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### Deployment and co-ordination of firearms resources

Paragraphs 5.37 and 5.38 comment on the lack of a national ARLS system for firearms resources. I believe this issue has arisen through a comment made at the conclusion of an interview. This has been misinterpreted as detrimental to the effective resourcing on the evening which was not the case. There were sufficient resources to enable adequate deployments combined across the City and GMP. In addition, the mutual aid AFO resources were co-ordinated on the National Firearms Channel. There was no such risk to public and responder safety. All firearms deployments were managed effectively within the specified command structure. I believe that this has been misinterpreted and overemphasised.

### Operation PLATO continued

The commentary regarding Operation Plato from paragraph 5.185 onwards is broadly accurate and complimentary of both the decision to declare Operation Plato and the effectiveness in the way it was implemented.

The comments in paragraphs 5.189 and 5.190 regarding communication of Plato and the timing of the SCG have already been covered earlier in the letter. I will, however, repeat the assertion that it is the role of the OCB to update our emergency services partners regarding Op PLATO being declared. This was carried out by OCB staff with other emergency services who then make their respective organisations aware via their own internal processes.

Paragraph 5.191 quite rightly praises the FDO for the decision made to allow resources to remain in the foyer. However, as previously stated, this is not contrary to doctrine.

For reasons I have already raised, I do not believe that the issue and implied criticism raised in 5.196 applies to GMP.

### CONTEXT

As I outlined in my opening remarks, there are some issues of context which I believe must be raised in respect of both Chapter 5 and Chapter 2. At present, the commentary regarding some agencies is disproportionate when compared to GMP and I believe I owe it to my staff to provide examples of these as follows:

- Both chapters focus on the perceived failings caused by the FDO being overwhelmed, rather than the exceptional command and leadership showed across GMP.
- Chapter 2 focusses heavily on staff numbers from BTP and NWAS. However, other than ARV numbers, this isn't the case for GMP.
- Chapter 2 is subjective in its commentary of the experience and training of the NILO and ambulance bronze. It does not afford the same attention to the GMP commanders or mention the extensive exercising and experience relevant to the individuals.
- Chapter 2 (2.156) mentions the attendance of the Chief Fire Officer at HQ, but not the attendance of myself or the Deputy Chief Constable.
- Chapter 2 mentions the return of the Deputy Chief Fire Officer from leave but does not mention the Gold Commander and Deputy Chief Constable delaying their leave or the two Assistant Chief Constables who returned early from leave.

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