of	
23	express opinions on the course failures of officers such	23	those exercises and I did actually then convey that into	
24	as X7 or Z15?	24	the operational environment. If I was tasked to do that	
25	A. I think what I have said is that that has given me	25	I would have been the operational commander.	
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1	Q. That would be in a command role?	1 For me it just needs to be carefully assessed, what		
2	A. In a command role. I had to obviously to be an SFC and	did the individual miss, how relevant was it and how		
3	a commander, I had to go through the processes of	3	does that fit their current knowledge and operational	
4	training and assessment myself and accreditation, as	4	capability?	
5	well as having a national responsibility.	5	It is that quick assessment. I think it is	
6	Q. Yes, I was more concerned with the situation of an AFO,	6	dangerous just to say, "It is a big force therefore it	
7	such as those whose competency you have commented on?	7	is okay".	
8	A. I think that is a very fair reflection, in terms of	8	Q. No, I don't think that is what he was saying.	
9	AFOs. That is why I am very carefully saying in many of	9	A. It could be that that is not necessarily the picture and	
10	these issues that things need to be seriously considered	10	you have to look at the individual and the issues that	
11	and I am not applying my judgment in terms of what the	11	were missed.	
12	decision should be.	12	Q. Do you agree that a CFI on receiving a student like X7	
13	Q. No.	13	back from failing an element of the CTSFO course in the	
14	Do you agree with Mr Nutter that failure to achieve	14	Met would be entitled to set some store before receipt	
15	a pass for the extreme threat which is trained within	15	of the course materials on the communication coming back	
16	the Met live fire CQC module doesn't automatically cause	16	from the course providers? So if an email is sent or	
17	an officer's ability to carry out MASTS operations to be	17	a telephone call is made, the CFI is entitled to bear in	
18	compromised?	18	mine the contents of that of when deciding how best and	
19	A. I would, ma'am, but what I would say is that that	19	when to proceed?	
20	statement doesn't at all affect the opinion that I have	20	A. Yes, ma'am. That would inform the way forward, quite	
21	given that the nature of some of these failures means	21	clearly.	
22	that they should be assessed by the force itself	22	Q. In relation to Mr Granby, the TFC, can I ask you if you	
23	formally and not rely on the opinion of one individual	23	know why it is that the joint services course that he	
24	outside of the training arena.	24	attended in 2011 is not described as a pass/fail, it is	
25	Q. Can we turn then to the individual officers that are of	25	a competent/not yet competent? Are you able to assist	
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1	some relevance to this issue and go to X7 first, the	1	with why there is that distinction in performance?	
2	OFC.	2	A. I was not involved in the decision making, I can't tell	
3	A. Yes, ma'am.	3	you exactly why. I can tell you what the main	
4	Q. Do you agree with Marcus Williams's observation in one	4	considerations are for pass/fail courses.	
5	of his statements that, whilst recognising absolutely	5	The fact that all the roles we have discussed are	
6	the importance and integrity of complying with national	6	voluntary, if an officer is to attend a course and fail	
7	mandatory command training, that in a larger urban	7	and that were to have an impact upon their standing role	
8	force, partial non-completion of such a course might be	8	as a tactical firearms commander, I think you would have	
9	less relevant because the officer in question is	9	a reluctance from many people to put themselves through	
10	regularly deploying, whereas in a smaller force an OFC	10	that test, because they are testing scenarios and	
11	may not get as much operational exposure and practice	11	situations.	
12	and therefore might derive more, potentially, from	12	I think the terminology to me tells me that this is,	
13	refresher training than someone in a busy urban course?	13	"In this environment this individual is not competent,	
14	A. I suppose, first of all, that relies upon the assumption	14	but it doesn't necessarily mean that they are not	
15	that that larger force is doing it in accordance with	15	competent in their home role in their current police	
16	national training and expectations. It could be the	16	force".	
