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1	Wednesday, 1 August 2018	1	conjunction with the interview transcript."
2	(9.30 am)	2	Having read the statement recently, are you
3	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Good morning, everyone. Welcome to	3	satisfied that the statement doesn't omit anything of
4	today's hearing. We are going to hear from further	4	importance that you would like to tell us?
5	firefighters.	5	A. Sorry, could you repeat that?
6	MR MILLETT: Yes, Mr Chairman, we are. Good morning. We	6	Q. Can you confirm, having read the statement recently,
7	are now going to hear from Michael Mulholland.	7	that your statement doesn't leave out anything important
8	MICHAEL MULHOLLAND (swom)	8	that you would like to tell us?
9	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Thank you very much, Mr Mulholland.	9	A. No, it doesn't leave anything out, no.
10	Good morning.	10	Q. Are you satisfied that it reflects your best
11	THE WITNESS: Good morning.	11	recollection of the events that it covers?
12	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes, Mr Millett?	12	A. Yes.
13	Questions by COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY	13	Q. Have you discussed your statement or the evidence that
14	MR MILLETT: Mr Mulholland, good morning.	14	you are going to give to us today with anybody before
15	A. Good morning.	15	coming here?
16	Q. Can I ask you, please, first of all, to give us your	16	A. No.
17	full name?	17	Q. You have got some contemporaneous notes as well, which
18	A. Michael Bernard Mulholland.	18	are dated 14 June, and those are MET00005218, 19, 20,
19	Q. I want to say, first of all, thank you very much to	19	21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, and you also have 39 exhibited
20	you	20	photographs. I will just read out the references to
21	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Could you pause a second.	21	those: that's MET00018713 to MET00018751.
22	Can you hear all right?	22	Have you looked at those photographs recently?
23	(Pause)	23	A. I only saw them recently when they were submitted into
24	We might have to ask you to keep your voice up	24	evidence.
25	a bit, Mr Mulholland, because not only do people need to	25	Q. I will come to ask you about one or two of those later
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1	bear you in the room, but the ledy doing the	1	on
	hear you in the room, but the lady doing the	2	on.
3	transcription needs to hear you as well.  MR MILLETT: Mr Mulholland, thank you very much, first of	3	Can I start by just asking you some questions about your position and the function of the ORT. You are
4	all, for coming here today to give evidence to assist us	4	currently a station manager at Tooting and Wandsworth,
5	with your investigations. We do very much appreciate	5	aren't you?
6	it.	6	A. No, not any longer. I was a station manager at Tooting
7	My questions are intended to be short and simple.	7	and Wandsworth when I gave my statement. I have since
8	They often don't work out that way, so if you want me to	8	taken up a new post as borough commander at Hammersmith
9	repeat a question, I'm very happy to do so. If you need	9	and Fulham since April of this year.
10	a break at any time, just signal, and we can take	10	Q. Forgive me.
11	a break.	11	As at 13/14 June 2017, you were, I think, station
12	Can I ask you, please, first of all, to take your	12	manager at Wimbledon?
13	statement, which is MET00007865. You will have it in	13	A. Yes, that's correct.
13	the blue file in front of you at the front, but what we	14	Q. How long had you been a station manager at that date?
15	tend to do is examine it when we go to it by looking at	15	A. Approximately three years.
16	the screen. There is a monitor on your right on the	16	Q. In your statement, you say in the second paragraph on
	desk, which you can look at as well.	17	
17 18	As to that statement, have you read it recently?	18	page 2 that you were also part of the operational review team, the ORT.
18		19	You say in the third paragraph on page 2:
20	A. Yes. Q. Can you confirm that its contents are true?	20	"As the ORT we attend operational incidents to audit
20		20	against policy and procedure, best practice and help
22	A. Yes.  Q. Can I just ask you to look at the first paragraph of	22	incident command."
23	the witness statement, three lines down, where it says:	23	You can see we have highlighted those words up on
23	-	23	the screen for you.
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		25	As to that can I ask you first when you refer to
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1	auditing against policy, does that mean that the ORT has	1	on the IMP database.
2	a monitoring and compliance function?	2	The learning to come from that could be individual,
3	A. Yes, but I can probably frame it slightly better than	3	team, organisational or something to do with equipment
4	that. That's probably a little bit brief.	4	within the fire service. If it comes down to personnel,
5	So we audit against policy and procedure when we	5	that report will go to that individual's line manager
6	attend incidents, and we carry out safe systems of work,	6	for that to be actioned.
7	firefighter safety. We can guide, advise, support the	7	Q. When you refer to an IMP, I think we have the one for
8	incident command chain. As an ORT officer, we sit	8	Grenfell in the bundle. Can I just ask you to be shown
9	outside the incident command chain and we are not part	9	tab 30, which is LFB00003114, just very quickly, just to
10	of the decision-making process.	10	see if we can capture what you are talking about.
11	So when we audit that incident, we are an	11	That is the IMP report for the incident at
12	experienced group of officers, but our auditing against	12	Grenfell Tower.
13	policy and procedure for our experiences is done through	13	Is that the sort of document that you are referring
14	direct observation. So we are a presence on the fire	14	to when you talk about an incident management report?
15	ground where we can capture operational learning to,	15	A. That would be what the document would look like once we
16	like, drive organisational improvement, basically.	16	had finished that PRC process. It is very similar to
17	Q. In simple terms, does that mean you go to an incident	17	that, but you would enter it onto the IMPDS system. It
18	where the ORT is required by the number of pumps made up	18	would look similar to that.
19	and well, perhaps I can stop there and you can answer	19	Q. Did you have input into the creation of this document,
20	that.	20	do you think?
21	A. Sorry, yes, we do, but it's mandatory for us to attend	21	A. No. When we carry out our role, effectively, we are
22	a fire call of six pumps or more, and when the incident	22	a reporting tool for the organisation at incidents. So
23	goes to eight pumps or more, that triggers a second ORT	23	we will come back and put that onto the system. It
24	officer to attend. So, yes, anything over six pumps,	24	needs to be checked by the IMP team to accept it and it
25	broadly speaking, will attract an ORT officer. We do	25	gets passed on to the relevant department.
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1	attend other incidents, but in terms of fires, that	1	Q. In your statement, when you say you help incident
2	would be our	2	command, if we can just go back to that again, how do
3	Q. When you say auditing against policy, does that in	3	you achieve that? How do you go about helping incident
4	essence mean you go around an incident ground making	4	command?
5	sure that the operations are compliant with LFB policies	5	A. I'd rather go back to what I said originally, actually,
6	as written?	6	about guide, advise and support. That's simplifying it
7	A. Yes.	7	somewhat, really.
8	Q. When you do that, do you generally record observations	8	Q. Okay.
9	that you make on the incident ground as you are there?	9	A. But it can be in a myriad of ways. It really depends on
10	A. No, not always, no.	10	the incident. There's an element of adaptability with
11	Q. Do you do it sometimes?	11	what we do within our role. But generally it can be
12	A. Yes, occasionally. I mean, what we use is we make	12	that we are going out onto the fire ground to confirm
13	some notes or we'll do it maybe post-incident.	13	that the instructions that's been given are actually
14	One of the other tasks we have as an ORT officer is	14	happening, that structures are in place. We are subject
15	when we capture the learning - or identify learning	15	to safe systems of work. Because it's naturally
16	points, we have a database within the London Fire	16	particularly a large incident, it takes a while for you
17	Brigade, the incident monitoring process database, where	17	to get things in place. It doesn't happen just in,
18	that information can be put onto the database when we	18	like, two minutes. It's something you proactively do,
19	have identified trends or learning.	19	but it can take a while to do that.
20	But any fire over six pumps attracts an internal	20	That can also happen with an escalation of incident
21	review of performance review of command, and those	21	where you have more officers coming on and then you
22	learning points will be brought to that review of	22	start to putting them into positions to strengthen the
23	command where an independent chair sits and the incident	23	command structure.
24	will be discussed with the incident commander to that	24	Q. In simple terms, is the ORT's role to assist an incident
25	incident, and any learning taken from that will appear	25	commander to comply with policy where you observe that
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1	he or she might not be complying with policy?	1	I probably had high-rise training at Fire Service
2	A. Yes. Yes. But, like I say, it would be the incident	2	College in Moreton-in-Marsh and then, as I've gone
3	commander's decision to, you know, make an incident up	3	through my junior officer promotions, high-rise
4	or, you know, do stuff.	4	training this is obviously outside of the high-rise
5	Q. Yes.	5	training that you would have done at station and then
6	A. We would be there to assist and guide if asked or	6	when I got to senior officer, up to station manager,
7	requested.	7	high-rise training yet again, and I vaguely remember on
8	Q. That would then inevitably feed into the decisions made	8	one of my we do incident management assessments. We
9	by the incident commander, would it?	9	have to do that as a requirement in the Fire Brigade
10	A. Potentially, yes. I mean, if we were going out on	10	every year. You have to attend an incident management
11	a fire ground, for example, and I was coming back and	11	course that's provided by our external training
12	giving updates to the incident commander, you're hoping	12	provider, Babcock, and I remember attending one of those
13	the updates you're giving him would enhance his	13	where the actual simulated incident I was given by the
14	situational awareness of the incident, and that would	14	training provider was a high-rise incident.
15	hopefully aid his decision-making process in moving the	15	Q. Have you ever had training on how to fight a fire on the
16	tactical plan forward.	16	exterior of a building?
17	Q. Is the role of the ORT set out in any policy or	17	A. Well, no. I mean, other than using covering jets and an
18	procedure document?	18	aerial appliance, but no specific training on the
19	A. Sorry, can you repeat that?	19	exterior of a building.
20	Q. Is the role of the ORT set out in any policy or	20	Q. Did you ever get any training, either generally or as
21	procedure document?	21	part of the ORT, in how to approach a fire where the
22	A. There is an ORT note, yes.	22	material on the exterior has ignited and the fire is
23	Q. Did you have training to be a member of the ORT?	23	spreading?
24	A. Yes, I can it's something that you have to within	24	A. No. I've never attended an incident where the exterior
25	the organisation, posts are advertised, so you have to	25	skin of a building has ignited in my career, so, no,
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2	A. Yes, I can. That's actually probably not written very	2 A. Correct, yes.
3	well because I've jumped on two things there.	3 Q. That's what you say in your statement. I think that's
4	Yes, the monitoring officer of a job is effectively	4 a reference to the rota system for the ORT, isn't it?
5	the monitoring officer on most jobs. So if we just talk	5 A. Yes, it is.
6	specifically about fires, which might make it a little	6 Q. I think you also say Group Manager Matthew Cook was also
7	bit easier, at a four-pump fire, four machines will	7 on the rota that night.
8	attend and a station manager will attend that as	8 A. Yes, he was.
9	a monitoring officer, and that officer will be	9 Q. In the third paragraph on page 2, you say it is
10	responsible for making contact with the incident	10 mandatory for an ORT officer to go to an incident with
11	commander and effectively guide, advise and support them	six or more appliances, and if the incident goes to
12	in the role they're undertaking during that incident.	eight pumps, that triggers two ORT officers to attend.
13	Obviously if the incident needs more resources and	13 Is that why you were mobilised, because the incident
14	it gets escalated, that monitoring officer would then	14 had been made six?
15	take charge of that job and then another monitoring	15 A. Yes, we were originally paged for the make pumps six.
16	officer would be ordered onto the incident to monitor	16 Q. As a station manager, do you have an Airwave radio?
17	the new incident commander.	17 A. I do.
18	Q. How does the monitoring officer role relate to the	18 Q. Did you have your Airwave radio on and with you after
19	function that the ORT performs?	19 you received your mobilisation message?
20	A. As I said earlier on, because we sit outside the	20 A. Yes, I did.
21	incident command chain, we are not one of	Q. Did you hear any information over the Airwave radio or
22	the decision-makers; we are there to guide, advise and	22 any other radio you had with you about who the incident
23	support. The monitoring officer really is the first	23 commander was when you were mobilised?
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25	So it's about you know, you need to allow your	25 incident was Watch Manager Dowden was the incident
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1	you say right at the very start:	1	to you. I will just show you that. It is right at the
2	"I received the ordering at home as I am a flexi	2	very bottom of page 3. You say in the second line:
3	officer and proceeded to the incident on MP6 after Steve	3	"I took a picture of the building to try and gather
4	West ORT shadow calling control and assigning us to	4	my thoughts. It looked abnormal to me as the fire was
5	incident."	5	rising vertically going up the face of Sector 4 and
6	I just want to the ask you about "shadow". Can you	6	Sector 3."
7	explain what the role of an ORT shadow is?	7	When you say "it looked abnormal", can you expand on
8	A. Yes, sorry, that's obviously a colloquialism we use in	8	that? What do you mean by that?
9	the brigade. As I explained earlier on about my	9	A. Yes, I can.
10	training to be an ORT officer, I said you have several	10	Firstly, I've never in my career seen the outside of
11	months shadowing the fully on-the-run functional ORT	11	a building alight like this building was alight, and it
12	officers. Group Manager West was carrying out that role	12	was I suppose the best word to describe it, it was
13	on my rota with myself and Group Manager Cook at the	13	spitting flame or burning embers off the front face of
14	time.	14	the building, and it had, you know, travelled incredibly
15	Q. Oh, I see. So he was shadowing you?	15	quickly. I had never ever seen anything like that.
16	A. Yes.	16	I obviously knew there was a significant problem with
17	Q. Because he was in training, he hadn't completed his	17	the building.
18	training?	18	Q. Did you have any thoughts about what it might be that
19	A. Yes.	19	was alight?
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	Q. I see. Did you have a discussion with Steve West?	20	A. No. If I'm honest, I think my first original thought
21	A. Yes. Steve actually rang the page in to control.		was probably 99 per cent of tower blocks we go to in
22	Q. Were you en route when you had that discussion?	22	London are concrete, and concrete doesn't catch fire,
23	A. No.	23	and obviously my first view of this was when I was some
24	Q. Did you have a discussion with Group Manager Welch while	24	distance away. As I got nearer, and obviously the
25	you were en route to Grenfell?	25	incident escalated, I realised there was something fixed
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2	Q. Let me help you. That was slightly unfair, actually.	2	it was that could be burning that quickly.
3	If we just go down into your contemporaneous note	3	Q. You'd never come across a cladding fire in your career?
4	a little bit lower down the page, you say:	4	A. I've come across a cladding fire or UPV sections, but
5	"I also had a conversation with GM West (ORT shadow)	5	nothing to the severity that this was burning at.
6	and GM Welch en route to incident. I felt that there	6	Q. When did you come across a UPV section fire?
7	was a significant incident in process."	7	A. It's difficult to recall that accurately. Four or five
8	My having shown you that, does that	8	years ago, probably. But it was the bottom part of
9	A. Then, yes.	9	a window. So effectively the panel was it could have
10	Q. Do you have a recollection of the conversation?	10	been a whole window, but they put a uPVC solid panel in
11	A. A vague recollection. Yeah, it would have been very	11	that that extended outside the front face. That caught
12	brief, because obviously we're driving to the incident	12	light. But on that occasion, the fire stayed within the
13	on, you know, blue lights and audible	13	compartment; it was dealt with. It didn't go up the
14	Q. Do you have a recollection about what you talked about?	14	exterior of the building like this was.
15	A. I believe it was effectively about what was going on,	15	Q. While I'm on the subject, had you heard, as at the night
16	because it was escalating quite quickly and it was	16	of the Grenfell Tower fire, of a fire at Shepherds Court
17	a case of "See you there".	17	in Shepherd's Bush?
18	Q. Now, arrival at Grenfell Tower. We have a status 3	18	A. I had heard of it, yes.
19	time, arrival time, for you at Grenfell of 01.51.36 am,	19	Q. Had you heard of anything particular about
20	and that's the LFB's operational response report at	20	Shepherds Court?
21	page 81. I don't need to take you to it. That's what	21	A. I didn't attend the incident. I mean, within our peer
22	it says.	22	group, we had a discussion about Shepherds Court and
23	My question is: does that sound about right to you?	23	that the fire had spread up a few floors. I haven't
24	A. Yes, that sounds about right.	24	seen the official report from the fire investigation
25	Q. You say in your statement that the fire looked abnormal	25	team post-incident. But, yes, I believe that travelled
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1	three floors.	1	a couple of firefighters I can't be sure of that
2	But, again, the compartmentation, I understand, held	2	where CU8 was and they pointed me back out the way
3	out long enough for us to get in and put the fire out on	3	I came, so I effectively went out the way I came. I'm
4	those floors.	4	not sure where I turned into, but I came to the top of
5	Q. In the discussions you had about Shepherds Court after	5	Bomore Road and CU8 was there parked on the corner.
6	Shepherds Court happened, which was August 2016, was	6	Q. Were you looking for CU8 in particular?
7	there any discussion about the risks of fire spread	7	A. I was, because en route I'd heard control call CU8 and
8	posed by exterior cladding?	8	generally the first command unit there will take up the
9	A. No, not at that time, I don't think.	9	incident command.
10	Q. Is this right: you never got any training on the lessons	10	Q. Did you hear any messages going from control to CU8
11	learned from Shepherds Court?	11	which were fire survival guidance messages?
