

I am satisfied that there is no new evidence which would alter my view as to whether proceedings should be instituted in respect of the eight original complaints.

There are now two completely new complaints but the prospect of convictions is unrealistic.

(iv) Are the witnesses/complainants willing to attend court?

Clearly, [RO-A4] is willing to attend court but that willingness is academic having regard to my conclusion on the evidence. [RO-A68] has not expressed a willingness to attend court but his attendance would not be necessary having regard to the conclusion that I have reached.

(v) These questions are operational matters for the police.

(vi)

12. I have been told that there are three further potential witnesses whose identities are known but who have not been interviewed by the police (or Bartlett). Whether or not they should be traced and interviewed is entirely an operational matter for the police. I do not think that it would be appropriate for me to offer any advice or recommendation upon that aspect of the case. However, I am sure that the decision will be made having regard to the observations that I have already made with regard to the prospects of a successful prosecution on the material already made available to me.
13. I hope that my views are clear and helpful. If, however, you wish to further discuss the matter with me I am content to do so.

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