17	other way round. It could be that that force is not	17	Q. Is the reality of your answer that because it is,	
18	necessarily complying with the strict letter of national	18	broadly speaking, voluntary continued professional	
19	training, but what I would fully accept is that the fact	19	development, that may explain the wording?	
20		1 00	A. It may, but I wasn't party to the decision so I can't	
20	that an officer has not completed the full training is	20	, ,	
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2	but they are not necessarily strategic decision makers	2	an individual, but I would normally expect a person
3	in relation to the running of a police force.	3	holding that position to give an informed assessment of
4	Q. They do know from the notes that they are under	4	how high up the organisation the decision should go.
5	an obligation to notify a chief officer if matters are	5	I don't refer that answer to Mr Lawler, to the post.
6	of sufficient severity that it raises issues of safety	6	Q. He had done the course, which helps, doesn't it?
7	or operations?	7	A. It does in relation to the firearms command issues, but
8	A. Sometimes	8	not necessarily the wider implications.
9	Q. They are qualified to do that, aren't they?	9	Q. Indeed the guidance has changed since 2011, U/56. The
10	A. Sometimes a person's performance may well be an issue	10	2015 literature said:
11	that doesn't affect their competence in relation to them	11	"Where a delegate is deemed not to have achieved the
12	being a firearms commander, but because of what has	12	necessary standard of occupational competence to be
13	happened, the force might deem them inappropriate to	13	accredited as a specialist firearms commander their
14	carry out that function for a period of time.	14	existing command accreditation will not ordinarily be
15	Q. The course providers, Mr Arundale, would be well aware,	15	affected. Where, however, a delegate's is deemed to be
16	wouldn't they, of the nature of Mr Granby's performance,	16	so far below the required standard that there are
17	because they have assessed it, and they would be well	17	concerns related to operational competency, the matter
18	aware of how it fell short, because they have assessed	18	will be referred to the senior responsible officer for
19	that, and they would also be well aware of his role	19	the force or agency."
20	within GMP?	20	That again suggests that one of the index markers
21	A. They would be, but they may not be aware of the	21	for failure connects the course provider to the local
22	implications of that handwritten document being	22	force?
23	disclosed in subsequent proceedings if an incident	23	A. Yes, ma'am.
24	resulted in an untoward occurrence.	24	Q. Mr Chesterman's letter, U/63, in 2016 said:
25	Q. Is this another potential issue where you are applying	25	"The SFC DP has historically been considered to be
23	Q. Is this another potential issue where you are apprying	23	The STC DI has historically been considered to be
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1	hindsight, despite battling in a most professional way	1	continued professional development, therefore without
2	not to?	2	consequence in terms of existing command accreditation.
3	A. I think I am applying the considered view of a senior	3	Where a TFC candidate is unsuccessful there are a number
4	police officer and some of this overlays the issue of	4	of potential assessment outcomes. That outcome,
5	firearms command, it is decision making in relation to	5	together with the recommendation regarding future
6	the running of a police force and maintaining public	6	deployment as a TFC, will be communicated to their force
7	confidence. Sometimes decisions have to be made which	7	agency armed policing portfolio holder and CFI. Any
8	take into account the wider issues of an individual's	8	decision regarding operational deployment remains with
9	performance, not necessarily their strict competence.	9	the force."
10	Q. Do you agree with Mr Whittle, 19 April of this year,	10	That again, even a year on, in 2016, places a firm
11	page 179, that if your view about this were correct, he	11	responsibility on the course provider to alert the local
12	would have expected the course providers to contact him	12	force to a critical issue?
13	and describe the critical issues?	13	A. Yes, ma'am. I think you said it was the armed policing
14	A. I think that with hindsight in relation to this,	14	portfolio holder, so that would mean the referral to the
15	a couple things have been picked up and I am not the	15	chief officer in the force, which would allow for
16	only person that has made this observation in relation	16	strategic consideration of any issues.
17	to Mr Granby's performance. There should be formal	17	Q. Having performed, and again no disrespect at all to the
18	mechanisms for independent referral directly to a chief	18	nature of your exercise, a paper exercise, on reviewing
19	firearms instructor and the chief firearms instructor	19	the performance of a person by reading their course
20	should make sure that considered decisions are made,	20	notes, you say in paragraph 161 of your report:
21	including the strategic assessment of any feedback on	21	"I can state that this should have been brought to
22	a fail.	22	the immediate attention of the chief officer or
23	Q. Do you agree that someone in the position of Mr Lawler	23	nominee."
24	would be well situated to assess the circumstances of	24	You appear to be, as it were, knowing better than
25	Mr Granby's attendance and continuing suitability?	25	the course providers in 2011 who were aware that they
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1	needed to do that if they thought it was necessary?	1	Q. It is just that that I would like to explore in a little		
2	A. I am not suggesting that. I am just suggesting from my	2	2 more detail.		
3	background and experience I think that was appropriate.	3	How does it follow from what you have said that you		
4	Q. Well, you are, because you say:	4	have never been in the situation of a detective like		
5	"I can state this should have been brought to the	5	Mr Cousen acting as an SIO on a job like Shire?		
6	attention"	6	A. I have done crimes and actions as a detective, but not		
7	In fairness, Mr Arundale, you saying that. So you	7	an Operation Shire type incident as a detective. I have		
8	are, having read some course notes years down the line,	8	as a strategic commander, but not as a detective.		
9	purporting to know better than the very people who	9	Q. Not a very elegantly phrased question, but roughly how		
10	assessed Mr Granby in the course in 2011?	10	many Shires did you command in respect of firearms		
11	A. I think I am being clear in stating that as a chief	11	deployments as a TFC? By which I mean months-long		
12	officer in charge of a firearms portfolio in a force	12	running covert investigation into multiple organised		
13	I would expect that documentation to be put before me so	13	criminal suspects involving the type of intelligence		
14	I could make a reasoned decision.	14	gathering that you have seen in this case?		
15	Q. I think you might disagree with me then that that might	15	A. Again, it is very difficult to give you numbers.		
16	just be another example of a Utopian air to your view?	16	Q. Of course.		
17	A. I hope it is not.	17	A. Because of course TFCs drift in and out of these		
18	Q. Finally, I would just like to make sure I understood	18	according to their availability, like this was		
19	some of the information you provided about your	19	Mr Granby's first exposure to Shire I believe on the		
20	background and experience. I would like to make it	20	3rd.		
21	abundantly clear, both to you and to the chairman, that	21	Q. But not to cases like Shire I think he said.		
22	this is not some sort of backdoor way of suggesting that	22	A. I can't give you a number. I am not suggesting they are		
23	you are not qualified to provide the opinions that you	23	huge vast numbers and of course it is a different era in		
24	have. You manifestly are and I wish to make that clear.	24	terms of my TFC experience and resources available.		
25	A. Ma'am.	25	Q. I would like to press you just a little on that.		
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3	small owing to the threat faced by the force in its	3	A. Yes, ma'am.
4	operational requirements?	4	Q. That is a force I think which covers parts of
5	A. It was a conscious decision on the force I think to have	5	Herefordshire, Shropshire and Worcestershire, is that
6	a smaller number, because of the training requirements	6	right?
7	and the need to keep people current. So a relatively	7	A. Yes, Telford and the Wrekin as well.
8	small number of people, and the force's requirement was	8	Q. And Telford and the Wrekin, yes. The largest city
9	24 hours.	9	being, help us?
10	Q. Right.	10	A. Worcester.
11	A. I am sure, like GMP, so to manage that abstraction	11	Q. Worcester probably.
12	a relatively small number at that time were qualified.	12	You have described how West Mercia had a MASTS
13	Q. I think, please correct me if I am wrong, you referred	13	capability that was unique outside of the Met.
14	during that phase, the 1995 to 2000 silver phase in	14	A. I believe it was, inasmuch as the surveillance officers
15	South Wales as being one where you were involved in	15	were specialist firearms officers, so we had
16	I think over 100 deployments?	16	
17		17	an integrated MASTS and firearms capability.