12	A. No.	12	A. I vaguely have a recollection of it going to CU8; I have
13	Q. In the same sentence, you refer to sectors, sector 4 and	13	more of a recollection of FSG calls going to appliances
14	sector 3.	14	more than CU8.
15	At the point at which you arrived, had sectorisation	15	Q. Do you remember who the officers were at CU7, first of
16	been effected?	16	all? Did you see any officers at CU7?
17	A. No.	17	A. No.
18	Q. So when you refer to sector 4 and sector 3, what is that	18	Q. Was CU7 occupied?
19	a reference to?	19	A. I didn't go to CU7.
20	A. Sorry, I thought that might help the context when I was	20	Q. You got to CU8, did you?
21	giving my interview, that people would know what that	21	A. Yes.
22	meant, but I'm happy to explain that, if you need me to.	22	Q. Do you remember who was on board CU8 when you got there?
23	Q. Yes. What are sector 4 and sector 3?	23	A. I don't remember the name of the firefighter or the
24	A. Obviously I've seen some of the inquiry, so maybe it	24	watch officer, but there was only one command unit
25	might be easier so sector 3 would be the north side	25	operative on the unit when I got on there. There was
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1	of the building and sector 4 would be the east side.	1	nobody else on the unit.
2	Q. In your statement on page 4, if I can just take you to	2	Q. At the time you arrived, were you aware of any other
3	it, you say in the second paragraph, at the very bottom:	3	officers present other than Mike Dowden?
4	"I wanted to make contact via the Incident Commander	4	A. I probably can't honestly answer that. Vaguely.
5	or the Monitoring Officer and establish if the Command	5	I would have heard people booking in status 3. But my
6	Unit (CU) was there because that is my first port of	6	expectation would be, because that incident had gone up
7	call."	7	so quickly, our PDAs trigger officer mobilisations, so
8	Can I just try and be clear, are you talking here	8	I was confident there were senior officers on the way.
9	about the incident command unit?	9	Q. Did you take steps to find out who they were and when
10	A. Sorry, could you repeat that, sorry?	10	they might arrive?
11	Q. Yes. When you refer to "the command unit", are you	11	A. Only when I got on to CU8.
12	talking about the incident command unit?	12	Q. You I think refer in the paragraph we are looking at in
13	A. Yes.	13	your statement to making contact via the incident
14	Q. Did you find out who was the incident commander when you	14	commander or the monitoring officer.
15	arrived?	15	When you refer to the monitoring officer there, did
16	A. No. When I arrived, I was still under the impression	16	you know that there was a monitoring officer on the fire
17	that the incident commander was Watch Manager Dowden.	17	ground or were you just assuming that there would be
18	Q. When you arrived, did you go straight to the command	18	because of the number of pumps?
19	unit?	19	A. Well, there'd always be a monitoring officer on the fire
20	A. Not straight to the command unit. I went onto the fire	20	ground. I wasn't assuming they would be there because
21	ground via the leisure centre onto the green, which	21	it was a call in the middle of the night and most of
22	would have been onto the east side. I had a quick look,	22	the senior officers would be travelling from what we
23	took a few observations, and I started walking down	23	call a camp-out base or home. Sometimes the MO might
24	towards Grenfell Road. There was a CU parked there, but	24	get there before the incident commander.
25	I knew that was Wembley's. I asked I believe it was	25	Q. So is the answer to that that you didn't know whether
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1	a monitoring officer was yet there?	1	Q. Was Watch Manager Meyrick the officer you saw on CU8?
2	A. Correct, sorry.	2	A. I know he works it could have been. If it was,
3	Q. Can we then look at the location of the incident command	3	I don't have a recollection of it being Watch Manager
4	unit. We discussed that a little bit just now.	4	Meyrick.
5	You say you think you went to CU7 first in the next	5	Q. You refer to a team leader, and you couldn't see the
6	paragraph, and then you went to CU8.	6	team leader.
7	Do you remember, when you got to CU8, how many	7	Is the team leader someone senior on the CU
8	people were there, roughly?	8	normally?
9	A. There was one.	9	A. No, that's a role that's allocated between them. So
10	Q. Who was that, do you know?	10	they ride a maximum of three or a minimum of two on the
11	A. The command unit operative.	11	command units. They are both watch managers; it is just
12	Q. The command unit operative?	12	a role they allocate themselves on different shifts.
13	A. One of the watch officers that rides the command unit,	13	Q. What does the team leader do?
14	sorry.	14	A. So the team leader initially would go out and make
15	Q. Do you know who that was?	15	contact with the incident commander, try and map the
16	A. I don't recall their name, no, sorry.	16	fire ground, come back and then he would assist the
17	Q. How long after you arrived and were status 3 do you	17	incident commander throughout the incident as it
18	think you arrived at command unit 8?	18	escalated with, you know, the command support function.
19	A. I think the best timescale I can give, I have myself	19	Q. Did you ever find out who the team leader for CU8 was?
20	approximately getting on the command unit around	20	A. I have subsequently found out, but I didn't know on the
21	2 o'clock, so approximately maybe, I don't know, 8 to	21	night who it was.
22	10 minutes after getting there. Because – sorry, have	22	Q. You say subsequently; I might as well ask you, who was
23	I answered that? Do you want me to continue on?	23	it?
24	Q. Yes.	24	A. I believe it was Watch Manager Kentfield.
25	A. When I got onto the command unit, like I say, there was	25	Q. You say in your statement, as you have just told us,
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1	one CU operative on there. I asked him where the team	1	that within a few minutes of arriving on CU8, Group
2	leader was. He said to me the team leader was out on	2	Manager Richard Welch and Station Manager Brett Loft
3	the fire ground trying to make contact with the incident	3	arrived at the CU.
4	commander. We did have another brief conversation, but	4	You remember that, do you?
5	I can't really remember the detail of that.	5	A. Yes, I do.
6	Then I went over to the TV screen on the command	6	Q. Do you remember whether they were talking about
7	unit, which is the command support system, to see if	7	anything?
8	I could start looking at the list of officers that were	8	A. They were having a conversation when they came onto the
9	attending, and I would say within probably 30 seconds to	9	unit, but I wasn't privy or I couldn't hear what they
10	a minute after that, Group Manager Welch and Station	10	were saying as they were getting on.
11	Manager Loft came onto the command unit.	11	Q. You say in your statement, just a little bit below
12	Q. Did the CSS work?	12	halfway down on page 4, after the conversation that you
13	A. I didn't get to see all the officers. From my	13	didn't hear what they were talking about, you say, just
14	recollection, the green light was up in the top corner,	14	picking it up in the middle:
15	which would indicate that it's active.	15	" at that stage Richard WELCH was effectively the
16	Q. That was on CU8?	16	most senior [ranking] officer there so he took charge of
17	A. Yes, CU8, yes.	17	the incident."
18	Q. But you didn't get any information off the CSS at that	18	I just want to ask you a little bit about that.
19	time?	19	Who did you understand Richard Welch to be taking
20	A. No.	20	charge from?
21	Q. Just dealing with who you encountered, have you ever	21	A. Watch Manager Dowden.
22	heard of or met Station Manager Meyrick, Dan Meyrick?	22	Q. Watch Manager Dowden?
23	A. Station Manager Meyrick?	23	A. Yes.
24	Q. Sorry, Watch Manager Meyrick.	24	Q. Okay.
25	A. Yes, I have.	25	Did you have any understanding about what Station
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1	Manager Loft's role was at that point?	1	physically heard him book status 3 on his Airwave, but
2	A. No.	2	we do that via our call signs and sometimes I can't
3	Q. Because, of course, he was senior to Watch Manager	3	remember the call signs of the officers, so their call
4	Dowden.	4	sign won't necessarily correlate with their name.
5	A. Yes, he was, but at that point, we had obviously	5	Q. No, I see that.
6	a dynamic incident unravelling in front of us that was	6	Now, we have a booking-in time for
7	clearly escalating. It was probably a 25-pump fire	7	Andy McLoughlin[sic], DAC Andy McLoughlin, as 01.54.30.
8	there, so Richard Welch being the GM would trump the	8	That's the time we have for him arriving and being
9	station manager in terms of incident command.	9	status 3.
10	Also, the expectation would be that the GM would	10	Did you know that DAC McLoughlin had arrived before
11	take that, not the SM.	11	Group Manager Welch?
12	Q. Did you know when Station Manager Loft had arrived at	12	A. Sorry, it's O'Loughlin. In my statement it is
13	the incident ground?	13	DAC O'Loughlin.
14	A. No.	14	I didn't know, but obviously the size of
15	Q. Did you ask yourself the question, "Well, why is	15	the incident at that point would have generated the
16	Mike Dowden still the incident commander, given that	16	paging of the deputy assistant commissioner. So I knew
17	he's only a watch manager, when Station Manager Loft is	17	there would be one en route. But before I left,
18	here?"	18	I hadn't captured that information from control or from
19	A. I wasn't aware of any previous communications that had	19	Steve West.
20	happened obviously prior to my arrival. I wasn't	20	Q. Can we summarise it this way: you weren't aware of any
21	surprised that Watch Manager Dowden was in charge of	21	handovers of incident command from Mike Dowden to
22	a 20-pump fire, because he'd made the call for a 20-pump	22	Andy Walton and then from Andy Walton to DAC O'Loughlin?
23	fire, insomuch as the incident had escalated so quickly	23	A. No.
24	that, as the incremental messages went, there would be	24	Q. Now, we have a record in the short incident log of
25	senior officers en route.	25	Richard Welch taking over or confirming his taking over
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1	So I just thought it was that either some of the	1	as incident commander at 02.04.20. I don't need to show
2	senior officers hadn't attended yet, or maybe they had	2	it to you unless you want to see it. But does that time
3	made contact with Mike Dowden and possibly had taken	3	sound about right to you?
4	over, but I hadn't heard verbally over the radio that	4	A. Yes, that sounds fairly accurate. That would tie in
5	there was a new incident commander. So by nature of	5	with I think the timestamp I have of me arriving on CU8
6	that, I defaulted to the fact I still felt Watch Manager	6	and Group Manager Welch and Station Manager Loft coming
7	Dowden was incident commander.	7	on that unit as quickly as that, yes.
8	Q. Did you hear Brett Loft say anything about what his role	8	Q. Were you clear in your mind as to who had been and who
9	at that point was?	9	was now in fact incident commander?
10	A. I didn't speak to Brett Loft, if I'm honest. I directed	10	A. I was clear in my mind that Watch Manager Dowden was the
11	all my attention at that point to Richard Welch.	11	incident commander, because I hadn't been told
12	Q. Did you hear any mention of Station Manager Andy	12	otherwise, and I was more than clear in my mind after
13	Walton's involvement at that stage?	13	the conversation with Group Manager Welch that he was
14	A. No.	14	now the incident commander because we sent that message
15	Q. We have a booking-in time for him status 3 at the	15	while we were standing in the command unit and that went
16	command unit of 01.43.12.	16	back to control.
17	Did you know he had arrived on the incident ground	17	Q. Did you see, hear or observe any handover between
18	at that point?	18	Mike Dowden and Richard Welch?
19	A. No, I hadn't seen Andy before. Not until I got to the	19	A. No.
20	fire ground did I start seeing more officers.	20	Q. Would it be normal for there to be no handover between
21	Q. So you weren't aware that he had arrived before Group	21	incident commanders at an incident?
22	Manager Welch?	22	A. No, it wouldn't be normal, but there was nothing normal
23	A. No. Just to put it in a bit of context, I knew he had	23	about this incident. I think we needed to start getting
24	been paged to attend the incident, so I knew he was	24	a greater level of control in the incident, and Richard
25	en route, but I wouldn't have been aware unless I'd	25	took on the responsibility at the level that he's at
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1	within the organisation to take charge of that incident.	1	point by Richard, because Richard had made the incident
2	Q. Did you know whether Mike Dowden would be aware that he	2	up.
3	had been relieved of incident command in favour of Group	3	Q. To 40?
4	Manager Welch?	4	A. To 40. That's a significant fire for us in London.
5	A. I think by nature of the incident, when he'd gone down	5	I think the time of day, the amount of FSG calls that
6	to the tower, he would have come across Mike Dowden	6	were starting to come in and the amount of people and
7	outside. So Richard would have had the experience to	7	residents potentially in that building, that's why it
8	bump into him and tell him that, I would think. But	8	went to a major incident.
9	Q. You don't know?	9	Q. Did you know at the time that the police had themselves
10	A. The necessity was to get a greater level of control down	10	declared a major incident just after 01.30?
11	at that tower at that time, and that was the right	11	A. No.
12	decision to make.	12	Q. Just going back to the question of handover from
13	Q. Would it be important, though, for Mike Dowden to know	13	Mike Dowden, I think you told us that there wasn't
14	that he had been relieved of incident command?	14	effectively a handover from Mike Dowden of incident
15	A. Yes, it would, but it would have happened at some point.	15	command to Richard Welch.
16	But it was critical that we got a more senior ranking	16	Would it not be important for them to have
17	officer down onto that fire ground.	17	a handover so Richard Welch could essentially take over
18	Q. Did you, yourself, take any steps to find out whether	18	seamlessly from Mike Dowden?
19	Mike Dowden knew that he was being relieved of incident	19	A. Yes, best practice would be that you would have
20	command and being replaced by Richard Welch?	20	a handover, most definitely. It is something that we
21	A. Sorry, we are jumping the gun a little bit here because	21	encourage and is done to the best of our abilities,
22	there is another little bit in my statement that will	22	depending on how dynamic an incident is. But
23	slow this conversation up a little bit, shall I say.	23	Richard Welch never went to Mike Dowden as incident
24	Would you like me to	24	commander.
25	Q. Yes, I know, but I'm asking you a specific question	25	Q. Was there a risk, then, that Richard Welch would not
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1	about Mike Dowden.	1	receive from Mike Dowden all the information that he
2	A. The message went over the radios, I can't confirm	2	would need to start and take on the role of incident
3	whether that was acknowledged, on channel 1.	3	commander?
4	Q. In your statement, you say that you and Matt and all of	4	A. No, because I think when Richard Welch got to the fire
5	you had a discussion about there being a major incident.	5	ground, there was a conversation with Mike Dowden and
6	This is the bottom part of page 4 of your statement. It	6	Mike Dowden was aware that he'd been put in to run the
7	has been picked up there very cannily by the Documents	7	fire sector.
8	Director.	8	Q. At this point, when Richard Welch declares a major
9	Can I just ask you, can you just tell us what that	9	incident and pumps 40, did you know whether DAC Roe or
10	discussion involved?	10	Commissioner Dany Cotton were en route?
11	A. Yes, to give that a bit of context, Matt arrived on the	11	A. AC Roe
12	command unit not long after I had with Group Manager	12	Q. Sorry, AC Roe.
13	West. En route to the incident, Group Manager Cook and	13	A. They were en route? No, I didn't know they were
14	AC Roe had had a conversation about giving consideration	14	en route, but, again, as I explained earlier, with the
15	for major incident. It was Group Manager Cook, myself	15	PDAs we have and the incremental you know they would
16	and Group Manager Welch, to be fair, who had that	16	have been notified. So I can't say 100 per cent they
17	conversation.	17	were en route, but I knew they were en route because of
18	Following that conversation, Richard, being incident	18	the size of the incident.
19	commander, decided that he was going to declare it	19	Q. At the top of page 5 of your statement, you say:
20	a major incident, and that message was also sent over	20	"I imagine pretty early on K and C would have been
21	the main scheme radio.	21	informed, it triggers a lot of established working
22	Q. What factors did you take into account, or did you	22	parties, support networks, local hospitals that kind of
23	observe Richard Welch taking into account, when deciding	23	thing."
24	that this fire was a major incident?	24	When you say "it triggers", is that a reference to
25	A. I think obviously the incident had been made up at that	25	the declaration of major incident?
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1	A. Yes, it is.	1	the METHANE message even though we said we'd already
2	Q. Were you aware whether in fact K&C, Kensington and	2	declared a major incident, the METHANE message is to
3	Chelsea, had been informed that have there was a major	3	enhance, if you like, the situational awareness, you
4	incident?	4	know, a snapshot of what we have got. So that would
5	A. No, I had no contact with K&C throughout the course of	5	just go over the main scheme radio and that would be
6	the evening.	6	repeated back to whoever had sent it.
7	Q. You then go on to say that Richard Welch tasked Steve	7	Q. What does the control room do at the moment a major
8	I think that's Steve West with getting the METHANE	8	incident is declared? Do you know?
9	message, and then you explain what METHANE is in your	9	A. I don't know, sorry. I don't.
10	statement.	10	Q. We then turn to the arrival of DAC O'Loughlin, and you
11	Can you just explain in simple terms for us what	11	cover that in the next paragraph in your statement. You
12	METHANE does? What is the effect of sending out	12	say:
13	a METHANE message?	13	"We were starting to build a tactical plan when DAC
14	A. So the METHANE message is an acronym for a message we	14	O'LOUGHLAN[sic] arrived on the Unit."
15	send from the fire ground once we have declared a major	15	Can you explain there what you mean by "a tactical
16	incident. That's about letting the other blue light	16	plan"?
