

INTEL NOTE 2

Policing Representation within CJSSC and the Structural Link Between CJSSC and Operation Talla

Subject: Evidential linkage between policing bodies, the Criminal Justice System Strategic Command Structure (CJSSC) and Operation Talla

Source document: Witness Statement of [McGill] (INQ000188838)

1. Scope and Method

This note summarises, extracts and analyses only those passages within the referenced statement which explicitly mention police, policing bodies, or policing functions and assesses their structural relevance to:

- CJSSC
- National policing leadership
- Operation Talla
- Cross-system criminal justice coordination

No inference is drawn beyond what is directly evidenced within the statement itself.

2. Structural Position of Police within the Criminal Justice System (CJS)

The statement repeatedly confirms that:

Police are the primary investigative authority

Police generate the case files and allegations upon which prosecutorial action depends

CPS charging decisions rely on material supplied by police

CPS and police operate in routine operational partnership

Relevant references

Paras 4-7, 9, 12, 14-15, 18-19

Evidential effect

Police are established as a foundational component of the criminal justice pipeline, not an external or peripheral body.

3. Police Enforcement During the Pandemic

The statement confirms that during COVID regulations:

Police issued Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs)

Police enforcement activity directly determined case volumes and court impact.

Prosecutorial and court responses were adjusted in line with police enforcement practice.

Relevant references

Paras 87, 89-93, 120, 130-131, 136-144, 149-154

Evidential effect

Police operational decisions were central to how pandemic law was applied, interpreted and experienced in practice, with systemic consequences for the justice system.

4. Direct Policing Representation Within CJSSC

The statement expressly confirms that:

CJSSC included policing representation

and specifically identifies:

National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC) representation

College of Policing participation within the same coordination framework

Relevant references

Paras 35, 40

Evidential effect

Policing was not merely consulted externally.

It was formally represented inside the CJSSC structure itself.

This places policing within the strategic command environment governing criminal justice system responses.

5. Operation Talla Identified as the National Policing Response

The statement explicitly states:

Operation Talla was the name for the national policing response to the pandemic.

Further, it confirms:

Operation Talla contained a criminal justice strand

CPS worked directly with police via Operation Talla working groups

Draft regulations and legal guidance were circulated through Talla structures

Police legal and operational leadership were embedded in these processes

Relevant references

Paras 100-102, 120-122, 127

6. Policing Bodies Participating in Operation Talla Structures

The statement identifies participation from:

- NPCC
- Individual police forces
- Force solicitors
- Metropolitan Police Director of Legal Services (Met DLS)
- College of Policing
- CPS

Specifically:

Operation Talla established a Police Powers Working Group consisting of CPS, force solicitors, Met DLS and College of Policing representatives.

Evidential effect

Operation Talla functioned as a national policing command and legal coordination mechanism, not merely an operational label.

It incorporated:

policing command

policing legal leadership

prosecutorial interface

national standardisation

7. Evidential Linkage: CJSSC - Policing - Operation Talla

From the statement alone, the following facts are established:

Fact A

Policing bodies (NPCC/College of Policing) were represented within CJSSC.

Fact B

Operation Talla is expressly described as the national policing response, with embedded criminal justice coordination.

Fact C

The same policing bodies and legal representatives appear within Operation Talla working structures.

8. Logical Consequence

Where:

Policing is formally represented within CJSSC, and Operation Talla is the national policing command structure, and the same policing bodies and legal leads operate within both environments,

It therefore follows that:

Operation Talla and CJSSC are not institutionally separate systems.

They are structurally and operationally interconnected through policing leadership and representation.

This linkage arises directly from the McGill/CPS statement's own description of personnel and governance arrangements.

9. Summary Finding

The McGill statement evidences that:

- Policing was embedded within CJSSC

- Operation Talla constituted the national policing command response
- Police legal/operational leadership participated in cross-system governance
- CPS engagement with policing occurred through Talla structures
- CJSSC and Talla shared overlapping institutional actors

Accordingly:

Policing forms a common structural bridge between CJSSC and Operation Talla.

This conclusion is derived solely from the documentary evidence cited above.

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NOTE: References to the policing influence on court impact may be relevant to Talla rejection/non-recording policies.