18	A. Yes, not just firearms but a silver commander, of course there is a wider issue there.	18	Q. Yes. A. Which is comparable slightly different to CMP
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20	Q. Of those, given that you have been able to provide	20	Q. Yes. I think you described that as an "enhanced
21	a sort of guide numerically, how many do you think would have been pre-planned MASTS deployments?		capability"?
	1 1	21 22	A. I might have used that word, yes.
22	A. That would have been a small proportion.		Q. You did.
23	Q. What does that mean, please?	23	I just wondered why a force like West Mercia, just
24	A. It is hard to say. It is going to be a small proportion	24	help us, would have that and no other force?
25	of firearms deployments that are pre-planned in this	25	A. Right, I can't tell you of the decisions that led to it
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1	fashion, in terms of crimes in action. A lot of them	1	because it was before my time, before I went there, but
2	would have been pre-planned firearms incidents of	2	clearly there was deemed to be an operational
3	a different fashion, but I can't at this point in time	3	requirement for it. There was clearly a desire for West
4	give you numerical details.	4	Mercia to be a centre of excellence in relation to armed
5	Q. Accepting that you cannot provide any details, are you	5	policing, because it held a national firearms school and
6	able to give any sense of how many involved	6	had held the national secretariat for many years.
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3	could imagine the GMP TFU also been surveillance trained	3	A. Yes, ma'am, it would.		
4	as well.	4	Q than for Greater Manchester.		
5	Q. Yes. Sometimes conducting those roles in isolation,	5	In terms of your role as the Armed Policing Working		
6	potentially, so you might have an AFO but on a particular day he or she is simply conducting	6	Group lead, can I ask you this: what was the selection		
8	surveillance, is that possible?	7	process, how do you come to be selected or elected to		
9	A. It is possible, but there was an additional surveillance	8 9	chair a group like that?		
10	capability as well within the force. This was the high	10	A. First of all there is a national advert for it, there is		
11	end stuff as well.	11	a request for those expressions of interest and there is the appointment it might have been at that time all		
12	Q. Yes, but you don't know what it was about the	12	of the ACPO members or chief constables' council,		
13	operational requirements of West Mercia	13	I can't recall over the years. There was an application		
14	A. I was not part of the original decisions to set it up,	14	process for it, but		
15	no, ma'am. I can't help you with that.	15	Q. A competitive process?		
16	Q. In relation to your firearms commander experience as	16	A. Yes, ma'am, I can't recall		
17	a gold commander or strategic commander. You said that	17	Q. The details?		
18	you commanded the majority of the critical operational	18	A. — the details of who else put themselves up for it.		
19	incidents that occurred within that force area?	19	Q. Your predecessor and your successor by the sounds of it		
20	A. Yes, ma'am.	20	came from the same force?		
21	Q. I think when you were asked why that was, as I have	21	A. Yes, ma'am. They did.		
22	understood your answer, it was effectively that you were	22	Q. Is that simply because of the firearms emphasis that		
23	the go to effective commander for that region. Is that	23	West Mercia has in terms of the school or is there any		
24	a fair summary?	24	other explanation?		
25	A. I am not saying for the region, ma'am, not at all. For	25	A. That was one part of it, but I think the other issue was		
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2	be the person who was their line manager.	2	MR BEER: There is also provision made in the letter for
3	Q. Thank you.	3	closed submissions to be made by the National Crime
4	Finally, in terms of organisational culture, you	4	Agency and GMP on the second day.
5	deal with this in the body of your first report at	5	THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.
6	paragraph 622. I think that in terms of the	6	Thank you very much, Mr Beer.
7	commissioning of reviews after the incident in Culcheth	7	Thank you. There is one particular point I wanted
8	on 3 March, you considered having looked at the	8	to raise very quickly with Mr Davies actually.