17	responders know. It is a recognised message that sits	17	A. So this was a very brief discussion. We'd started
18 19	within the protocols of joint working amongst the	19	talking about getting some station managers down to the
20	emergency services. So that would go to the police and	20	tower and start putting a command structure in place. That would have been, you know, getting hold of
21	ambulance control rooms and they would be aware that we have now declared a major incident.	20	meeting up with Watch Manager Dowden to get information
22	Q. One of the letters in the acronym is "Number and type of	22	off of him and then to progress the incident on. But
23	casualties". If you scroll down, you can see METHANE	23	while we were having a discussion about that,
24	stands for: major incident; exact location; type of	24	DAC O'Loughlin came onto the command unit.
25	incident; hazards; access; number and type of	25	Q. What was the plan that you were beginning to put
23	medent, nazaras, access, number and type of	23	Q. What was the plan that you were beginning to put
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1	casualties; emergency services present and required.	1	together at the moment he arrived?
2	Do you know what the contents of the METHANE message	2	A. We were discussing about getting down to the tower as
3	were for number and type of casualties?	3	quick as we could with a couple of station managers and
4	A. No.	4	starting to build some structure in, and make sure that,
5	Q. How would the METHANE message be broadcast? What medium	5	you know, the water supplies had been which they
6	would be used to broadcast a METHANE message?	6	already were, because I had seen that out of
7	A. That would go over the main scheme radio.	7	the periphery of my sight, and making sure we were
8	Q. Main scheme?	8	getting BA into that building as quickly and as
9	A. To control.	9	expediently as we could.
10	Q. So it would go to control and then control would	10	Q. Who was involved in formulating that plan, apart from
11	disseminate it, would they	11	you?
12	A. Yes.	12	A. That was a discussion with the incident command chain,
13	Q from there to the other responders?	13	if you like, at that time.
14	A. Correct.	14	Q. Who was that?
15	Q. Small point, but let me just get this right: in the	15	A. Group Manager Welch and myself and Group Manager Matt
16	control room, would they respond to a METHANE message or	16	Cook. But, like I say, the conversation didn't take
17	would they respond to a declaration of a major incident,	17	long because Andy O'Loughlin came onto the unit.
18	or do the two always go together?	18	Q. When you were discussing that plan and I know you say
19	A. Sorry, can you repeat that?	19	you didn't get very far with it did you consider what
20	Q. Yes.	20	to do about the stay-put policy?
21	So far as you know, would the control room respond	21	A. No, not at that time.
22	to the declaration of a major incident or would they	22	Q. Did you consider the possibility of implementing a full
23	respond to the METHANE message that would follow it?	23	or partial evacuation of the building?
24	A. Well, they would respond to both. So the declaration of	24	A. No.
25	major incident would get more vehicles mobilised, and	25	Q. Now, we have DAC O'Loughlin's arrival on the command
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1	unit as 01.54.30. Now, that's a soft time; it is not	1	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Would you like a break now?
2	a confirmed time. But does that sound about right to	2	THE WITNESS: Is that okay?
3	you?	3	MR MILLETT: Yes.
4	A. Sorry, could you repeat the officer's name and the time?	4	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Ten minutes, would that be all right
5	Q. I will show you the reference in the ORR for that. It	5	with you?
6	is page 84, if you can just be shown that.	6	THE WITNESS: That'd be fine.
7	This is an LFB product document, a report. They	7	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Is that all right with you,
8	source the time as best they can, and at 01.54.30,	8	Mr Millett?
9	two-thirds of the way down the page:	9	MR MILLETT: Absolutely.
10	"Echo 6, DAC O'Loughlin arrives at Grenfell Tower	10	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: We will stop now for just over
11	although he does not book in with Control on the radio	11	10 minutes and start again at 10.45 am. Please don't
12	or phone as both were busy and he doesn't want to	12	talk to anyone about your evidence when you are out of
13	interrupt the FSG calls. He noted the time on his phone	13	the room.
14	when he arrived and put this in his MPS Witness	14	THE WITNESS: No problem.
15	Statement."	15	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Would you like to go with the usher?
16	The source of that information is his own phone and	16	We will start again at 10.45 am, please.
17	his witness statement.	17	(10.33 am)
18	Does that trigger a recollection with you as to the	18	(A short break)
19	time at which he arrived?	19	(10.47 am)
20	A. It's difficult to answer. He may well have arrived at	20	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: All right, Mr Mulholland? Ready to
21	the incident, but he wasn't on the command unit.	21	carry on?
22		22	THE WITNESS: Yes.
23	Q. You then say in your statement, if you go back to your statement, in the same paragraph, next sentence:	23	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes, Mr Millett.
24	"As DAC he became the Incident Commander and he	24	MR MILLETT: Mr Mulholland, thank you very much for coming
25		25	back to us.
23	assumed command. He asked Richard to go to the	23	back to us.
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1	Bridgehead to run it for him, to tackle the fire as best		First of all, can I just tell you what we have in
_		2	the record, so we can fix it, about DAC O'Loughlin's
2	we could and effectively take on the Fire Sector.	1 4	the record. So we can fix it, about DAC Orbugillis
3	I then left the Command Unit with Dishard WEI CII!	2	
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2	METHANE message.	3	understanding of what DAC's understanding was about what
<i>3</i>	My question is: do you know whether it was actually sent?	4	was alight and why?
5	A. No, I can't confirm that.	5	A. No.
6	Q. How would a METHANE message, if sent, be recorded?	6	Q. Did you have a discussion with DAC O'Loughlin about what
7	A. Generally, that would be written down on a message pad	7	you thought was alight and why?
8	on the command unit. It would be handed to the comms	8	A. Not me personally, no.
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10	message over the main scheme radio.	10	observed in any way with DAC O'Loughlin about the
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12	A. Yes. My understanding is if that message went to	12	A. No, not at that time.
13	control and control received it, there would be a record	13	Q. Not at that time. What about evacuation?
14	of it somewhere.	14	A. No, I don't believe so.
15	Q. If it was sent, there would be a record of it?	15	Q. Now, you refer to "the fire sector"; what was the fire
16	A. Yes.	16	sector that you refer to there in your statement?
17	Q. We don't actually have a record of it, at least in the	17	A. Well, the fire sector was effectively from the 3rd floor
18	short incident log. Does that surprise you?	18	to the 23rd.
19	A. It would surprise me if we didn't have it if it was	19	Q. That's the whole building, effectively?
20	sent, yes.	20	A. Effectively, yes.
21	Q. You say, in the paragraph that starts just after the	21	Q. Had there been any sectorisation at the stage at which
22	METHANE message, and we looked at this before the break,	22	DAC O'Loughlin arrives?
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24	When you were discussing the tactical plan with	24	Q. Do you remember when sectorisation was applied?
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2	capacity or was that you now getting involved with	2	they could tell the crews where they needed to go and
3	operations?	3	depending upon which floor prioritise where to go."
4	A. I think I was still in my ORT capacity at that point.	4	I have read that all to you. I have a number of
5	Q. You think?	5	questions about it.
6	A. But I was in my ORT capacity at that point. As the	6	When did you learn that CU7 had been assigned as the
7	job went along, I think there was more adaptability	7	FSG unit?
8	required. But at that point, I was going down in my ORT	8	A. I'd find that very difficult to give you a time. I was
9	capacity.	9	told by my colleague Group Manager Cook that CU7 had
10	Q. Is that how you understood DAC O'Loughlin's instruction?	10	been assigned as the FSG command unit with Group Manager
11	A. Yes.	11	Goodall as the FSG co-ordinator and assisted by Station
12	Q. You then say you left the command unit with	12	Manager Egan.
13	Richard Welch. Did anybody else go with you?	13	Q. What
14	A. My recollection is it was myself and Group Manager Welch	14	A. Time-wise
15	initially. I think Group Manager Cook followed shortly	15	Q. So sorry. Please continue.
16	after, a bit of distance behind us. I don't recall	16	A. Time-wise, I'd find it very difficult, but, again, I'd
17	anybody else walking down to the tower with me at that	17	like to think that a message may have been sent to say
18	point.	18	that CU7 were accepting FSG calls or were the FSG unit,
19	Q. There are two Cooks.	19	so that might be able to timestamp, if it helps.
20	A. There are two Cooks.	20	Q. Can I ask you then to be shown tab 23, which is the
21	Q. Which Cook was it that went with you?	21	short incident log. Can you go, please, to page 22.
22	A. GM Cook.	22	You can see at 02.23.33 there's a message:
23	Q. That's Gareth?	23	"SAD. Key
24	A. No, that would be Matt.	24	"CU7 RUN ALL FSG CALLS VIA CU7."
25	Q. Sorry, that's Matt Cook, not Gareth Cook. Okay.	25	That's the short incident log, which is a record of
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1	A. At the time of Grenfell sorry, there is a bit	1	the message coming from the control room by radio, it
2	of mix-up Gareth Cook was a station manager; he's now	2	appears. The time mark is what I want to show you:
3	subsequently a group manager.	3	02.23.33.
4	Q. Hence my mistake. But your recollection is that, so far	4	Would that be consistent with your recollection as
5	as any Cook went with you, it was Matt?	5	to when you discovered that CU7 was the FSG unit?
6	A. Yes, not directly with us, but, you know, back behind us	6	A. It's feasible, yes. I do have trouble with some of
7	somewhat.	7	the timings, but if that's what's gone in there, yes,
8	Q. Can you tell us how much further communication you then	8	it's feasible that's the time.
9	had with DAC O'Loughlin throughout the rest of	9	Q. You refer to the FS or FSG co-ordinator being was it
10	the incident?	10	Group Manager Goodall?
11	A. I had more contact with DAC O'Loughlin. It's hard to	11	A. Yes.
12	say how much contact I had. I mean, on several	12	Q. Do you know what that would involve? What would
13	occasions, I would have had contact with him and given	13	co-ordinator involve? What would that role be?
14	him updates or	14	A. Well, Tom would be responsible for collating that
15	Q. Okay.	15	information that comes in through control, hopefully
16	Can I ask you, please, to turn to the middle of	16	trying to get some order and sense in that, and get that
17	page 5 of your statement, where you say:	17	to the bridgehead by means so that the FSG calls could
18	"CU7 was assigned as the FSG Unit. They would have	18	be actioned as quickly and as expediently as possible.
19	a FS Co-Ordinator who would run that and would be	19	Q. Just breaking that down a little bit in terms of what
20	collating all the information on the FSG calls that were	20	you would expect, what would be the communication link
21	coming in from Control. "	21	from the control room to CU7 normally?
22	Then you go on to explain what they would do:	22	A. Normally, it would be done by you could do it by
23	" log the information from the call — location	23	phone. There's a phone on the command unit to do that.
24	where they are — and this would then be passed to the	24	There's a direct I don't know the number there's
25	Incident Commander so he had an idea of where we were	25	a direct line in to control that's dedicated from
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1	the command unit, so they could do that. Or you could	1	beyond the paragraph we are on, you say:
2	change radio channels on the main scheme radio to do	2	"Richard WELCH continued on into the building while
3	that if that was designated.	3	I attempted what we call a 360 to try and establish what
4	Q. Are both of those means of communication recorded?	4	was going on."
5	A. I believe so. I have very limited knowledge of control.	5	Could you just tell us what a 360 is?
6	If it comes through on their main system, then I would	6	A. Yes. Effectively, that's just me trying to take in, for
7	think it's probably recorded, but I'm not 100 per cent	7	my situational awareness, an observation of the fire
8	certain. But if it goes over the main scheme radio, it	8	ground. Even though it might not be round, we walk
9	would be recorded.	9	round the fire ground, so it's, you know, a term we use,
10	Q. I'm talking about communications between the control	10	360.
11	room and CU7.	11	Q. How far did you get?
12	A. Yes, so if there's FSG information being passed between	12	A. I wasn't able to so I went from the south side
13	CU7 and control via main scheme, that would be recorded.	13	around I went around to the playground, to the west
14	I'm not quite sure if they used the phone on the command	14	side, towards the north. I wasn't able to get back
15	unit, whether the phone it contacts in control is I'm	15	around the north side because there was too much
16	not certain of that. You'd have to probably get that	16	material and debris planing off the building at that
17	from control.	17	point. So I went back around to the south side and
18	Q. Did you see for yourself the communications between the	18	walked up the east side to have a look.
19	control room and CU7 on the night?	19	Q. Did you have a fire ground radio with you?
20	A. No, I didn't go on CU7.	20	A. I did.
21	Q. You didn't go onto CU7, okay.	21	Q. Did you have an Airwave radio with you?
22	The next link in the chain: how would you normally	22	A. Yes.
23	expect the personnel on CU7 to record the FSG	23	Q. Could you hear any messages coming over it at that time?
24	information that they were getting from control?	24	A. On both?
25	A. On a control information form.	25	Q. On either.
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1 2	Q. Then what would they do with that control information form?	1 2	A. I heard messages on my handheld radio but not on my Airwave radio.
3	A. That would be written out by whoever was taking the	3	
4	information and a slip would be kept on the command	4	Q. Did you hear any messages on your fire ground radio     about anything particular that sticks in your mind while
5	unit. Ordinarily, you'd transmit the message by radio,	5	you were doing your 360?
6	but you've also got a hard copy of the FSG call as well.	6	A. Not at that point. I mean, it was still at that point
7	Q. You say you didn't go onto command unit 7; did you come	7	very, very dynamic. There was an awful lot of people
8	to know during the night of how FSG messages were coming	8	so the radio traffic on channel 1 was very heavy.
9	in to CU7?	9	• •
10	A. Coming in, no. I assumed they were all coming from	10	Q. When you were doing your 360 or partial 360, as far as you could get, did you have any thoughts about full or
11	control.	11	partial evacuation of the tower at that point?
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2 hundreds of years of experience we had at the fire 2 would have EDBA in attendance to utilise.	
3 <b>ground that night, I don't think anybody else had ever</b> 3 Q. Did you have enough EDBA in attendance a	it that stage, do
4 seen what was happening. 4 you think?	
5 MR MILLETT: You go on to say in your statement at the 5 A. It's hard to quantify if we had enough —	mean, we had
6 bottom of the page: 6 EDBA there; whether they were actually of	ommitted at that
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8 at the Bridgehead" 8 <b>obviously, as the incident escalated, more</b>	and more
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11 You have got it there: 11 of my recollection I don't believe EDBA	were
12 " which at that time was on the third floor." 12 committed at that time.	
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15 of a time mark? 15 standard?	
16 A. I don't. I mean, that's the best recollection I have:	
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had been on the 3rd floor. 18 the outside of the tower as a result of your pa	rtial
19 Q. You say a few lines down from that: 19 360?	
20 "I got up to the 3rd floor and there were two Watch 20 A. Yes, I believe so.	
21 Managers alongside Richard. Entry Control was there and 21 Q. What did you tell him?	
we had committed BA crews extensively into the building 22 A. I told him from when I had arrived the fi	re had now
23 at that stage. I obtained an update from Richard so 23 tracked around to the north face and was	ourning across
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2	was coming to the 3rd-floor bridgehead?	2	weren't working very well".
3	A. So I observed when I went into the tower there was	3	First, which command unit are you referring to, CU7
4	a watch manager on my left-hand side of the lobby, Watch	4	or CU8?
5	Manager Williams, and he was passing information up to	5	A. No, no, CU8. So I would go back into my feedbacks
6	Watch Manager Watson, I think it was at the time.	6	predominantly throughout this incident would go back to
7	Q. You remember that, do you?	7	the incident command vehicle, not CU7.
8	A. Sorry?	8	Q. At that stage, did you know who was running CU8?
9	Q. You remember that, do you?	9	A. Sorry, as in — do you mean who the incident commander
10	A. Yes. Yeah, yeah, I visibly remember seeing the two of	10	was?
11	them there. I can't recall the exact detail they were	11	Q. No, who was running CU8? Who was in charge of CU8 at
12	saying, but Watch Manager Williams was passing	12	that point when you were having your update from
13	something, Watch Manager Watson was saying something	13	Richard Welch at the bridgehead?
14	back, and then Watch Manager Watson was going into	14	A. DAC O'Loughlin was incident commander.
15	there was a single door on the 2nd-floor mezzanine and	15	Q. So he would be based on CU8, would he?
16	he was going in through there to hand on the FSG	16	A. Yes.
17	information to go to the bridgehead.	17	Q. Then you say the radios weren't working very well. What
18	Q. At the bridgehead, did you observe for yourself how the	18	was your experience at that point of the radios?
19	entry control officer or the bridgehead commander were	19	A. I think, to the best of my recollection, at that point
20	recording FSG information?	20	it was just the amount of traffic that was trying to be
21	A. I don't remember physically taking note of how they were	21	transmitted over the channel.
22	recording it. From memory, I recall a FIB being there.	22	Q. Which channel?
23	Q. A FIB?	23	
24		24	A. Channel 1, sorry.  Q. So those are the fire ground radios?
25	A. Forward information board, sorry, I beg your pardon.  A forward information board.	25	
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1	at that early stage to make sure the system and process	1 2	A. Yes, I would try and move as quickly as I could, yes.
2	were starting to work.	2	Q. At the top of page 6, just in the next sentence, in
3	It was so dynamic. That information had to get to	3	fact, you say:
4	the bridgehead so we could get BA crews into that	4	"The thread of the whole of my notes reflects this.
