

Coroner's Inquests into the London Bombings of 7 July 2005  
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1 (2.05 pm)

2 MR KEITH: Mr Sparks, during the course of the morning we  
3 were looking at the background circumstances relating to  
4 Mohammed Sidique Khan. There was one particular point  
5 that we omitted to address, and that is the point set  
6 out at paragraph 4.20 of the background report into  
7 Mohammed Sidique Khan. If I can invite you to look back  
8 at that, please, it concerns the Toyota Avensis?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Perhaps due to the interruption, we omitted to look at  
11 the Avensis alongside the Honda Civic. Was the position  
12 this, as you correctly note at that paragraph: during  
13 the course of the surveillance on 21 February,  
14 surveillance officers spotted a car but were unable to  
15 record the registration number of that car -- the spot  
16 was about 9.50 in the evening -- but later enquiries  
17 showed, long after 7/7, that that car was probably  
18 a Toyota Avensis and enquiries were carried out which  
19 revealed that Khan had indeed rented a Toyota Avensis on  
20 21 February using his credit card?

21 A. That's correct, yes.

22 Q. Where was that credit card found, do you recollect?

23 A. That credit card was found at the bomb -- one of the  
24 bomb scenes at Aldgate.

25 Q. Thank you very much. Turning then to Jermaine Lindsay,

1 please, and the background report in relation to him is  
2 INQ9170, the family history commences on page 5 of the  
3 report, paragraph 3.1. His date of birth was  
4 23 September 1985, and he was born in Jamaica.

5 A. That's correct.

6 Q. I think his father certainly lived in Jamaica, Kingston,  
7 Jamaica, at the time of the contact made with him after  
8 7/7 by the Metropolitan Police?

9 A. That's correct, yes.

10 Q. But he recounted how he hadn't seen him for many years?

11 A. That's right, yes.

12 Q. I think from about 1994 or 1995 onwards?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Was he essentially brought up by his mother in  
15 Huddersfield?

16 A. Yes, he was.

17 Q. He attended Rawthorpe Junior and High School?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. At what age did he convert to Islam?

20 A. It was at about the age of -- it says here about the age  
21 of 15, 16, I think, if I remember rightly.

22 Q. Was that when he changed his name or adopted the name of  
23 Jamal?

24 A. Jamal, yes.

25 Q. There is a reference at paragraph 3.4 to a teacher,

1 a science teacher at the Rawthorpe High School. Her  
2 recollection is that, following his conversion, he  
3 expressed strong views and, in particular, on one  
4 occasion, he spoke to her about the Taliban and  
5 exhibited anti-American views.

6 A. That's correct, yes.

7 Q. What specifically did she recall, do you know, from the  
8 witness statement?

9 A. He spoke about his beliefs and about Islam generally,  
10 but he did exhibit a lot of anti-American views and he  
11 actually told her that he wanted to go to Afghanistan to  
12 fight for the cause.

13 Q. Did the evidence show, or the statement show, that he  
14 had been using the internet in the school library to  
15 look up on the web extremist sites and inflammatory  
16 material relating to the Taliban and to Jihadist  
17 activities?

18 A. Yes, he also particularly was looking at sites that  
19 showed the attacks on 11 September, the Twin Towers in  
20 New York, and he would take younger pupils with him and  
21 that was what was causing the teachers concern, because  
22 he had the younger pupils with him.

23 Q. Around this time, does the evidence show that he became  
24 more isolated in class and his academic studies began to  
25 diminish?

1 A. Yes, that's correct.

2 Q. I think he left school in 2002 with a respectable number  
3 of GCSEs, but showed no inclination to pursue any  
4 schooling after that?

5 A. That's correct.

6 Q. Statements were taken, were they not, from members of  
7 his family including his mother, and did she report, at  
8 paragraph 3.8, that she and Jermaine Lindsay had  
9 attended a lecture given by Sheikh Faisal?

10 A. That's correct, yes.

11 Q. They were aware of the extremist views that  
12 Sheikh Faisal was prone to proclaim?

13 A. Yes, definitely. Particularly, he had hardline views  
14 about the Jews.

15 Q. He expressed also to another school friend,  
16 Kamaal Zubeir, his wish to perform Jihad before he died  
17 and he expressed views about a general wish to fight  
18 against Americans in Iraq?

19 A. Yes, he also wanted to join the British Army so that he  
20 could kill his fellow soldiers as well.

21 Q. So it doesn't appear that he kept these views much to  
22 himself?

23 A. No.

24 Q. Paragraph 4.1 details his Islamic marriage to  
25 Samantha Lewthwaite --

1 A. That's correct, yes.

2 Q. -- on 30 October 2002. How had they met?

3 A. They'd met -- physically, they'd met at a Stop the War  
4 demonstration in London, but prior to that they'd met on  
5 the internet. There was -- I think it was chat rooms  
6 they'd gone into and met each other via the internet.

7 Q. In terms of his religious observances after that, he was  
8 a regular attendee at a mosque in Huddersfield where  
9 they lived?

10 A. That's correct.

11 Q. And attended Arabic classes at an address in  
12 Thornhill Road?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Then, in September 2003, did they move to Aylesbury?

15 A. They did, yes.

16 Q. Was he employed by a company called Haddenham Carpets?

17 A. Yes, as a carpet fitter, for want of a better word, yes.

18 Q. Again, the police, I think, approached the directors of  
19 that company and they reported how he was always very  
20 punctual at work --

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. -- and had wanted to learn the trade, and they described  
23 him as very keen on his job, but in the end, he left,  
24 I think around about June 2005?

