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- 10 CA So if a record is flagged what happens when it is accessed?
- W The person who put that record flag on is usually notified.
- CA Right
- W Usually it's an officer in charge of an investigation or someone with authority to do those flagging things.
- 20 CA So one category of the public, where, throughout these proceedings it's been identified there is a need for additional protection around the more sensitive information due to the result in potential harms, are of domestic violence victims. Ready identifiable in the system, ones with domestic violence orders.
- W Yes.
- CA So in theory the Queensland Police Service could go through their database and identify every person with a current domestic violence order?
- W I think so, yes.
- 30 CA And put a flag on all those files?
- W I believe they could do that, yes. Either set an ACL if it was a matter being investigated.
- CA If it's an ACL, though, from your definition today it isn't clear from the response material which we had a view to, it actually shuts down access.
- W It can hide things, yes.
- 40 CA So that wouldn't be a good idea for a domestic violence victim where there may be access-
- W No, not if you need them to be found rapidly.
- CA Yes. But putting that aside, it would be possible to set up a flag so that someone, and the person who has put the flag on could then be alerted and do-
- W -It could be a role rather than a person as well.

- CA A role? Yes.
- W Yes, I would have to look at the configuration required for that, but my recollection is yes, a person or a role could be set for those flags.
- CA And Assistant Commissioner COWDEN gave some evidence yesterday with respect to declarable associations of covert operations that there was some flagging, I believe, already in place?
- 10 W I'm not sure how it is operated at the moment. From an audit point of view all I can tell you if those ACLs are set and those flags are set they appear in the audit trail.
- CA Right.
- W So again, I can't comment on operational use because that's not my area of operation.
- 20 CA Right.
- W But I believe they are widely used.
- CA Okay. And just going back a couple of steps, the reasons for access, is it just for, back to the QPRIME logon, the reasons for accessing is it just for the initial access or for each search?
- W No, it is set only at initial access. The operator can change it to any search. If they believe it is warranted to change that reason for access, they can invoke that second screen and change their reasons for access a second time.
- 30 CA And in the response document which you've got two pages of, the Queensland Police Service mentioned that there was a pilot in 2018 between PBSA and themselves to use predictive software tools.
- W Yes, we did.
- CA What was that?
- 40 W Yes. We took some audit logs and we were able to store them on premises and we had a qualified external vendor who had gone through security checks and all the necessary controls, they were able to apply some of the tools and tooling to that data that was in a different format to how it is now, but certainly a recognisable format from those audit logs, and they were able to start doing that analysis. It was considered to be onerously expensive to do both systems, so that's why we were pursuing the avenue initially, that niche change their record to make it easier and then we can apply that new way of investigating to the data. And perhaps maintain existing tools as well depending on need.

The good news was, I guess, with that system when it was analysed the performance was excellent and the results were compatible and consistent with the current investigation tools that the investigators use. So that was, I think, a fairly important discovery during that process.

CA Thank you. That's all. I don't have any further questions.

10 PO Thank you. Mr SCHMIDT?

LR No, thank you, Chair.

PO Thank you. Thank you for coming, Mr DILLON. You're excused.

W Thank you very much.

HRO All rise. This hearing is now adjourned.

20 PO Just is that till 2 o'clock, we have another witness.

CA 2 o'clock, yes.

PO 2 o'clock. Thank you.

END OF SESSION