5	building.	5	I was back and forth, back and forth either checking the
6	Q. I follow.	6	tactical plan was in place, supporting other sectors or
7	Just so I'm clear, though, in your statement you	7	carrying out a task I may have been assigned such as
8	have described what was happening with FSG in the first	8	giving resource update and so on."
9	three lines of that paragraph. You say:	9	You are describing here, I suspect, the whole night;
10	" GOODALL had been tasked to run the FSG which	10	is that right?
11	then told me that we were beginning to get further	11	A. Yes.
12	structure in place. He was being assisted by Dan	12	Q. Encapsulating it?
13	EAGAN[sic] who is Station Manager and they were feeding	13	A. Yes. Probably poorly.
14	information from the FSG CU into the lobby."	14	Q. What was the tactical plan as it evolved that you were
15	Do I take it from what you have just told us that	15	referring to there?
16	all of that in your statement is something you were told	16	A. I think the tactical plan on the night obviously was
17	by Group Manager Matt Cook rather than seeing it for	17	predominantly the tower, for obvious reasons. It was
18	yourself?	18	just initially, I think, to extinguish the fire as best
19	A. Yes, although the last bit about the lobby, I obviously	19	we could and get to as many FSG calls that we could
20	observed that bit because that was the bit that I picked	20	physically get to to help as many residents as we could
21	up on the FSG chain on, was from the lobby going to the	21	that were in that dire situation.
22	bridgehead.	22	As it went on, there was an element, I think, of
23	Q. I know I have asked you this before, but just revisiting	23	fighting the fire to get to the FSG calls, and then
24	it: did you become aware at some point during the night	24	later on, as much as we could in terms of putting safety
25	that a watch manager was operating on a car bonnet and	25	in for our own personnel, it was a rescue mission.
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1	then bins under the covered area a system of fire	1	Q. Did you ever become aware of any particular plan to get
2	survival guidance information which was then being run	2	information about deployments of BA wearers back to the
3	into the tower by a runner?	3	control room in some way?
4	A. No, I didn't.	4	A. Sorry, could you repeat that?
5	Q. Your say in the next sentence:	5	Q. Yes. Let me see if I can get at it this way. Can I ask
6	"My role was to continue to revisit the fire ground	6	you to look at LFB 790, which you told us earlier you
7	and report back to the Command Unit."	7	were familiar with from training. I would like to ask
8	Again, I'm assuming that's CU8.	8	you to look, please, at paragraph 9, which is on page 5
9	Did you report back to the command unit what you had	9	internally.
10	learnt from Group Manager Matt Cook about the fire	10	This is paragraph 9 of FSG, 790. This is the
11	survival guidance methods or system that you have	11	edition or version which was current as of April 2014
12	described in your statement there?	12	and, so far as we know, current as at the night of the
13	A. No, I didn't. Group Manager Cook would probably have	13	Grenfell Tower fire. 9 says "Communication with
14	relayed that to CU8 if he had been present when that had	14	Control". Paragraph 9.1 says:
15	been established as the fire survival guidance.	15	"It is vital that control is kept informed of the
16	Q. You say:	16	actions being taken to resolve each FSG call. The fact
17	"My role was to continue to revisit the fire ground	17	that control is aware of the actions being carried out
18	and report back"	18	on the incident ground will greatly enhance the advice
19	How did you report back?	19	given to FSG callers."
20	A. When I could, over the fire ground radio, channel 1.	20	First of all, were you aware of or alive to this
21	Predominantly, it was face to face, having to leave the	21	policy requirement as at the night of the Grenfell Tower
22	tower and go back to the command unit to give situation	22	fire?
23	updates to the incident command chain.	23	A. I am aware of that policy document, yes.
24	Q. When you couldn't get contact through the radio, you	24	Q. Did the tactical plan that you have referred to involve
25	would run up and down, would you, or walk up and down?	25	a plan by which control was kept informed of the actions
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1	being taken to resolve each FSG call as per	1	take over every single role, and I didn't sit within the
2	paragraph 9.1 of this policy?	2	FSG command chain. So does that answer the question?
3	A. I wasn't aware that control weren't being informed.	3	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Thank you.
4	Q. You weren't aware that they weren't being informed?	4	MR MILLETT: At paragraph 9.2 of the policy, it requires:
5	A. No.	5	"Informative messages from the incident ground
6	Q. Did you take steps yourself to make sure that	6	should also contain an update on progress relating to
7	paragraph 9.1 was being complied with in your role as	7	those specific FSG calls by both the flat/house number
8	ORT?	8	to avoid confusion."
9	A. The honest answer is no, because at that stage of	9	Do you know whether anybody took steps to find out
10	the night, it was critical to have that incident	10	whether the informative messages from the incident
11	resourced as much as we could to address the	11	ground did contain the information required by the
12	firefighting tactical plan and to have the resources	12	policy here?
13	ready to be deployed to try and get to as many people as	13	A. I don't know the answer to that. I think you'd be best
14	we could. So	14	placed asking someone that was on the incident command
15	Q. Ignoring	15	vehicle if that went. I'm not aware of the messages
16	A that was my	16	that went on that night.
17	Q. I'm so sorry.	17	Q. 9.3 says:
18	A. That was my focus at that time, and I deemed that to be	18	"The outcome of every FSG call must be communicated
19	critical.	19	to control."
20		20	Again, same set of questions: to your knowledge, do
21	Q. Ignoring the firefighting tactical plan for the moment, and just focusing on deployments to try to get as many	21	you know whether anybody took any steps to ensure that
22		22	the outcome of every FSG call was communicated to
23	people as you could, was it important or, in the words of the policy, vital to keep control informed	23	control from the incident ground?
24	about the results of particular deployments so that	24	A. No, I don't, but, again, I never expected to ever go to
25	control would know, to be able to advise callers, about	25	an incident where we were going to have over 130 FSG
23	control would know, to be able to advise earlers, about	23	an includit where we were going to have over 150 F5G
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1	whether crews were in fact on their way to rescue them	1	calls. My interpretation of that policy would be it
2	or not?	2	would be difficult to manage that amount of FSG calls at
3	A. It may have helped, but I think the amount of FSG calls	3	one single incident.
4	we were having at that point, to collate that	4	Q. Did anybody attempt to or discuss the idea of standing
5	accurately, transmit that back to control, with the	5	back and looking at whether or not the outcome of
6	amount of calls that they were taking, would have been	6	particular deployments were sent back to the control
7	a very, very difficult task, and I'm not sure how	7	room, and trying to work out whether a system could be
8	accurate the information might be that would go back.	8	devised for getting as much information back as
9	Q. To your knowledge, did anybody set about a task of	9	possible?
10	trying to establish whether paragraph 9.1 of the policy	10	A. I didn't. Again, you may be able to ask the officers
11	was being adhered to?	11	that were on CU8. They may be able to backfill that and
12	A. Not to my knowledge, no.	12	give some clarity on that. But not from where I was in
13	Q. To your knowledge, did anybody try to establish a system	13	the tower, watching the process of the FSGs coming in
14	of ensuring that paragraph 9.1 of this policy was	14	and the residents coming out.
15	adhered to?	15	Q. As ORT, whose task you told us earlier this morning was
16	A. I think initially when I went into the tower	16	to audit compliance with policy, was it not your role or
17	I observed sorry, not when I first went into the	17	the ORT team's role to do their best to ensure that
18	tower; at some point when I was in the tower, when there	18	paragraphs 9.1 to 9.3, as we have looked at, in
19	was rescues being effected and residents coming out,	19	policy 790 were complied with?
20	I did observe Watch Manager Williams have a conversation	20	A. Partly. However, at the risk of sounding repetitive, at
21	either with a crew or a resident, and that was recorded	21	a normal incident and that's probably using the wrong
22	on the wall. So maybe I made the assumption that	22	word I would expect to deal with three or four FSGs,
23	details were being recorded and being sent back.	23	max, which is quite an easy thing to do. I think the
24	But I think the difficult thing for me is I didn't	24	sheer number of FSG information that we had was very,
25	stay in one place on that fire ground and I couldn't	25	very difficult and I'm probably underselling it
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1	very, very difficult to process, and I felt it was more	1	Q. Was there a discussion of that change on any of
2	important to get into that building, to get to as many	2	the occasions when you went back to CU8 to update them?
3	people as we could and try to contain the fire to allow	3	A. Sorry, could you repeat that?
4	us to do that.	4 5	Q. It is my fault. It is a bad question.  Was the subject of the change in the stay-put advice
	2. Was there a point in time which came when you thought that the number of FSG calls would defeat any	6	mentioned by you or discussed with you on any of
6 7	application of this policy?	7	the occasions when you went back to CU8 to update them?
	a. I think it significantly challenged it. It may be	8	A. No, because Group Manager Cook informed me that stay put
9	something we have to look at as a learning piece. But,	9	had changed. I believe I was coming back in from the
10	yeah, it was difficult.	10	west side at that point when I saw him in the south-west
	). Perhaps I can put the question, and forgive me for	11	corner. He told me that the FSG advice sorry, the
12	putting it slightly more bluntly: did the ORT give up on	12	stay-put advice had changed. He had been into the tower
13	securing adherence with this part of this policy before	13	and informed the bridgehead it had changed. I may have
14	they'd even tried?	14	acknowledged it when I went back to CU8 to say, "I know,
	A. I think that's a little unfair, to say we gave up. Like	15	I'm aware it's now changed and the residents are coming
16	I say, it was challenging. I wasn't in the bridgehead	16	out".
17	all the time. I had many other roles to carry out on	17	Q. If we go to your statement on page 8, if I can just run
18	the fire ground in terms of giving updates. I wasn't	18	forward to that, and look towards the bottom of that
19	sitting within the immediate FSG command chain. So	19	page, you can see that, about seven lines up from the
20	I don't no, I don't think we gave up on it.	20	bottom, you say:
21 Q	2. Can I then go back to the command structure.	21	"At this point we had SDBA on the 4th and 5th floor
22	On page 6 of your statement, you describe bumping	22	and EDBA crews on the 11th, fire-fighting and conducting
23	into Matt Cook outside the tower. Just so I can show	23	search and rescue. In my mind, from what I was hearing
24	you where in the statement you say that, it is three	24	we are now starting to penetrate further up the
25	paragraphs from the bottom. You say he told you that	25	building. So I went back to give that update to the
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1	Andy Roe had been made incident commander.	1	Incident Commander. I believe that this update was
2	Do you see that?	2	recorded."
	. Yes.	3	Can I be clear, was this an update to CU8?
-	. Do you know roughly what time that was?	4	A. Yes, all my updates were to CU8 and the incident
	. I don't, but, again, I'm sure a message was sent over	5	commander.
	the radio saying that AC Roe was now incident commander.	6	Q. Was this information information that you had taken
	So that would give a timestamp.	7	directly from the bridgehead, do you think?
	You are right about that. There is an informative	8	A. Yes.
	message confirming he is IC at 02.44. For our	9	Q. Do you remember who at the bridgehead?
	reference, it is page 23 of the short incident log.	10	A. I can't remember exactly who, but it would either have
11	Do you know whether Matt Cook's information to you	11	been Group Manager Welch or Group Manager Goulbourne.
	was before or after the informative message?  I genuinely don't know. All I can assume is at the	12 13	It would be one of those two people and no one else.  Q. Do you remember where the bridgehead was at that point?
	point that happened, Matt had maybe been back at CU8	14	A. I think it was ground floor.
	after doing a task and had found that information out.	15	Q. We have got a record in Andy Roe's log, if I can ask for
	So when we came together at the top of Grenfell Road, he	16	that to be shown to you, MET00005404, page 3.
	informed me of that.	17	Can I just ask you to look at that. There's a time
	Do you remember whether Matt Cook told you anything	18	mark of 04.22, which is about a quarter of the way down
-	about a change in the stay-put advice?	19	the page:
	Yeah, Matt Cook did tell me the stay put had changed,	20	"Mick Mulholland (MM) gives update; Crews up to 10th
	but from the best of my recollection, it wasn't at the	21	floor in EDBA. [SDBA] 4th and 5th floors. 7th, 8th and
	same time as this information exchange.	22	9th floor considering using aerial. EDBA is being used
	. When was it? Do you remember?	23	quickly."
	. It's difficult to say. I would say approximately 10 to	24	Is that the update that you are referring to, do you
	15 minutes after that.	25	think, that you are referring to in your statement?
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1	A. It could be. If I'm honest, I don't ever remember	1	a slightly longer break and resume at 12 noon.
2	mentioning anything about an aerial.	2	Don't talk to anyone about your evidence.
3	Q. No, you're right?	3	THE WITNESS: No.
4	A. That could be feasible that's my update. The fact that	4	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Go with the usher.
5	I'm having a few issues with time, this is probably	5	12 o'clock, then, please.
6	helpful because I did do quite a few updates back to the	6	(11.45 am)
7	command unit, so hopefully that timestamp will help in	7	(A short break)
8	terms of time.	8	(12.03 pm)
9	So, yes, it is feasible. I'm not the aerial	9	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: All right, Mr Mulholland. Happy to
10	is I don't have a recollection of mentioning anything	10	keep going? Thank you.
11	about an aerial. It just wouldn't have been possible.	11	MR MILLETT: Can I ask you, please, to be shown a picture,
12	Q. To be clear, does this mean that the 10th floor was the	12	which is MET0005774.
13	highest floor being reached by BA wearers at this time?	13	This is a photograph of the wall which Watch Manager
14	A. I would suggest yes, but for clarity, you'd probably	14	Williams was writing on, and he was writing fire
15	need to speak to Group Manager Welch or Group Manager	15	survival guidance information on it. At the very top of
16	Goulbourne. But I would say yes.	16	the wall, it says, you will see:
17	Q. Are you saying yes because you remember it or are you	17	"Above 10 EDBA.
18	saying yes because I have shown you the document?	18	"Below 10 SDBA."
19	A. I remember being told it. The fact that you've put	19	Watch Manager Williams told us that he didn't write
20	04.22 on there and the crews are up to the 10th, that	20	that; he thinks that was Pete Wolfenden, Watch Manager
21	would suggest that's where they were in the building at	21	Wolfenden.
22	that point.	22	Does that trigger a recollection in your mind about
23	Q. Do you have any recollection of being told or finding	23	a division between EDBA deployments and SDBA
24	out that crews weren't being deployed above the	24	deployments?
25	15th floor at any point?	25	A. I remember seeing it on the wall. It doesn't trigger
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1	A. I have a vague recollection of a conversation with Group	1	a memory of how we were divvying up the deployments, no.
2	Manager Welch. I won't be able to timestamp it for you.	2	Q. Can I just take you back to something earlier which
3	I will be able to tell you it was on the ground-floor	3	I had, I'm sorry, failed to put to you, and should have
4	lobby, and I believe I'd gone to get an update or to see	4	done.
5	if they were all right, and I think a crew had just come	5	If you go to page 3 of your statement, just below
6	out. I can't be 100 per cent sure if it was the 15th or	6	halfway down, you have got a description of fire
7	13th, but the crew informed him that it was like	7	survival guidance calls and what they are, and
8	a furnace up there.	8	prioritisation there, and then in the next paragraph you
9	Q. Do you happen to remember which station the crew had	9	say:
10	come from?	10	"I don't know how many we actually took but I do
11	A. No.	11	remember en route there were several FSG called relayed
12	Q. You don't know who the crew were?	12	to the fire ground. I was trying to keep a mental
13	A. No. The BA crew weren't present at that point. It was	13	not[e] of the number because I was driving and couldn't
14	probably moments after they'd moved off.	14	write anything down. Nor did I wish to pull over as
15	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Mr Millett, how are you getting on?	15	I needed to get to the incident as soon as possible.
16	MR MILLETT: Very well. I have about 15 or 20 minutes left.	16	I probably counted 7 or 8 on my fingers as I was
17	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: I'm just wondering whether it would	17	driving. To the best of my recollection I would say
18	be good to have a break.	18	most of them were between the 10th and 22nd floor."
19	MR MILLETT: Yes, we can break.	19	I have given you the whole of that to give the
20	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Would that be a good time?	20	context to my question.
21	MR MILLETT: Yes, perfectly good time.	21	When you say, "To the best of my recollection
22	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Would you like another break,	22	I would say most of them were between the 10th and 22nd
23	Mr Mulholland? We have been going about an hour.	23	floor", was that information that you were receiving
24	THE WITNESS: Okay, no problem.	24	whilst en route?
25	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: We will break now and have	25	A. It was information that was being transmitted over the
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1	main scheme radio.	1	Q. As part of this tactical plan being developed based on
2	Q. While you were en route?	2	in part this information, FSG calls from higher floors,
3	A. Yes.	3	what thought was given to the need to have the right
4	Q. Did you evaluate that information or did you use that	4	number of EDBA wearers there?
5	information when putting together your tactical plan?	5	A. The thought was definitely given to having EDBA wearers
6	A. I'm sorry, my tactical plan or	6	there. Geographically, our EDBA on front-line
7	Q. Or the tactical plan.	7	appliances are carried on all FRUs that are
8	A. It was used insomuch as that information had been passed	8	strategically placed across the London area, so they may
9	already into the tower and crews had already been	9	have longer travel times. But I believe there was
10	committed to the tower.	10	a message sent at some point to make FRUs 10, and
11	Q. Can I just explore that a little bit.	11	obviously as the incident escalated or sometime during
12	From your knowledge and your involvement, the	12	the incident, I think we had our whole entire Protective
13	information that most of the FSG calls were coming from	13	Equipment Group of air supply at the job.
