**IN THE MATTER OF THE ROYAL COMMISSION
INTO FAMILY VIOLENCE**

STATEMENT OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER
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I, DEAN ANTHONY McWHIRTER, Assistant Commissioner, Victoria Police, SAY AS FOLLOWS:

1.   I am an Assistant Commissioner of Victoria Police. I have held this position since 16 March 2015 when I was appointed to lead Victoria Police's new Family Violence Command.

2.   This is the second statement I have made to the Royal Commission into Family Violence (**Royal Commission**). My qualifications and professional experience are set out in my first statement dated 27 July 2015.

3.   At paragraphs 176 to 177 of my statement dated 27 July 2015, I advised that Victoria Police was in the process of developing a 'ready reckoner' for members to use when they respond to family violence incidents, and that this would be released in October 2015. I now provide to the Royal Commission on a confidential basis a copy of the 'ready reckoner' in two versions: A6 (**Confidential Attachment DAM-1**), and A4 (**Confidential Attachment DAM-2**).

4.   The 'ready reckoner' in A6 size will be printed on a card and distributed internally within Victoria Police. The A4 size 'ready reckoner', which includes a narrative prompt on the back, will be available on the Victoria Police intranet for members to download and use when attending an incident.

5.   The 'ready reckoner' will be distributed state-wide across Victoria Police over the next two weeks and is specifically targeted for use by frontline members. It is also anticipated that a variety of police members, including those in specialist roles (for

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example, Family Violence Advisors and members of the Family Violence Teams) and other specialist areas, will use the 'ready reckoner' where appropriate.

Signed by

Dean Anthony McWhirter at Melbourne   )

this ⟨⟩ day of October 2015   )

Before me: