

## **Supplementary ruling by Chair of the Sheku Bayoh Inquiry**

### **On a request for undertakings from the Solicitor General and Chief Constable**

[1] This ruling is supplementary to, and should be read in conjunction with, my [ruling issued on 1 March 2022](#) (the ruling). The purpose of this supplementary ruling is to add the name of Constable Craig Walker to the list of police officers seeking an undertaking from the Deputy Chief Constable.

[2] In written submissions prior to the hearing on 22 February 2022 the legal representatives for Constable Craig Walker stated:

“[ ] and PC Walker do not seek an undertaking from the Chief Constable of Police Scotland in relation to the use of evidence obtained from them during the course of the Inquiry in any subsequent misconduct proceedings.”

In the light of that position Constable Walker’s name was not included in annex 1 of the ruling.

[3] Constable Walker has now changed his position. By written application dated 18 March 2022 the solicitor for Constable Walker stated:

“We confirm that PC Walker is not resolved to giving evidence without an Undertaking from the Deputy Chief Constable. He wishes to be in the same position as the other officers and if Undertakings are to be granted for the other officers involved (who are not retired), then he wishes to be in the same position. For that reason, a formal Undertaking from the DCC is sought, in addition to the Undertaking already sought from the Crown.”

[4] While this application is made very late in the day and no explanation is provided for the delay in making it, in all the circumstances, and for the reasons set out in the ruling in respect of the other officers seeking undertakings from the Deputy Chief Constable, I have decided to accede to it. Accordingly, I add Constable Walker's name to the list of officers seeking an undertaking from the Deputy Chief Constable.

The Rt Hon Lord Bracadale

21 March 2022