14	floors between 10 and 22, was that information used in	14	So I don't believe at any point there was an issue
15	developing an overall tactical plan or strategy?	15	with us not having enough or running out of BA, whether
16	A. I wouldn't say most of the calls were coming between the	16	that be SDBA or EDBA.
17	10th and 22nd. Maybe that's poor language. Just in	17	Q. We were discussing prioritisation a minute ago,
18	that snapshot in time en route to the incident, to the	18	prioritisation of FSG calls.
19	best of my recollection, the seven FSG calls I heard	19	Do you know whether any prioritisation of FSG calls
20	seemed to be within those floors.	20	was taking place, to your knowledge?
21	Q. Yes.	21	A. I can't speak for CU7 because, as I said earlier,
22	A. I think there were FSGs coming in on other floors as	22	I didn't go on CU7.
23	well.	23	I recall overhearing a conversation in the lobby
24	Q. From what we have seen, it's correct to say that, at the	24	between Watch Manager Williams and I can't remember,
25	time you were en route, most of the FSG calls were	25	sorry, the other person. But he had control information
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1	between the 10th and the 22nd floor, so I'm not seeking		
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2	where about a third of the way down you refer to	2	A. Yes. Yeah well, no, actually, I didn't take them to
3	Richard Welch requesting more BA. Do you see?	3	the bridgehead. It was obvious, because there was still
4	The paragraph starts just to be fair to you,	4	a line of BA wearers on the mezzanine floor, and I just
5	I will give you the full context. You say:	5	told them to follow the line up to the mezzanine floor
6	"I got back into the building and got back up to see	6	and report to Group Manager Welch, "Let him know you've
7	Richard WELCH again. I believe we were still at the	7	come into the building".
8	3rd floor at this point. We had a conversation about	8	Q. So did they join the back of the queue?
9	how he was making progress. I established there was	9	A. They may well have done after they spoke to Group
10	only one staircase and it was quite narrow and then	10	Manager Welch. I told them to go and speak to Group
11	I again had another conversation with Richard about BA	11	Manager Welch. If Group Manager Welch decided not to
12	because it was becoming very clear that it was going to	12	deploy them, that would be his call running the fire
13	be BA intensive and we were going to chew through a lot	13	sector.
14	of breathing apparatus. He requested more BA so I left	14	Q. Where was Group Manager Welch standing at this point?
15	the building to see whether we had set up a BA sector	15	Was he at the bridgehead?
16	I saw there were 8 EDBA wearers standing there."	16	A. I didn't see him when I went back into the tower, so I'm
17	Pausing there, where was	17	going to make the assumption that he was at the
18	A. They were standing outside at that point, there had	18	bridgehead, yes.
19	been a marshalling area set up outside the south	19	Q. Just trying to get a time mark on this discussion with
20	entrance and this is an estimation I think it was	20	the eight EDBA wearers, at that point, were you aware of
21	approximately 20 BA wearers standing outside, but there	21	who the incident commander was?
22	was also BA wearers still inside the tower that hadn't	22	A. Yes, DAC O'Loughlin sorry, I beg your pardon.
23	been committed. So that about he needs more BA, I hope	23	Timestamp. It's difficult. Is there any other times we
24	that's not interpreted as we haven't got any BA; we did,	24	can look at to help with
25	it was just about me going out and, again, how I was	25	Q. Yes. We are told that Andy Roe became incident
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1	resourcing the bridgehead to aid the incident plan. So	1	commander at 02.44 or so, give or take a few seconds.
2	I spoke to the EDBA crews and got them to go in to the	2	Do you think that this discussion with these EDBA
3	bridgehead.	3	wearers was before or after that?
4	Q. Let's just take this in stages.	4	A. It's difficult to answer. I'd say maybe before.
5	First of all, was anybody marshalling the EDBA	5	Q. Can I just ask you to look at paragraph 9 of your
6	wearers in the marshalling area?	6	statement
7	A. Yes, there was.	7	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Page 9?
8	Q. Do you know who it was?	8	MR MILLETT: I'm so sorry, Mr Chairman, you're quite right,
9	A. It was Watch Manager I'm not 100 per cent certain.	′	page 9. In the third paragraph you say:
10	I think it might have been Watch Manager Brown, but I'm	10	"I revisited the Bridgehead again to find out how
11	not 100 per cent certain on that.		things were going. They told me that conditions were
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2	If you go, please, to AC Roe's log, which is	2	necessarily with the tactical plan at 5 o'clock in the
3	MET00005404.	3	morning.
4	At the top, you will see 04.53, "MM: resources	4	Q. That leads to another question: do you know what
5	update"	5	prompted the discussion about building plans being in
6	This is you, I'm assuming, MM:	6	the fire box?
7	" currently using 20 x EDBA & 15 SDBA per hour.	7	A. No. I wasn't in the command unit, so I can only assume
8	EDBA on 11th and 12 floors. SDBA on 6th and 7th	8	that that conversation was recorded around the time that
9	floors."	9	I'd given my update. But my update generally was given
10	Does that help you with the timing?	10	from the door. I don't know who would have been having
11	A. Yes, that would be a good example of one of the updates	11	the conversation about it.
12	I provided to AC Roe, and as he had a loggist on the	12	Q. At the foot of page 9, you say, just above the list of
13	command unit, I would have to say that that's an	13	senior officers, "I again did my own ORT evaluation" and
14	accurate reflection of what's happening.	14	set out the structure, and then you list the structure.
15	Q. When you use "using 20 x EDBA & 15 SDBA per hour", is	15	Where did you get that information from, do you
16	that the rate of deployment governed by the available	16	remember?
17	wearers or is it the rate of use of the equipment?	17	A. About the structure?
18	A. That's my words in the I think it's more a projection	18	Q. Yes.
19	of what they thought they were going to use. There was	19	A. So that structure would appear on the command unit, on
20	obviously still BA in the tower. I think that was	20	the command support system. But then, going around the
21	a projection given so we could start future planning for	21	fire ground, you could then directly observe that those
22	BA resources that need to come on in terms of getting	22	officers were in place and carrying out those roles.
23	charged cylinders back and all that. So I think a	23	I believe that's something I did simultaneously with my
24	projection of 35 an hour.	24	colleague Group Manager Cook.
25	Q. It says EDBA on 11th and 12th floors. Does that help	25	Q. When you say "something I did", does that mean it was
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1	you recall how far up in the building at that point any	1	you who put that command structure in place?
2	BA wearer EDBA or SDBA was getting?	2	A. No, that would be the incident commander's
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3	A. I would suggest that indicates that they were at the 12th floor.	3	responsibility. Sorry, that's probably a poor choice of
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2	he was involved in doing resources, marshalling, the	2	awareness before the hand-over was carried out. We
3	relief plan and BA. So he would open up all those	3	informed AC ROE that we were going to conduct a handover
4	communication links to talk to those people to make sure	4	and then took GM SIMPSON and GM CANE on a walk round the
5	that that was still going on in the background to help	5	fire ground which took quite a while as they had to take
6	resource the incident.	6	in quite a lot of information."
7	Q. I see. You refer to this I think at the top of page 10	7	On that walk, did you explain what the tactical plan
8	of your statement, where you in the fourth line say that	8	was at that stage?
9	the "back of the house" support was running.	9	A. We spoke about a tactical plan. I think they might have
10	You have used that expression just now; what is	10	had that information off CU8 before we walked around.
11	"back of the house"?	11	But we certainly spoke about still committing to the
12	A. It is probably a poor explanation from me. It's just	12	building and working up the floors to get to the flats.
13	about it is not the front line of LFB; it is about us	13	Q. I see.
14	sorting out, you know, like I say, our resources. You	14	You refer a bit lower down to what the priorities of
15	have a shift-change coming up the next morning. You	15	the incident commander were, just in the second-last
16	have to look at where the appliances were going to come.	16	line there. You say:
17	We were having reliefs, how we were going to get the	17	"We literally did the whole ground with them and
18	reliefs in. It was doing all that pre-planning for	18	basically highlighted what the current tactical plan
19	hours ahead.	19	was, resourcing, what the priorities of the Incident
20	Q. You say it was another command unit; was that CU1?	20	Commander were and the status of the incident relief."
21	A. Yes, it was.	21	What were the incident command priorities that you
22	Q. That was I think on Bramley Road; is that right?	22	explained to them at that point?
23	A. That rings a bell, but I can't be 100 per cent certain.	23	A. We were still trying to get up the tower at that stage.
24	Q. We actually have an arrival time for CU1 of 02.59.36, so	24	I can't remember what floor we were on, but the
25	just before 3 am.	25	priorities were to get into as many flats as we can and
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1	Do you remember when it was that you first went to	1	extinguish as much of the fire as we could, because
2	check on them, or to check with them?	2	there was fire breaking out in different flats, to try
3	A. I don't remember the time. I do remember coming back	3	to do that. Still keep an eye on the FSG calls, even
4	from CU1 at one point and giving an update to AC Roe, so	4	though they had stopped, I believe, at that point.
5	that may well be logged on his loggist, if that helps.	5	There was searching going on.
6	But I don't think I would be able to give a time.	6	And the bit about the incident relief, I'm not
7	Q. What was the line of communication between CU8, which is	7	sure I don't know if I'm referring to the fact that
8	where Andy Roe was, and the rest of the commanders, and	8	maybe the incident relief hadn't been completed, was
9	CU1?	9	being completed. Because from memory they put in a 20
10	A. I'm not sure. I think via radio, but I can't confirm	10	or 25-pump relief. That might be what I'm referencing
11	that.	11	there.
12	Q. On page 10, two-thirds of the way down, you explain that	12	Q. When you refer to incident relief, do you mean pumps
13	you were relieved by Group Manager Simpson and Group	13	being replaced by new oncoming pumps?
14	Manager Cane, I think; is that right?	14	A. Yes.
15	A. Yes.	15	Q. Would you just give me one second.
16	Q. We have got their arrival times as 07.21 am on 14 June.	16	Can I ask you to look, please, at your exhibits.
17	That's in LFB document number 2.	17	Now, you have 39 photographs which you have exhibited.
18	Does that sound about right to you?	18	I will just have the first page up on the screen, if
19	A. Possibly. At that stage, I remember it was daylight.	19	I can.
20	I'm not going to be able to give you any more accurate	20	I just want to ask you one or two general questions
21	than that.	21	about these photographs and then one or two specific
22	Q. You say in your statement, two-thirds of the way down	22	questions.
23	page 10, looking at the last paragraph on the screen	23	First of all, are all these exhibits photographs you
24	which starts "We weren't resource intensive":	24	took?
25	"Unbeknown to us upon their arrival they too	25	A. Yes.
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1	Q. What did you take them on?	1	It might be, you know, the two halves.
2	A. My mobile phone.	2	Q. Fair enough.
3	Q. Now, many of them are different photographs. Are you	3	If you then go, please, to INQ00000235. It is not
4	able to tell us what kind of timeframe you took them in?	4	in this list.
5	A. The latter parts of the incident. So if I had to give	5	Now, we know that that's Watch Manager O'Keeffe
6	an estimation, I would say maybe between 4.00 and 6.00.	6	descending the stairs at an unadjusted time of 03:10,
7	I'm not 100 per cent certain. I don't know whether the	7	coming down from the 3rd-floor bridgehead to the
8	photographs have a timestamp on them.	8	ground-floor bridgehead. We have had some evidence
9	Q. Not the ones we have, no.	9	
10	A. Okay. To the best of my knowledge, to give an	10	about that.
			What can you see? Do you know what Watch Manager
11 12	approximation, I would say maybe around that time.	11	O'Keeffe is carrying in his left hand?
	Q. What prompted you to take those photographs?	12	A. That is a forward information board, yes.
13	A. That was an instruction I got from the commissioner.	13	Q. Looking at the next picture I want to show you, which is
14	The commissioner asked me to go out and try and take as	14	INQ00000258, just to see if we can establish a sequence,
15	many photographs as I could	15	you can see that there is a firefighter with something
16	Q. Right.	16	there in his left hand under his left arm. It's still
17	A at the bridgehead and stairwells, which isn't an	17	got a yellow rim on it.
18	unusual request. We do generally take photographs at	18	What is that? Can you help us identify what that
19	larger incidents for post-incident debrief, for	19	is?
20	learning, and obviously I'm assuming, with the severity	20	A. It looks like a forward information board.
21	of this incident, maybe to think about using it for	21	Q. Yes.
22	possible outcomes of further investigation. But I'm	22	Then if you look, please, at INQ00000259, and just
23	paraphrasing there and maybe putting words in someone's	23	have that focused on something leaning against the white
24	mouth.	24	wall there, can you help us identify that?
25	Q. Did you take them all at roughly the same time on, as it	25	A. Yes. That does look I don't know whether it is the
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2	A. That was shown in the previous picture on the right-hand	2	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: We will break for five minutes.
3	side?	3	Back at 12.50 pm, please.
4	Q. Well, at all.	4	(12.45 pm)
5	A. It helps me does it expand at all? No.	5	(A short break)
6	Q. It could expand, yes. Why don't we have it expanded to	6	(12.51 pm)
7	show the top of the forward information board.	7	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: I suspect some more questions have
8	A. I don't remember it could be. I mean, I can't make	8	been found, have they, Mr Millett?
9	out this recess here. I'm pointing to the board, sorry.	9	MR MILLETT: Yes, they have. So I shall do my best to ask
10	I can't make out the recess in the picture on the left.	10	them as economically as possible.
11	It could well be the same board.	11	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Mr Mulholland is on his way,
12	Q. If you compare the sort of grey is the recess the	12	I think.
13	grey shaded area on the left of the photograph that you	13	(The witness returned)
14	are talking about?	14	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Well, Mr Mulholland, I'm sorry, they
15	A. It's similar. Again, I wouldn't be able to	15	found some more questions to ask you.
16	100 per cent. I think it's feasible it could be that	16	THE WITNESS: That's fine.
17	board, but I wouldn't be able to confirm that	17	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: I hope not too many. All right?
18	100 per cent.	18	Yes, go ahead.
19	MR MILLETT: Mr Mulholland, I have got no further questions	19	MR MILLETT: Thank you very much, Mr Mulholland, for your
20	for you. Thank you very much. I'm very grateful to you	20	patience.
21	for coming here and assisting us with our	21	First of all, can I ask you to look at the telemetry
22	investigations. It really is very helpful. Thank you.	22	data that we have in our master documents bundle at
23	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: I would like to add my thanks as	23	tab 1.
24	well, because all the evidence we have obtained is	24	I will tell you what this is before I ask you about
25	really very helpful in piecing together the overall	25	it. This is a spreadsheet compiled by the LFB derived
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1	picture, so thank you very much for coming along to do	1	from all the electronic data collected from all the BA
2	your bit.	2	sets in use at Grenfell Tower on the night of the fire.
3	MR MILLETT: I have seen a signal from below, but there may	3	Just helping you with this, it runs across from the
4	be a question.	4	left to the right. On the left-hand side, you can see
5	MR FRIEDMAN: It will be very short. If we could have	5	what kind of breathing apparatus has been used. You
6	a short break, I would appreciate it.	6	have the station, the wearer if known, and then running
7	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: I was just about to say you are free	7	across the page from there, you have the vehicle charger
8	to go, Mr Mulholland, but it looks like you may not be.	8	disconnection times, the switch-on button, tally out and
9	MR MILLETT: May I suggest, Mr Chairman I did think we	9	other matters I don't need to ask you about, including
10	might get all these that we take a break now for	10	initial pressure, logged onto ECB, et cetera, and then
11	lunch?	11	you have the tally-in time, final pressure and the end
12	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Well, I think the witness would	12	of wear time.
13	probably quite like to know that he can get away.	13	Can I ask you to look at "BA Time Line (5)", where
14	I would rather take can we keep this one to five	14	we begin to see the bulk of EDBA. There has been marked
15	minutes?	15	in orange the EDBA wearers. You can see that the first
16	MR MILLETT: Absolutely.	16	two on that page are Chelsea and Euston, and then
17	MR FRIEDMAN: Certainly for my part.	17	there's a group of about 10, I think, EDBA wearers below
18	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: We will take five minutes so counsel	18	that from various stations Euston, Battersea, Chelsea
19	can get themselves organised, so we will come back at	19	and Battersea again.
20	12.50 pm. If there are any more questions, I think it	20	Just taking one or two examples, if you look at the
21	is best to deal with them then. Then you will be free	21	Euston crew, the three for Euston Brooks, Morcos and
22	to go.	22	Joseph, you have a time for disconnection for the
23	THE WITNESS: No problem.	23	vehicle charger, taking Brooks, at 02.18.43. He's an
24	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Would you like to go with the usher,	24	EDBA wearer, who disconnects from the vehicle at that
25	please.	25	time and is switched on at 03.03 and tallies out at
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1	03.05, which is about 45 minutes.	1	time the bridgehead moved to the ground floor. So I'm
2	If I'm right that that demonstrates that there is	2	not 100 per cent certain if this conversation happened
3	a period of time from disconnection of the EDBA	3	on the 3rd floor or the ground floor.
