

## **ROBERT HAMILL INQUIRY: CLOSING SUBMISSIONS**

### **Day 70: Monday 7th December**

The Chairman commented on written submissions and advised caution regarding references by some counsel in their closing oral submissions. He referred to some written allegations about individuals in written submissions that are beyond the Inquiry's terms of reference. He gave an example to help clarify the issue:

If A has done something and it is within the terms of reference and B has done something which has relevance to what A has done, it may be relevant for the panel to consider what B has done even if it is not directly relevant to the terms of reference. He said that whilst he may not stop submissions as the allegations which could be raised are already in the public domain, the panel will not name B in their report.

The Chairman also referred to the written submission on behalf of Mr Hobson and told his legal representative, Mr Green, that it sounded like a plea that his client had been wrongly convicted. The Chairman indicated that the Inquiry was not concerned with whether Mr Hobson was rightly or wrongly convicted.

### **CLOSING SUBMISSIONS OF MR MCGRORY QC: REPRESENTING THE HAMILL FAMILY**

#### Introduction

- Summarised the background to the case and indicated that there were a number of controversial allegations for example, that the police did not get out of the Land Rover and failed Robert Hamill and his family. He said that there was also controversy surrounding whether the police did anything to intervene when they exited the Land Rover; and that there was controversy over the allegation that an officer tipped-off a suspect.
- Referred to the feeling that existed at the time [in the nationalist community] that the police were one-sided in their policing.
- Highlighted that Robert Hamill's case had significant political attention as a British Prime Minister, an Irish Taoiseach and a US President were concerned about Mr Hamill's case.
- Reiterated the terms of reference and emphasised that the panel is at liberty to consider other organisations that affected the investigation, namely the Forensic Science Laboratory of Northern Ireland; the Independent Commission for Police Complaints, and the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

#### Statements of Tracey Clarke and Timothy Jameson

Mr McGrory was of the opinion that Tracey Clarke's statement goes to the heart of allegations regarding the murder of Robert Hamill.