6. I have been asked to give an overview of my career prior to being appointed to Chief Constable RUC.

7. I was born in Belfast in PD and am now 77 years of age. I joined the police, then the RUC, in 1970.

8. Though hard to believe now, at the point I joined the police there was a feeling that the Troubles were over. They had flared up in 1968 and 1969, but this had settled down. Following the Hunt Report, the RUC I joined was an unarmed organisation.

9. The 'old' RUC in the late 1960's had different ranks to normal UK police forces. The Hunt Report changed the RUC rank structure and brought us into line with policing in the rest of the UK.

10. Sadly though, the Troubles significantly worsened and frequent armed attacks on officers (on and off duty) were carried out. That led to the RUC being re-armed for self-protection. I think that happened in about 1972.

11. My first 3 years in the RUC (from 1970) were spent at Queen Street Barracks, Belfast. I was promoted to sergeant after 3 years and then transferred to Castlereagh. I was promoted to Inspector in 1976. I did approximately 1 year of duty in Derry and Strabane and then transferred back to Belfast. I was made a Detective Inspector in 1982, working in Special Branch based at North Belfast in North Queen Street. In 1983 I was promoted to Chief Inspector and appointed to the then recently created Headquarters Mobile Support Unit (HMSU).

12. I was appointed a Detective Superintendent, working in the Tasking and Co-ordination Group (TCG) South at Gough Barracks in early 1987. I was there for only a few months before being sent to the USA on a training course with the FBI in the summer of 1987. There was a long-standing reciprocal arrangement of the FBI inviting a UK police officer to attend their training course. An FBI officer would be invited to the UK to attend the senior command course. I was selected to be the UK policing representative attending the FBI course in 1987. I returned to Northern Ireland in late 1987.

13. On returning to NI I was assigned to E4, a sub-unit within E Department, Special Branch. I was the senior officer in E4. E4 was responsible for counter-terrorist