4	equipment from the vehicle that it was being carried in	4	We needed to try and clear the smoke because we were
5	to the tallying-out time of the crew on the deployment	5	worried about the possibility of the bridgehead being
6	of 45 minutes or so that is a period of 45 minutes.	6	compromised. So I left the bridgehead, went back to the
7	Can you explain from what you saw and knew on the	7	command unit, spoke to AC Roe, got permission for PPV.
8	night why there was a period of 45 minutes between	8	I was instructed to ring DAC Fenton at BCC to request
9	disconnection of the equipment from the vehicle on which	9	it. This I did. I reported back to AC Roe it had been
10	it was carried and the deployment of the EDBA wearer?	10	ordered and sometime later it arrived at the incident.
11	A. No, I can't, sorry.	11	It didn't give us the effect we hoped it would give us.
12	Q. One can say the same, I think, about a lot of the other	12	I think just to put a little bit of context around
13	EDBA wearers. You can see disconnection times at around	13	this, PPV in London isn't carried on front-line
14	the same sort of time mark and the same sort of delay	14	appliances, so none of the operational firefighters are
15	period, about 40 minutes.	15	trained in PPV.
16	Does this trigger a recollection in what those EDBA	16	We have trained operatives, subject matter experts,
17	crews were doing between disconnecting their equipment	17	if you want, that would actually arrive with the
18	from the vehicle and getting deployed?	18	equipment and they will set it up and get it to work for
19	A. No. I wouldn't know what time Euston booked in at the	19	you.
20	incident. I don't know where they parked their vehicle.	20	That didn't work. As a result of that, there was
21	I'm sorry, I can't explain the time. I can't really	21	a conversation between Group Manager Welch and Group
22	have anything to do with the BA sector. It could have	22	Manager Goulbourne to smash the windows in the
23	been they were held there for a while before they were	23	ground-floor lobby to try and alleviate the smoke
24	called onto the bridgehead. You'd probably need to	24	conditions that we were experiencing.
25	maybe get a more accurate answer from one of the other	25	Q. We have a time mark in the short incident log for the
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1	sectors that were doing BA.	1	turning-out message for PPV to incident of 03.07.56. Is
2	Q. When you saw the eight EDBA wearers outside the tower,	2	that consistent with your recollection?
3	as you told us earlier on, did you have a discussion	3	A. If that's on the log and that's something that's been
4	I know you told us you had a discussion with Watch	4	ordered by control, then that would be an accurate
5	Manager Brown about them. Was a part of that discussion	5	reflection, I would suggest.
6	about how long they had been waiting?	6	Q. The PPV arrived; do you remember who they arrived with?
7	A. No.	7	I think in your statement you say it arrived with
8	Q. Were you aware, even in general terms, about any delays	8	a station manager.
9	in getting EDBA wearers into the tower?	9	A. Yes, I do. It arrived with Station Manager Wainwright,
10	A. Not that was brought to my attention, no.	10	Station Manager Harding and I think Watch Manager
11	Q. Can I just ask you a couple of equipment questions.	11	Wilson.
12	At the foot of page 6 of your statement, you refer	12	Q. We have an arrival time for Station Manager Harding of
13	to a discussion you had with Richard Welch about the	13	04.15. Does that sound about right to you?
14	benefits of getting positive pressure ventilation down	14	A. If that's on the log from control, yes; however, it's
15	to the scene, and you explain that it's effectively	15	Q. It's not; it's on the LFB a separate log.
16	a big fan.	16	A. Okay. If that's on an official document, it's fine.
17	What were the benefits of a PPV?	17	It might be worth me pointing out that I believe
18	A. Just to get that into context, the reason we had	18	Station Manager Harding would probably have come from
19	a discussion about PPV was the smoke was starting to	19	his home address and somebody else would have brought
20	pool in the staircase and going down to the ground-floor	20	the PPV, so those times may overlap somewhat in terms of
	lobby. So I can't quite timestamp this, when we had	21	it so I'm not disputing that Harding was there at
21		22	that time, but there's a possibility that PPV might not
22	this, but I think this would probably be on the end of		
22 23	this, but I think this would probably be on the end of incident report, because I I had a conversation with	23	have been. Alternatively, it could have been. I can't
22 23 24		23 24	timestamp the PPV for you.
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1	single stairwell of the building, do you think?	1	they would have been available for staff to use.
2	A. Potentially. As I explained, it's not on the run on any	2	Q. How many did you need to dispatch into the tower?
3	front-line appliances, so no personnel in the Fire	3	A. I believe it was only one.
4	Brigade are trained in utilising PPV at an operational	4	MR MILLETT: Oh, right. Okay.
5	incident. We have trained staff. I don't know how	5	Mr Mulholland, you will be pleased to know, I think,
6	many, if I'm honest. But we have got some subject	6	that I have no further questions for you. I think that
7	matter experts that do that and they bring it to the	7	is that.
8	incident and they would control the PPV.	8	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Right.
9	Q. Do you know why it took an hour for the PPV to arrive?	9	MR MILLETT: Mr Mulholland, I repeat what I said to you
10	A. No, I don't.	10	before: I am very grateful to you for coming along today
11	Q. Can I just then ask you one more question about	11	and assisting us with our enquiries. It is very much
12	equipment.	12	appreciated.
13	In your statement, you say on page 9 in the second	13	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Yes, I endorse it. I am not going
14	paragraph:	14	to repeat what I said earlier, but you know we are very
15	"Communications (comms) via radio had become an	15	grateful to you for coming along to give us your help.
16	issue and we were telling all officers in the command	16	THE WITNESS: Thank you.
17	chain to change to Channel 2 on the radios."	17	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: And now you are free to go.
18	Was that your decision, to change to channel 2?	18	(The witness was released)
19	Whose was it, do you know?	19	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Thank you.
20	A. I don't know for definite. I'm assuming it was probably	20	2.05 pm, then, please.
21	the incident commander.	21	MR MILLETT: Mr Chairman, yes, the next witness will be at
22	Q. Then you say:	22	2.05 pm. I don't know whether we will finish her this
23	"Again Matt COOK and I divided the ground and went	23	afternoon. I'm in some degree of doubt about that.
24	round to some of the Sector Commanders to relay this	24	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Let's see how we get on.
25	message and this was with the agreement of the Command	25	MR MILLETT: Let's see how we go.
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3	My questions are supposed to be short and simple;	3	Q. Who, in the two or three years leading up to the
4	they don't always turn out that way. If you don't	4	Grenfell Tower fire in June 2017, gave you that
5	understand a particular question or you want me to	5	training? Who delivered the training?
6	repeat it, I'm very happy to do so, or to put the	6	A. Our training department, I believe.
7	question in a different way.	7	Q. Right.
8	If you need a break at any stage, just let us know	8	A. So we have got a couple of people who are dedicated to
9	and we can take a break.	9	training, and they would have done that. It's
10	Can I start with your statement. You should have in	10	a presentation.
11	front of you, but don't, a copy in paper form of your	11	Q. How long before the night of the Grenfell Tower fire was
12	statement. We are going to work on the screen. On the	12	your last training session?
13	desk in front of you on the right you have a monitor	13	A. 2013.
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14	which will have your statement on it.	1	Q. 2013?
15	A. I've got my glasses.	15	A. 2013, yes.
16	Q. Can you just look at that. It is dated 23 October 2017.	16	Q. Have you ever had any training regarding dealing with
17	A. Yes.	17	multiple FSG calls?
18	Q. Its reference number is MET00013961. Have you read it	18	A. No.
19	recently?	19	Q. In your training to deal with FSG calls, what was the
20	A. Sorry?	20	number of FSG calls that you were trained to handle?
21	Q. Have you read it recently?	21	A. One.
22	A. Yes, yes.	22	Q. One?
23	Q. Can you confirm for us that the contents are true?	23	A. Mmm.
24	A. Yes.	24	Q. Are you familiar from your training with policy 790,
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2	training after Lakanal House, and I believe it might	with an interpreter. But it's not	•
3	have slightly changed from the lessons from	Q. Do you know	. 1
4	Lakanal House. But I don't know obviously	A. And that's if you can get one wi	th that language.
5	Lakanal House was in 2009, so it's quite a long time	Q. Do you know where they come from	~ ~
6	ago, so I'm not quite sure about the differences, but	who supplies them?	, 1
7	I know that we had more training after Lakanal House.	A. No.	
8	Q. Did you ever receive training as a control room staff	Q. Do you know how many language	es are available?
9	member in relation to understanding operational issues	A. No.	
10	at high-rise buildings?	Q. Did you ever have any training on	clarifying with
11	A. No.	callers as to whether they or people	· -
12	Q. Did you ever get any training on understanding	flat have any kind of disabilities or	
13	engineered solutions?	A. That would be part of the quest	•
14	A. No.	so it's part of the obviously, wi	
15	Q. Did you get training in relation to how to capture	a number of questions to try and	<u>.</u>
16	relevant information from 999 callers and pass that to	information, so that might be one	
17	operational firefighters?	we would ask.	e or the questions that
18	A. Yes, as part of the fire survival guidance.	Q. When you say it might be one of t	he questions, would it
19	Q. You did? You got that training?	be one of the questions you would a	
20	A. Fire survival guidance would include obtaining	course?	ask as a matter of
21	information to pass to the crew.	A. I'm not sure if it's in I don't k	now There would be
22	Q. Was the last training that you got on that, capturing	a line of things that you would as	
23	the relevant information and passing it to operational	I guess you would ask them if the	
24	fire crews, also 2013, or was there training later than	property with them and where th	
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2	property.	2	A. Possibly. Like I said earlier, the priority is to get
3	Q. On page 3, in the third paragraph, you say in the last	3	to that caller before messages come back. Obviously
4	sentence:	4	because we are relaying the information to them of where
5	"In my thirteen years' service I have had a few FSGs	5	that person is, so the priority is for them to go to
6	but not many. They are not very common to be honest."	6	that person, and then they might give us information
7	A. No.	7	once they have but obviously the priority is to get
8	Q. How many FSG calls have you had in your career, do you	8	to the person first.
9	think?	9	Q. Do you remember that as part of the advice that you give
10	A. I don't know the number, but it's probably a handful.	10	an FSG caller, you are required to reassure the caller
11	Q. Have you ever experienced any multiple FSG calls?	11	and keep reassessing their situation?
12	A. No.	12	A. Yes.
13	Q. Do you know of colleagues who have had to handle	13	Q. Would it be normal to reassure the caller by reference
14	multiple FSG calls?	14	to how near the firefighters are to them?
15	A. I know of colleagues that have.	15	A. Yes.
16	Q. Right.	16	Q. In order to know how near the firefighters are to the
17	A. And obviously for Lakanal House.	17	FSG caller, who would you be dependent on for that
18	Q. Is it common?	18	information?
19	A. No, it's not common.	19	A. Well, the radio operator might be asking them how close
20	Q. When you're advising an FSG caller who is not able to	20	they are. On our map system, we now have a tool on
21	leave the premises due to the effects of fire, heat or	21	there where you can see the location of where the
22	smoke, would you expect to have information in your	22	appliance is moving, so that's really yeah, we can
23	hands from the incident ground about the conditions in	23	ask them, you know, how far away they are.
24	the building, as well as information from the caller?	24	But in London, you expect an appliance to sort of
25	A. When you've got a fire survival guidance going on,	25	get to an incident within sort of 10 minutes anyway.
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1 2	that's usually while the crews are actually making their	1 2	Q. Where the firefighters are on the incident ground already and you have an ongoing fire survival guidance
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2	is in a house or in a low-level building, the advice	2	danger.
3	would be to get out straight away.	3	Q. But if they are already trapped and on the other end of
4	Q. If you got an FSG call which, as you said before, by	4	an FSG call, then is it right that actually stay-put
5	definition was where they were trapped and couldn't get	5	advice has no place because you can't tell people to
6	out, what would be the purpose of telling them to	6	stay put if they're stuck?
7	remain?	7	A. No, it's just a phrase, isn't it, "the stay-put policy".
8	A. What would, sorry, be the?	8	You know, obviously if people can't get out, then you've
9	Q. What would be the purpose of telling them to stay where	9	got to help them while they stay in.
10	they are?	10	For a high-rise, it might be that they're not being
11	A. Well, if they can't leave because it's dangerous to	11	affected if they're not being affected by the smoke
12	leave or they're unable to leave for some reason, then	12	and the fire, it would be safer for them to stay put
13	obviously you need to keep them safe, or try and help	13	to stay inside the flat.
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19	remain"	19	building, there's smoke coming in, or whatever
20	My question was: why would you tell them to remain	20	obviously if they say they can't get out because there's
21	if they were already stuck?	21	smoke outside, you've got to go by what the caller says
22	A. It's not worded greatly, but obviously if they can't get	22	to you and try and assess and give you know, just
23	out, they have got no choice but to remain, have they?	23	help them with you're getting information from the
24	Q. Exactly.	24	caller. You can't see what they're seeing, so it's
25	A. So it's actually just helping them and reassuring them	25	trying just to for them to say, "There's smoke out
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2	A. Sorry, you're going to have to Sorry, could you	2	A. Mmm.
3	repeat?	3	Q. Are you familiar with that as a form at least?
4	Q. An example of one of the questions I promised you	4	A. I have seen it, yes.
5	I might ask.	5	Q. In what context?
6	Where you've got a call that comes in and the caller	6	A. Well, it is on
7	says, "I'm not trapped, I can leave. I'm mobile and	7	Q. Apart from being tacked on the back of the policy.
8	I can leave. I'm not stuck. I can see a little bit of	8	A. We have got some forms on the desks at Merton.
9	smoke outside my door. I think I can get through it but	9	Q. You do?
10	I'm very worried about staying", do you give that caller	10	A. Yes.
11	advice about how to get through the escape route?	11	Q. Do you ever use them?
12	A. Probably not. I mean, if they said they can leave,	12	A. I have never used one.
13	I would say to them, "Okay, if you can leave safely,	13	Q. Do you have or did you have them at Stratford?
14	go."	14	A. I don't remember seeing them.
15	Q. So does that mean that in fact the assessment	15	Q. Going back to the shopping list, if we can, Mr Documents
16	A. "If you want to go, then go."	16	Director, at paragraph 5.5, you can see a list of eight
17	Q. Does that mean that the assessment of the safety of	17	detailed pieces of information that you have to collect.
18	the escape route is left to the caller?	18	In your experience, is this information always
19	A. They might want to stay on the phone with you, which is	19	obtained?
20	absolutely fine. We would do that. We might say, "Do	20	A. Yes. We certainly would find obviously the number of
21	you want me to stay on the line with you while you go	21	the house/flat, the number of persons, the location, the
22	down the stairs?", and we can do that.	22	conditions, their proximity to the fire. So, yes, we
23	Q. Can I just ask you to be shown policy 790, which is	23	would get as much of that information as we can.
24	"Fire survival guidance calls". I want to show you	24	Q. When it says "time updated", what do you understand by
25	page 3. Can I start with paragraph 5.5.	25	that? Do you have an understanding about what that
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4	slightly different.	4	Q. So FLONOPS is just another word for "channel", so
5	Q. Yes. I see what you are saying.	5	channel 4, FLONOPS 4, RT4, it's interchangeable?
6	So you say "slightly different"; could you just	6	A. Exactly.
7	expand on that? How different?	7	Q. How would use of FLONOPS 1 free up the main scheme fire
8	A. Can you repeat the question, sorry?	8	link radio?
9	Q. Yes. It is really this question of updating. I can	9	A. If you've got enough staff, you could have a dedicated
10	understand how you might update the fire crews about new	10	channel just to pass fire survival guidance calls, if
11	information you're getting	11	you've got enough staff on to do that.
12	A. About ringing back, yes. We wouldn't ring a caller	12	Q. Just on the question of numbers of staff, I think you
13	back.	13	say in your statement that the normal complement during
14	Q. But I think you said with a normal fire survival	14	a shift is 11 in the control room.
15	guidance call you wouldn't let them go in the first	15	A. Yes, that's the minimum number.
16	place.	16	Q. In your experience, has it ever gone below that?
17	A. No.	17	A. It has done, yes.
18	Q. You'd always keep them on the line.	18	Q. Does it sometimes go above that?
19	A. No, that's right.	19	A. Yes, yes.
20	Q. That then leads to the question: well, what happens	20	Q. What's the maximum number of staff members you've ever
21	where there are multiple FSG calls and I know you	21	worked with in a control room on a shift?
22	have fairly limited experience of those would you be	22	A. I'm not entirely sure. 14, 15, 16. On one watch, that
23	able to keep them on the line?	23	is, sorry. Because in the daytime obviously this was
24	A. I wasn't taking fire survival guidance calls that night,	24	at night, but in the daytime you might have two watches
25	so I can't really comment, but I don't think it was	25	overlapping.
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4	Q. So, in essence, it's the radio operator who knows to	4	now in charge he's taken over, as such, yes.
5	send it to the CU instead of the ICP?	5	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Thank you.