9	paperwork, although you might have disagreed with some	9	MR BEER: Yes.
10	of the conclusions, some aspects of some of the	10	THE CHAIRMAN: Mr Davies, this is not to put you under any
11	conclusions, you thought that the process itself	11	kind of pressure at all, just to ask for information.
12	indicated a very positive commitment to searching for	12	MR DAVIES: Of course.
13	the truth and promptly making informed decisions	13	THE CHAIRMAN: It has just occurred to me that I ought to
14	A. Yes, ma'am, I did.	14	check this with you.
15	Q about the continuing status of key individuals	15	In the light of the answers which were provided by
16	involved, as well as identifying any matters that needed	16	Mr Arundale to your questioning in relation to the
17	urgent and immediate attention?	17	matter over which we had some legal submissions, do you
18	A. Yes, ma'am.	18	take the view that it still remains necessary for me to
19	Q. Does that remain your view?	19	provide detailed reasons for the ruling I gave at the
20	A. Yes, ma'am.	20	time?
21	MS WHYTE: Thank you, Mr Arundale.	21	MR DAVIES: No, I don't. If I am candid about it.
22	MR BEER: Sir, in the light of the very modest challenges	22	THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much, Mr Davies.
23	made to Mr Arundale's core conclusions I don't have any	23	All right. Are there any other administrative
24	questions for him.	24	matters that need to be raised at this stage?
25	THE CHAIRMAN: No.	25	MR DAVIES: Can I make one observation.
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1	Thank you.	1	Can I say for the record of course, there were legal
2	Thank you very much, Mr Arundale, for assisting this	2	submissions wholly in the absence of Mr Arundale.
3	Inquiry and this business.	3	THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.
4	That is the end of your evidence. Thank you.	4	MR DAVIES: It may not have been apparent that that was the
5	A. Thank you, sir.	5	case and when he was questioned by me as to that narrow
6	Housekeeping	6	issue, of course he was not aware of the content of the
7	MR BEER: Sir, that concludes the oral evidence at this	7	legal argument.
8	stage of the Inquiry.	8	THE CHAIRMAN: No, quite.
9	THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.	9	MR DAVIES: I raise nothing else. Thank you.
10	MR BEER: The next stage of the Inquiry is closing	10	THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr Davies.
11	submissions.	11	Mr Beer, that we have been able to complete the
12	We circulated a letter on 22 February this year	12	process of receiving oral evidence in complete
13	saying that it was anticipated that the Inquiry would	13	accordance with your planned schedule, our planned
14	hear its last day of oral evidence today and therefore	14	schedule, is in my view testimony to the efficiency and
15	written submissions would be due by 4.00 pm on 12 May.	15	to dispatch with which all counsel above all, and I know
16	THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.	16	why others will understand why I say this, yourself and
17	MR BEER: That is 14 days from now.	17	Ms Cartwright but all counsel have approached their
18	They will be cross circulated by the Inquiry to each	18	tasks.
19	of the other core participants and there is to be	19	I am grateful to all of them, but particularly to
20	a hearing commencing at 10.00 each day on 17 and 18 May	20	you and Ms Cartwright because you have borne by far the
21	of this year.	21	heaviest burden. I do want to place on public record my
22	THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.	22	conviction that you have undertaken your task of
23	MR BEER: The letter of 22 February sets out the order in	23	presenting, probing and where appropriate challenging
24	which core participants are to make their submissions	24	the evidence in a scrupulously fair and even-handed way.
25	and imposes time limits on each of them.	25	I should also like finally to thank Mrs Shaw,
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Mrs Curran, Mr Moon, Mr Morris and all the other members
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        of the Inquiry's team.
          That is all I wish to say at this stage on that
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      MR BEER: Thank you very much, sir. That is very generous.
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        We will see you on the 17th.
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      THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much. We adjourn until the
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        next hearing on the 17th.
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          Thank you.
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