

*I am asked specifically how much was the WRVS grant and its frequency. I believe it was annual and £3.25 million. I did not see any documents to the best of my recollection with PIE marked on it. I had no thoughts whatsoever that the money was being diverted. If I had I would have raised it with my superior Clifford Hindley."*

*I refer to an email chain containing emails between Tim Hulbert and myself on 30 June 2016 at INQ000132. This includes Tim's email to me at 12:33 and my response at 20.02, as a response to an earlier telephone call I had had with him."*

45. Mr Davies statement of 19 May 2017 is somewhat at odds with the email exchange of 30 June 2016, which he has exhibited to his statement.
46. As detailed in my email of 30 June 2016 (exhibited to Mr Davies' statement), I had spoken, by telephone, with Mr Davies around 23 June 2016. I reflected the content of our conversation in my email of 30 June where I stated,

*"In particular it was your spontaneous response to my mentioning that I clearly remember a reference to WRVS (P.I.E) I think on the quarterly reference sheet on grants for renewal. I have always regarded this as the most bizarre part of my recollection and have wondered from time to time if my memory was playing tricks. When you said you remembered that too, it hit me like a sledgehammer, because for the first time in this whole sorry saga, I had confirmation that my recollection was shared. Indeed after two Inquiries found no evidence to corroborate what I know to be true, without any prompting you provided a key. I hope you don't mind, but I immediately passed this*

*on to the Inquiry lawyer who is gathering the evidence together for this part of the Goddard Inquiry and he may get in touch.”*

47. I concluded my email of 30 June 2016 in the following way,

*“Alan my sincere best wishes for your improved health and whatever you decide to do about the VSU thing, just know how grateful I am to you for relieving me of doubt.”*

48. Mr Davies responded to my email, in which I had fully set out the content of our telephone conversation approximately a week before, on the evening of 30 June 2016 i.e. the same day as my email to Mr Davies on this issue apparently reached him. It is clear also from the subject heading that Mr Davies was responding directly to my email of 30 June 2016. His email response to me of that date states:-

*“It is one of these tricks memory plays on one. My recollections of VSU are mostly vague but I still hold some memories of Elisabeth Hoodless and CSV and others of Nicholas Hinton and NACRO. However, over and above those, I do recall very clearly the questions raised on the WRVS renewal. WRVS was, of course, one of our largest grants and was therefore subject to fairly careful scrutiny at these moments. It was this recollection which made me mention it in particular to the Met. Police when they interviewed me a couple of years ago. I was never given a copy of the written statement they prepared – and which I signed, so I’m not sure that they took much notice of it. Their interest mainly lay in the Albany Trust and Clifford [I believe this to be Clifford Hindley], although they did ask me who I worked with and it was then I mentioned Brian.*

*I hope this is of some use, but let me assure you that your memory is still very accurate.*

*Alan"*

49. The Inquiry will note that far from contradicting or demurring from the account I set out in my email to him of 30 June 2016, Mr Davies confirms and reinforces my recollection of the key facts.
50. Indeed, Mr Davies' final sentence "*...but let me assure you that your memory is still very accurate.*" is a direct reference to the concern I clearly articulated in my email of 30 June to him, where I stated, "*In particular it was your spontaneous response to my mentioning that I clearly remember a reference to WRVS (P.I.E) I think on the quarterly reference sheet on grants for renewal. I have always regarded this as the most bizarre part of my recollection and have wondered from time to time if my memory was playing tricks. When you said you remembered that too, it hit me like a sledgehammer, because for the first time in this whole sorry saga, I had confirmation that my recollection was shared. Indeed after two Inquiries found no evidence to corroborate what I know to be true, without any prompting you provided a key.*" It is also confirmation, by Mr Davies of the accuracy of my recollection.
51. Contrary to what Mr Davies says in his statement, I have no recollection of a discussion about the Albany Trust with Alan Davies; we only discussed PIE.
52. I wish to make clear that I did not raise the issue of PIE with Alan Davies. He had raised this issue with me, as described in the first part of this statement.