6	A. Yes.	6	MR MILLETT: Ms Darby, I am very conscious we have been
7	Q. Let me just show you the paragraph, to be fair to you.	7	going for 45 minutes. Would you like to take a break
8	Paragraph 5.10:	8	now, or we can go on for a little bit, if you want to?
9	"In the event that control gets no response from the	9	THE WITNESS: Yes, please, if that's all right, thank you.
10	ICP they will contact an appliance en-route and pass the	10	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: You would like a break? Yes, all
11	FSG information to them. The completed form must be	11	right. We can have a break now.
12	passed to the IC on arrival and a copy retained at the	12	THE WITNESS: Thank you.
13	ICP."	13	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Shall we say 3.05 pm? That gives
14	Do you know why control are required to pass the	14	you 10 minutes.
15	information to an appliance which is en route rather	15	THE WITNESS: Oh, just five minutes is fine.
16	than a different appliance already at the incident	16	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: All right. We will try 3.00 pm,
17	ground?	17	then.
18	A. To be honest with you, if you can't raise the appliance	18	Can I ask you not to talk about your evidence,
19	who is in attendance with the watch manager on it, then	19	please, to anyone while you are out of the room.
20	you might try one of the other appliances, but they're	20	THE WITNESS: Of course.
21	probably not going to respond to you because obviously	21	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: You go with the usher, and then we
22	they are dealing with the fire. So the appliance	22	will continue in just over five minutes.
23	en route is they're also monitoring the radio, so	23	THE WITNESS: Thank you.
24	they can hear you, and so to pass the information to the	24	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Right, then, we will resume at
25	appliance en route is to just ensure that the	25	3.00 pm, please.
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1	to the second se	,	(2.52)
1	information is passed and does get to the incident	1	(2.53 pm)
2	commander.	2	(A short break)
3	Q. In your experience, and in your knowledge from your	3	(3.00 pm)
4 5	training, would it not be normal for one member of	4 5	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: All right, Ms Darby? Happy to carry
6	the firefighting operational crew to stay with the	6	on. THE WITNESS: Yes.
7	pump A. Yes.	7	MR MILLETT: Thank you, Ms Darby, for coming back to us.
8	Q and listen to messages coming through on the main	8	Can I just ask you a couple of follow-up questions.
	scheme radio?		First of all, I asked you some questions earlier on
9 10		10	
11	A. That's how it normally works.  Q. If you look back at paragraph 5.9 of the policy:	11	about asking callers about whether they have mobility
		12	issues or whether they are elderly or have children or
12 13	"All FSG call information must be passed to the IC who will decide what action should be taken."	13	things like that, and you said that it would be one of
13		14	the questions that you would ask and so it was part of
15	In your experience and in your training, is it your	15	policy.  Can Livet put it to you that in fact there's no
15 16	understanding that that means all the information that		Can I just put it to you that, in fact, there's no
17	was gathered in that long shopping list we looked at?  A Vec That's right. All the information that we have	16 17	written policy we have been able to find in the LFB
	A. Yes. That's right. All the information that we have	18	policies which say that control room staff handling FSG
18	gathered will be passed over to the incident commander.  O. When a command unit is in place on the incident ground.		calls, or emergency calls particularly FSG calls
19	Q. When a command unit is in place on the incident ground,	19	should find out about, for example, mobility issues.
20	would you normally leave it to the command unit to pass	20	A. Okay.
21	that information to the incident commander?  A. Ves. The command unit will take ever that	21	Q. So when you say it was one of the questions you would
22	A. Yes. The command unit will take over that	22	ask, is that because you were trained to ask anyway or
23 24	responsibility.	23 24	as a matter of practice?  A Probably from the training Like Leav if you ask
25	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Can I ask you, how does the radio operator in the control room know that the command unit	25	A. Probably from the training. Like I say, if you ask a caller to go to another room, to get furthest away
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2	a service request.	2 ab	out an FSG call?
3	Q. Yes.	3 <b>A.</b> T	That they have reached the person.
4	A. Which is like a message box. The call operator who is	4 Q. A	Apart from that, would you expect to get any other
5	taking the details will open up the service request box,		formation, do you think?
6	which is like message information, and will input the	6 <b>A.</b> V	Vith regards to the FSG call?
7	details. That message will have the incident number on	7 Q. Y	
8	it, and if that person's opened up the incident, it will	_	don't really we know when the fire engine reaches
9	automatically be attached to that message box. They		e incident. We are passing the information to the
10	will type information for the radio operator to pass		re engine obviously we know when he gets there,
11	over.		e's status 3. We are passing where that person is, and
12	So they will save that message box. The message box		e only thing I can think of what they would come back
13	will we have a list, which everyone in the control		ith is that they have rescued that person.
14	room can see, of service requests, and it will say on		Vould you ever expect to get information by way of
15	there for RT4, for example, and the RT4 operator will		date about how near the crews are getting to the
16	open that box and relay that information.	-	estination before they get there?
17	Q. Would the supervisor also have access to the log and		They will be status 2 when they are en route to that
18	give the same information by telephone to the CU?		cident. Certainly if we are saying we have someone
19	A. I don't know what the supervisor would pass.		a "How long do you expect to be?", and they can give
20	Q. Can I go back to I'm sorry to jump around these		an ETA. But I'm not quite sure
21	policies policy 790, if I can. I just want to show		Have you any experience of handling an FSG call in
22	you two things in here.		high-rise building?
23	First of all, if I can ask you to look at		No, I think my not that I can recall.
24	paragraph 7.5, it says:		Have you any experience of having to get updates from
25	"The Command Support System (CSS) has a messages	•	e incident ground about how close the crews are to the
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2	one of us should obviously start taking calls. That was	2	Q. We will come to look at some of the individuals later
3	the priority. So I then took over both channels.	3	on, but when you talk about the supervisor, who are you
4	Q. So you used channels 2 and 4, did you?	4	talking about on that night?
5	A. Yes.	5	A. I'm talking about officer of the watch and the officer
6	Q. So you basically borrowed south London's radio	6	in charge. So officer in charge was Alex Norman.
7	capability?	7	Q. Alex Norman?
8	A. I was the radio operator for the whole of London.	8	A. And officers of the watch were Peter May and
9	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: You were effectively the radio	9	Debbie Real.
10	operator for both north and south of the river?	10	Q. What about Jo Smith?
11	A. Yes.	11	A. She is above Alex, but she came in later, so she wasn't
12	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: But you didn't use channel 2 to	12	on duty. She came in because of how the incident went.
13	handle north of the river traffic?	13	Q. Yes.
14	A. No. They would stick with channel 2.	14	On page 2 of your statement, just going back to it,
15	MR MILLETT: In your witness statement, if I can just go	15	in the second paragraph you say:
16	back to it, at the bottom of page 3, you explain that	16	"A radio operator is the essential link between the
17	you completed an exercise with Christine Howson on the	17	crews on the ground and the Control Room."
18	standby desk, I think, and then moved across to	18	I just want to have a look at that a little bit
19	channel 4.	19	further.
20	A. Yes.	20	How do control room operators, people taking 999
21	Q. You call it "the busier channel", you say.	21	calls, normally convey messages to you as the radio
22	A. Channel 4 is the busier, yes.	22	operator?
23	Q. Is it just habitually the busier channel?	23	A. Again, this is going back to the service request box.
24	A. Yes, it covers a bigger area.	24	So on the system in front of us, we have a screen with
25	Q. Busier than channel 2? That's the comparison?	25	all the incidents on there. The incident that you want,
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1	A. Generally, it usually is, yes.	1	you will open up a message box with the incident number
2	Q. When you moved across to the radio is there a seat,	2	in it, or you might open that incident and it will link
3	a specific seat?	3	it to it. You put your information into the message
4	A. I was in another room doing the standbys with Christine.	4	box, which is the service request, and it will say
5	I was assisting her. She took the lead on that and	5	"RT4", and it will say the call sign of whoever is the
6	I was just assisting her. So that was in a different	6	officer in charge, and then they if it's a priority,
7	room in the building.	7	like an FSG, they will call out and say, "Message on 4",
8	So when I came back into the control room when those	8	and the radio operator then when they save that
9	duties were done, I went on to channel 4. That was my	9	message, it goes into the list, and the radio operator
10	position for the night.	10	can see the list and obviously there's messages on there
11	Q. Can you just give us an idea of physically where you sit	11	for RT4. Open up that message and relay it to the
12	as a radio operator in the control room?	12	officer in charge, or the incident command, or the fire
13	A. Well, we were at Stratford that night.	13	ground.
14	Q. I mean Stratford, yes.	14	Q. You say open it up and relay it to the fire ground.
15	A. So it's more at the back of the room we call the	15	A. To whoever I'm communicating with on that incident. So
16	supervisors the back of the room, so the opposite to the	16	when I said, like, earlier, the pump ladder with the
17	supervisors. You have, like it's very difficult to	17	watch manager on it to start with.
18	explain. So a row of three positions here	18	Q. Just focusing on what's happening inside the control
10	(Indicates) with two radio operators and a relief, who	19	room for the moment, I think what you're saying is that
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2	A. Yes.	2 the use of the Vision system, can I just ask a general
3	Q. Would CROs normally convey messages to you while still	3 question: did the Vision system cope on the night with
4	on the calls or wait for the calls to finish before	4 the volume of messages or were there problems with it?
5	typing in messages?	5 A. The Vision system did cope that night because we it's
6	A. They might put more information on a service log, but	6 a new system and we have had teething problems with it,
7	generally in this case I was just passing over	but we were at Stratford, which is the fallback centre,
8	I don't remember them sort of I mean, if it was one	8 and the Vision, as I understand it, the server, was
9	call, then you might call across with more info as well,	9 changed over we have an A server and a B server, so A
10	but when we were getting lots of calls, it was just	10 at Merton and B at Stratford.
11	going on the service requests.	11 Q. Right.
12	Q. On the night of the fire, did it work in the way you	12 A. So because the server was changed to the B server, there
13	have just described, with the use of the Vision log?	13 wasn't so much information on the B server, so it was
14	A. Yes.	coping with the amount of information going into it. It
15	Q. It did, did it?	15 wasn't slowing down or anything like — it was okay on
16	A. Yes.	16 the night.
17	Q. We have heard some evidence from Jason Oliff, who	Q. Can I just see if we can illustrate what you have been
18	arrived in the control room at about 2.00 am, that	telling us through some examples, working with the short
19	control room officers were writing FSG information on	19 incident log.
20	pieces of paper and then walking them up to him.	20 Can I ask you to be shown the short incident log and
21	A. Well, that was later on, and that was initially, it	21 go to page 20. It's tab 23 of our master documents
22	was all done through the radio.	22 bundle.
23	Q. Right.	23 This is, I stress, an example.
24	A. It got to a point when obviously we were taking a lot of	You see the time mark of 01.55.18 on page 20. You
25	fire survival guidance calls, and the radio is not just	25 have:
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3	then I've passed the information.	3	who creates the request.
4	Q. By radio?	4	A. Yes.
5	A. By radio.	5	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: From that point on, it remains as he
6	Q. RT4 is radio channel 4?	6	created it.
7	A. Yes.	7	A. Yes, I haven't changed it.
8	Q. What does the T stand for, is that "transmission"?	8	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: That's what I thought, thank you.
9	A. What is sorry?	9	MR MILLETT: Can I just explore that a little bit further.
10	Q. RT. What does RT stand for?	10	If you go back, then, to LFB00002057, which is the
11	A. It's just "radio traffic". RT4 is sorry, "radio	11	radio message we were looking at a moment ago, you can
12	transmission". It's M2FN, RT4, same thing, the phrase	12	see at top, which I didn't take you to and I should have
13	we would use.	13	done it says "Event" and there are a lot of letters and
14	Q. Finally, to complete the picture, if we look at the	14	numbers and then it says:
15	radio transmissions at 01.56 perhaps we can look at	15	" Control FSG 6 to CU8."
16	this, this is LFB00002057. That is a radio	16	So it looks as if the system has picked up the fact
17	transmission. It's a transcript of the radio	17	that you have passed the radio message to CU8.
18	transmission.	18	Would you expect the recording system to record
19	A. Okay.	19	which CU you are sending the message to?
20	Q. "FEMALE SPEAKER: Flat 95 on the 12th floor has flames	20	A. Would I expect well, yes, yes, of course, it's taped.
21	coming in the window, over."	21	Q. To take the chairman's point a little further, does that
22	The first question is: was that you?	22	mean that although the person who created the service
23	A. Yes.	23	request which I think in this case was Pete Duddy,
24	Q. We can see the message being sent to the incident	24	thought the messages were still being sent to G271 as
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2	information. It was I could put "CU8 is now" but	2	details about this flat to CU8.
3	usually they will come up and say "CU8 is now incident	3	Can I just ask the witness to be shown INQ00000194.
4	command pump", but it was so busy that that might not	4	That is timed at 01.35.24, as you can see from the
5	have actually been said. If they had said that, I would	5	middle of the event information at the top. If
6	have typed because I'm listening and typing at the	6	Mr Documents Director can turn to the next page, near
7	same time, and I would have typed that in. But it was	7	the bottom of the page you can see that Alex Norman
8	so busy, it was just a case of getting the information	8	and we have been told it's Alex Norman by Jo Smith who
9	across to them and, you know, it was	9	told us of this says:
10	Q. Was there a way in which those on CU8 could access the	10	"CONTROL: Right, so I've got flat number 111.
11	Vision log and themselves type in an information message	11	"CU8: 111.
12	or something to say, "Please pass all messages to CU8"?	12	"CONTROL: Which is on the 14th floor."
13	A. Well, I don't know what they have on the command unit.	13	If you go to the next page, "14th floor" is repeated
14	I have never seen what they're using. So I don't know	14	at the top there.
15	the answer to that.	15	My first question is, having shown you the receipt
16	Q. Right.	16	of the call at 01.25 and the message to CU8 at 01.35 by
17	A. But, like I say, it is taped and starting to get logged	17	Alex Norman: did you know Alex Norman was contacting the
18	that it's CU8.	18	CU on the incident ground?
19	Q. Just going back to being told about setting up, if I can	19	A. No. But that might be part of her role. I mean, she
20	ask you to be shown LFB00003078.	20	was the officer in charge. But, no.
21	(Pause)	21	Q. She didn't tell you, did she, that she was contacting
22	We will perhaps come back to that.	22	A. No, she wouldn't tell me.
23	Can I just explore another example with you, and if	23	Q. Did you see her on a phone passing messages to CU8 or to
24	you can't remember anything about it, then say so and	24	the incident ground?
25	I'll stop.	25	A. No, I don't recall.
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1	I'm going to ask you about flat 111 on the 14th	1	Q. If you go back to the short incident log, please, and
2	floor. Are you okay with that?	2	look at page 19, at the time mark of 01.43.58, CH makes
3	A. Yes.	3	a service request:
4	Q. Now, there were two service requests, and we know	4	" RT4 G271 FLAT 111 14TH FLOOR TRAPPED IN
5	information about it was passed via what we understand	5	BATHROOM SMOKE COMING IN."
6	is called an admin line call. Are you familiar with	6	CH is I think Christine Howson, I have worked that
7	admin line calls?	7	out; is that right?
8	A. Yes.	8	A. Yes.
9	Q. If you go first of all to page 61 of the ORR, and should	9	Q. Can you help me with how Christine Howson would have got
10	just tell you what the ORR is: it's a report put	10	that information?
11	together at the end of May for I will say for the	11	A. The caller may have rung back and then spoken to
12	inquiry, but by the LFB, and they have shared it with	12	Christine.
13	the inquiry and everybody else, which is a timeline of	13	Q. Then if you look at 01.44.56 you can see SAD, which is
14	the first hour of the fire with some detail in it.	14	you:
15	At page 61, there is a table at the bottom of	15	"Service Request Completed: RT4 G271"
16	the page, and you can see in the table that one of	16	And you repeat the message.
17	the flats listed, the second one down, is flat number	17	A. Yes.
18	111. I just stress for everybody in the room that that	18	Q. I know this is an example, but did you know that at that
19	is an example only I'm using this for.	19	stage in the evening you were passing radio messages for
20	We can see from the table the call was received into	20	fire survival guidance calls in relation to the same
21	the control room at 01.25.16 in relation to flat 111 on	21	flats that Alex Norman was passing messages to via admin
22	the 14th floor saying they were trapped by smoke.	22	line?
23	Do you see that?	23	A. I didn't know that, no.
24	A. Yes.	24	Q. Does it surprise you to find out?
25	Q. We know from a document I'm going to show you that at	25	A. To be honest, I don't think it really matters. I think
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3	and I might be trying to raise them. The one which says	3	have a short timeout.
4	"completed" is I have now passed that information.	4	THE WITNESS: Okay.
5	Q. Then at LFB00002324, we have got a message at 01.53.31,	5	(The witness withdrew)
6	and this is, as you can see, timed at 01:53:31 from the	6	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: We will resume at 3.55 pm, please.
7	event configuration at the top:	7	(3.48 pm)
8	"OPERATOR: Okay, that was Flat 111. Can you confirm	8	(A short break)
9	what floor that's on?	9	(3.56 pm)
10	"CALLER: Fourteen."	10	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: While we are waiting for the
11	Again, is that CU8 asking you the question and you	11	witness, can I just say that I heard the announcement
12	responding?	12	about the so-called fire drill later on this afternoon.
13	A. Yes. He's asking me can I confirm the floor.	13	It is not actually a drill; no one is expected to leave
14	Q. Having shown you that, can we get from that that when	14	the building in a hurry. There will be a test of
15	you speak to CU8 by radio in relation to an FSG call,	15	the fire alarm, and if you listen carefully, you will
16	you are essentially reading off to CU8 what you have got	16	hear that we will be told "Take no action" or something
17	on your Vision log in front of you?	17	similar. So there is no need to evacuate.
18	A. Yes.	18	MR MILLETT: Thank you, Mr Chairman.
19	Q. Ms Darby, I've just been reminded of the time.	19	If we can have the witness back, then, please.
20	A. I'm okay for another	20	(The witness returned)
21	Q. Would you like a break?	21	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: All right, Ms Darby?
22	A. I'm okay for 10 or 15 minutes.	22	THE WITNESS: Yes.
23	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Let's see where Mr Millett is going	23	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Are you happy to carry on?
24	for the rest of the afternoon.	24	THE WITNESS: Yes.
25	Mr Millett, you have a few more questions,	25	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Mr Millett, before you continue,
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1	I suspect?	1	I think we should work on the basis that 4.30 pm is an
2	MR MILLETT: I do. We can carry on for	2	absolute deadline; all right?
3	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: If you think that you may need to go	3	MR MILLETT: For the time being, yes.
4	on until 4.15 or even 4.30, I think the witness might	4	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: No, not for the time being!
5	prefer to have a break at this point.	5	MR MILLETT: Okay, not for the time being.
6	THE WITNESS: I'll take advice from yourself.	6	Ms Darby, sorry about that.
7	MR MILLETT: Why don't we take a break now?	7	Can I just ask you to turn to a different subject,
8	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Can I just ask you, are you content,	8	which is the information that you get back from crews on
9	subject to any other developments, to go on until, let's	9	the ground.
10	say, 4.30 pm?	10	Page 4 of your statement in the second paragraph,
11	THE WITNESS: Of course, yes.	11	you say in the fourth line:
12	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: In that case, I think it would be in	12	"The process would be to receive a message from the
13	everyone's interests to have a short break now, just	13	ground regarding the scene incident. They could request
14	five minutes or so, and then Mr Millett can feel free to	14	either a 'make up' of appliances or request other
15	use the afternoon.	15	resources. The message is then processed through VISION
16	MR MILLETT: I ought just to be candid with the chair and	16	and picked up by another CRO who will action it and
17	the witness; I am not going to finish my questions of	17	allocate the required resources."
18	the witness this afternoon, I'm afraid. It is not great	18	Do you have any part to play in that exercise as
19	news for you, Ms Darby, I'm afraid, and I'm sorry about	19	a radio operator?
20	that.	20	A. As the radio operator, you take the message from the
21	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: But the more questions we have	21	incident commander, and it might be saying, for example,
22	today, the fewer there should be tomorrow. I say	22	"make pumps six". So I'm listening to him, I'm typing
23	"should" because you never know, of course.	23	in I'm opening a service request, typing in "make
24	MR MILLETT: That's the theory. I'm so sorry about that.	24	pumps six", and when I save that service request, I will
25	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: We will have a break now until	25	shout out to the room so they all know that there is an
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1	urgent message coming out, and I will shout out "make	1	A. They are not going to scroll through all the messages
2	pumps six". Then that service request will go into that	2	because they won't have time to do that.
3	list again and one of the control officers will pick it	3	Q. But could they do that?
4	up and do the actions required.	4	A. Well, I suppose they could, but we wouldn't have had
5	Q. Do you shout out all messages that come from the	5	time to look through all the messages like that. There
6	incident ground or only those that relate to resources?	6	were, like, priority calls emergency calls waiting,
7	A. Anything urgent. Like, for example definitely	7	and it got to the point of we didn't have time to
8	make-ups, we always shout out. If it was an ambulance,	8	scroll through and see who's already called. Just pick
9	we would shout out there's an ambulance request.	9	up the calls and get the information that you're taking
10	Q. Why do you shout it out?	10	across.
11	A. If it's urgent, so that it brings the attention to the	11	Q. If a caller asked a control room operator, "Are the
12	people that are in the room and they know that they have	12	crews on their way?", would the control room operator be
13	got to deal with that quickly.	13	able to answer the question by scrolling up and looking
14	Q. On the night, did you do that shouting out for all 999	14	at the Vision log and seeing the message completed?
15	calls or FSG messages that came in so that the control	15	A. Message completed will mean that I've passed that
16	room would know about	16	information to the crew. The control officer will know
17	A. Well, I didn't get FSG messages from the ground. I got	17	that the crews are there or on their way because it
18	make-ups from the crews and, yes, I shouted out all the	18	shows on the incident all the appliances that are
19	make-ups.	19	assigned to that incident, and they change colour as to
20	Q. So you say you didn't get FSG messages from the ground.	20	when they're on their way and they change colour to red
21	That's right, is it?	21	when they are actually in attendance. So they can see
22	A. Well, we are doing the FSG, aren't we? So we are	22	when people are they will know if the fire engines
23	passing the FSG information to them and they are	23	are in attendance there.
24	receiving the information.	24	Q. But to be able to answer the question to a fire survival
25	Q. Did you get any feedback or communication back from the	25	guidance caller, "Are the crews on their way up to me in
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3	informative message keeps us informed of the situation	3 call yourself; is that right?	
4	on the ground and gives us detail about the fire."	4 A. No, not via the radio, no.	
5	Let me just pause there. You say it was taking time	5 Q. In any other way, do you think?	
6	to receive informative messages; did that cause you	6 A. No, I don't know.	
7	difficulties?	7 Q. Okay.	
8	A. No, because the priority was the fire survival guidance	8 A. Not for me.	
9	calls. The informative message I think they sent one	9 Q. Did you or anybody else in the control room, to your	
10	when it was make pumps six, but then the informative	knowledge, try throughout the night to get any further	
11	message the next one came a lot later. But that was	information from the incident ground about the progress	
12	because the radio really the priority was getting the	of rescues or	
13	fire survival information across to them. And the	13 A. Well, I think Alex Norman was trying to get more	
14	make-ups, that was another priority, because they needed	14 information.	
15	to get the resources down there as quick as possible.	15 Q. She was, was she?	
16	Q. So the messages you are talking about here are	16 A. Mmm.	
17	resourcing messages	Q. Did you see her or hear her trying do that?	
18	A. Yes.	A. Well, it was a long time ago, so actually just hearing	2
19	Q and an informative message?	conversations and things, but I know that maybe	,
20	A. The informative message that the crew would send, ie you	subsequent, I know, but I do know she was trying to	get
21	know, a building of how many floors and that sort of	21 that information.	Ü
22	message, that came much later, because the radio was	Q. Do you know how successful she was?	
23	very busy dealing with passing the fire survival	A. No, and obviously when Jason Oliff and Adrian Feb	nton
24	guidance, so they were taking all that information, and	came in, she was probably trying to get them to get t	hat
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2	were making it up.	2	myself, 'oh my God, we've been telling people to stay
3	Q. Does that mean you didn't know about what was actually	3	put [in] that'."
4	alight on the building?	4	A. It's very clumsily written. I didn't say this word for
5	A. No.	5	word. This has been dictated and taken down.
6	Q. Does that mean you didn't know about the speed of	6	Q. Okay. What's your recollection?
7	the fire spread?	7	A. It was a shock. By the time that we actually started to
8	A. We knew it was it's difficult. We knew that it was	8	see images, it was, like, 5/6 o'clock in the morning,
9	being made up very quickly. I mean, when it gets to,	9	and some of us started to sort of look it up on the
10	like, 10, 15, 20, you know that it's a big fire and it's	10	news, and it was a shock, what we were seeing.
11	getting serious, but originally all we knew was that	11	Q. We will come to it, but do you remember what time the
12	we'd been called to a fire on the 4th floor, and	12	stay-put advice was changed?
13	obviously that didn't really change we didn't really	13	A. I have no idea.
14	know what was going on from that for a while.	14	Q. You don't?
15	Q. Did you think more information from the incident ground	15	A. I do remember Joanne Smith going around the room and
16	about the fire itself would have helped you or helped	16	telling people to change the advice, but I don't know
17	other control room operators advise callers?	17	what time that was.
18	A. Yes, it would have helped.	18	Q. Okay.
19	Q. In what way?	19	A. It probably was after the make pumps 40, major incident.
20	A. Well, we could have if we'd have known the fire was	20	Q. Did you realise by 5 am, in fact, that the stay-put
21	maybe spreading, we it's very difficult for me to	21	advice had been changed some hours before?
22	answer that question because I wasn't taking calls.	22	A. Oh, yeah, by yes, I knew that. It had changed, yes.
23	I wasn't in that role. But obviously it probably would	23	Q. So when you say "we were telling people to stay put [in]
24	have helped Alex as well if she'd have known a bit more	24	that"
25	what was going on.	25	A. Like I say, that's worded very clumsily.
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2	ahead for a moment, at the top of that page you say	2	would have affected the advice this is not a fair
3	this:	3	question because you weren't giving advice.
4	"There were no TVs on Stratford and I did not see	4	I will move to the next topic, if I can, which is
5	anything relating to the fire until about 5am when it	5	the first FSG information.
6	started to get much quieter in the Control Room."	6	Do you remember off the top of your head from your
7	I think it may be, again, a language thing, but when	7	recollection when the first FSG calls started to come
8	you say "there were no TVs on Stratford", do you mean	8	in?
9	there were no TVs at Stratford	9	A. No, I can't remember a timeline. It might have been
10	A. No, sorry, the TV wasn't switched on.	10	after make pumps six. I'm not entirely certain.
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2	Q. Do you remember if you had any success in speaking with	2	Then on page 4, a little bit lower down, you
3	anybody at G271 when you first called them?	3	describe at the end of that paragraph, if I can just
4	A. Yes. It was Golf 271 or Golf 272. I certainly was able	4	show you a sentence, three lines up:
5	to get them initially.	5	"I recall from there it was declared a major
6	Q. You could?	6	incident."
7	A. Yes.	7	A. Yes.
8	Q. Do you remember who you spoke to?	8	Q. "There is a procedure for things to be declared a major
9	A. No, because you don't get a name. You just go on the	9	incident. It would be declared the officer in charge of
10	call sign. But the messages were initially coming from	10	the scene. The resulting procedure in the Control Room
11	Watch Manager Dowden. He was in charge.	11	is then dealt with through the supervisors."
12	Q. Do you remember that there came a time when you could	12	A. Yes.
13	get no reply from G271?	13	Q. My question is: what is the procedure in the control
14	A. Yes.	14	room that is dealt with through the supervisors?
15	Q. What did you do? Do you remember?	15	A. Well, I'm not a supervisor, so I don't actually know
16	A. Yeah, I believe there was a couple of times that	16	that.
17	happened. Another appliance who had just got in	17	Q. You don't know the procedure?
18	attendance I can't remember whether it was Golf 361	18	A. I do remember shouting out that this is a major
19	possibly, came up on the radio. I kept trying, I kept	19	incident, and Alex obviously took and Alex, Debbie
20	saying "Priority". He came up and said, "We have just	20	and Peter would have done the action what they needed
21	got here, do you want to give the information to us?",	21	to do for that. I wouldn't have had any involvement in
22	which I did, and he said, "We will pass it straight to	22	that.
23	the incident commander".	23	Q. Do you know what practical difference the incident being
24	Q. We have record of Acton's pump ladder, G261,	24	declared a major incident made to your operations in the
25	intercepting the FSG information. That's in accordance	25	control room?
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3	"IUP G271 MAKE PUMPS 15 MAKE AERIALS X 2."	3	Rescue Units (FRUs)."
4	And it's got your initials next to the message.	4	Et cetera.
5	When we see that, that's you, is it, recording in	5	A. Yes.
6	the Vision log that you have had a radio message from	6	Q. Does that happen as soon as Jason Oliff comes in and
7	the incident ground for a make-up?	7	starts speaking on the mobile to the command unit, or
8	A. That's correct.	8	did it happen later?
9	Q. As you told us. That time, 01.28.09, is make pumps 15.	9	A. It might not have happened straight away. I don't know
10	A. Correct.	10	when the decision was made for people to start passing
11	Q. In terms of the senior officers, are you able to give us	11	him the messages, so it might have taken a little while
12	some names, do you think?	12	and it might have overlapped. I'm not sure of
13	A. Of who?	13	the times.
14	Q. Of who it was who were coming in.	14	Q. Let's just take this in stages, then.
15	A. Well, I didn't really know them at the time. I know who	15	Can I then move to a similar topic but a slightly
16	they are now, but at the time I didn't really know.	16	different topic
17		17	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Mr Millett, do you think it is
18	Q. We have, just on timings, got the first of the senior officers coming in as Jason Oliff, who arrives at	18	sensible to go to a new topic now? Perfectly
19		19	
	between 01.50 and 01.55 or so, it is not exactly clear,	1	understandably, you said you will need this witness to
20 21	and that's what he told us, which is sometime after	20 21	come back tomorrow.
	pumps were made 15; in fact, it's after pumps were made	1	MR MILLETT: I would like not to have to do so, for her
22	25.	22	sake, but I'm afraid I do have about another hour or 45
23	A. Okay. But he's got to he would be paged	23	minutes of questions.
24	Q. Yes.	24	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: I'm sure she would prefer not to
25	A. — and he's got to get there, so that might be the delay	25	come back tomorrow, but I don't think any of us would be
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1	obviously. He'd be paged at that point and he's got to	1	wise to sit here for another hour.
2	proceed to the control room.	2	MR MILLETT: No, I'm not going to ask you to do that.
3	Q. It is really just a timing question because you say you	3	Perhaps the best thing to do would be to pause now
4	think they started to come in at around the 15-pump	4	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: It just seemed if you are going to
5	mark, but in fact the pumps were made 25 at 01.31 and	5	move to something different and self-contained, it would
6	Oliff comes in at 01.50 to 01.55.	6	be better to stop.
7	A. Okay.	7	MR MILLETT: It is slightly different, but not completely.
8	Q. So do you think in fact the 15-pump mark is right?	8	What I want to talk about is the whiteboard system and
	A. Not necessarily. Not necessarily. Like I say, a lot of	9	the question of overlapping possibly overlapping
9 10		10	SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: I think that would be something we
11	that was more a supervisory role with when they come	11	could start tomorrow without too much discontinuity,
12	in.  O De you happen to remember who the first conjur officer.	12	isn't it?
13	Q. Do you happen to remember who the first senior officer was who came into the control room?	13	MR MILLETT: Yes.
13		14	Ms Darby, I'm sorry to ask you to do this, and
15	A. I know now. I think it was Mr Oliff.	15	I hope it is not inconvenient to you, but is it possible
16	Q. Jason Oliff, was it?  A. Yes, Jason.	16	that you might be able to come back for an hour in the
		17	morning and assist us?
	O Now three-quarters of the way down page 5 you gov		morning and assist us!
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1 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: I suppose, Mr Millett, that would be	1
the sensible thing to do.	INDEX
3 MR MILLETT: So that's a consent application. Yes, it would	3 MICHAEL MULHOLLAND (sworn)1
4 be, I would be very grateful. Thank you.	4
5 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: I think it would be in everyone's	5 Questions by COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY1
6 interests if we break at this point. As Mr Millett	6
7 said, I'm sorry, we are going to have to ask you to come	7 SHARON DARBY (affirmed)112
back tomorrow. I hope we are only an hour or so.	8
9 I can't guarantee it, I'm afraid.	9 Questions by COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY112
10 So if you would, please, back at 9.30 am, and don't	10
talk to anyone about your evidence overnight. Is that	11
12 all right?	12
13 THE WITNESS: Yes, of course.	13
14 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Thank you very much indeed. I look	14
forward to seeing you tomorrow. If you would like to go	15
with the usher, she will look after you.	16
17 (The witness withdrew)	17
18 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Mr Millett, I thought we had better	18
be prepared for an earlier start. We have got two	19
witnesses in the list for tomorrow, haven't we?	20
21 MR MILLETT: Yes. Joking apart, I am genuinely grateful.	21
22 We have Firefighter Beale and Crew Manager	22
23 Batcheldor. I haven't spoken to Mr Kinnier at any	23
length about how long he anticipates being with	24
25 Firefighter Beale, but I don't think it will be that	25
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long. I will cut my cloth accordingly with Crew Manager	
2 Batcheldor.	
3 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: It will obviously be very	
4 unsatisfactory for Mr Batcheldor to be part heard	
5 tomorrow.	
6 MR MILLETT: Indeed.	
7 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: Can you try to ensure that he isn't?	
3 3	
9 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: I think we can assume that you can	
have the full day tomorrow, but no more. Is that all	
11 right?	
12 MR MILLETT: Yes, thank you very much, Mr Chairman, I have	
13 the point.	
14 SIR MARTIN MOORE-BICK: We will resume at 9.30 am tomorrow.	
15 Thank you very much.	
16 (4.30 pm)	
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