25 A. Yes, towards the end, his absenteeism was getting quite

1 serious and, basically, they sacked him as a result of  
2 that.

3 Q. In as far as Mohammed Sidique Khan was concerned, they  
4 appeared to have become closer in September 2004?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Because that was when he and his wife -- that is to say  
7 Jermaine Lindsay and his wife -- rented a house in  
8 Dewsbury for the week?

9 A. That's correct.

10 Q. They met Hasina Patel at that time as well?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Samantha Lewthwaite, his wife, reported, paragraph 4.14,  
13 a change in his behaviour after that, in particular  
14 towards the end of 2004.

15 A. Yes, that's correct.

16 Q. There appears to be some allegation to the effect that  
17 he may have assaulted her?

18 A. Yes, she said that he'd always been aggressive towards  
19 her, but on this occasion he actually assaulted her.

20 Q. Paragraph 4.18, this period coincided with the trip to  
21 London --

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. -- on 16 December, in which, or during which, Hussain  
24 and others, but Lindsay as well, carried out some sort  
25 of trip to London on that day?

1 A. That's correct, yes.

2 Q. The visit to London on that occasion was, of course,  
3 very much at the heart of the subsequent Theseus trial?

4 A. Yes, it was, sir, yes.

5 Q. So I don't think we should say more about the  
6 significance of that visit in the light of the  
7 acquittal.

8 There was a red Fiat Brava, of course?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. That appeared to be purchased on 31 December 2004, will  
11 you take it from me, I don't think that's in the  
12 background report?

13 A. Yes, that's right.

14 Q. Then in February 2005, paragraph 5.4, did they move to  
15 another address in Aylesbury?

16 A. That's correct, yes, they moved to Northern Road in  
17 Aylesbury.

18 Q. After that, further down the page at paragraph 5.7,  
19 there appears to have been much more travel to Leeds by  
20 Jermaine Lindsay. He appeared to be frequenting  
21 addresses in Leeds much more often?

22 A. Yes, between March and May of 2005, that period of time.

23 Q. Was he also one of the people seen by Sara Aziz, the  
24 neighbour in Lees Holm?

25 A. Indeed, yes, and he's seen on CCTV as well going into

1 one of the bomb factories as well, or at least to the  
2 back of the bomb factory.

3 Q. That was the CCTV outside Chapeltown Road?

4 A. That's correct, yes.

5 Q. Between April and June 2005?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Were there changes over that time from April onwards in  
8 his spending patterns?

9 A. Yes, there was. He started to -- he'd had a reasonable  
10 amount of money in his bank account in May and then he  
11 basically, over a period of weeks really, started to  
12 withdraw large amounts of cash, particularly like £300  
13 at a time.

14 Q. The material appears to demonstrate also that he made  
15 repeated applications for credit --

16 A. He did, yes.

17 Q. -- supported by dishonest information?

18 A. Yes, sir. Basically, he made quite a number of  
19 applications to building societies using his employment  
20 with Haddenham Carpets as his current job, but of  
21 course, at the time, he wasn't employed by them.

22 Q. Another aspect of his activities is also worthy of note,  
23 which is that he appeared to have used an eBay internet  
24 account set up in the name of his wife --

25 A. That's correct.



1 Q. -- to purchase all sorts of curious pieces of equipment.  
2 A. Yes, that's correct.  
3 Q. I don't know whether you've got a copy there in front of  
4 you, but for my Lady's note, it's INQ9170-17 of the  
5 background report.  
6 He purchased items such as wireless spy colour  
7 cameras, hidden video cameras, anti-spying bug  
8 detectors, miniature bug detectors, security alarms, gas  
9 masks and the like?  
10 A. That's correct, yes.  
11 Q. To a certain extent, those purchases appear to have been  
12 funded by the transactions of which you've made mention?  
13 A. That's correct, sir, yes.  
14 Q. We'll be hearing from an officer from Bedfordshire  
15 police tomorrow but then there came the incident,  
16 paragraph 8.1 of the background report, on 27 May 2005,  
17 an incident which involved a red Fiat Brava --  
18 A. That's correct.  
19 Q. -- which was the car registered to Jermaine Lindsay?  
20 A. Yes, sir.  
21 Q. It appeared to have been involved in an incident  
22 involving a suspected robbery in Luton on that date?  
23 A. Yes, sir.  
24 Q. Was Jermaine Lindsay also concerned with the arrangement  
25 for the rental of Alexandra Grove?

1 A. Yes, he was. It was -- I think Mohammed Sidique Khan  
2 went to -- initially it would have been Samir Alani, but  
3 he had already moved, but subsequently, through this guy  
4 called El Nasher, and he told him that his friend,  
5 Jamal, wanted to use the premises and they sorted out an  
6 agreement whereby Jamal came and used the premises.

7 Q. That, therefore, would have been at some point in  
8 early June and then through to July?

9 A. That's correct, yes.

10 Q. Around that time, in late June, he met Witness D?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And began a relationship under the name of Tyrone?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. He also was present in London on 28 June?

15 A. That's correct, yes.

16 Q. His red Fiat Brava travelled to Luton railway station on  
17 the morning of 7 July?

18 A. It did.

19 Q. That was where he met his co-conspirators?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. It was that red Fiat Brava, we heard last week, that  
22 contained high traces of hexamethylene triperoxide  
23 diamine, HMTD?

24 A. Yes, sir.

25 Q. Finally, in relation to the car, my Lady heard last week

1 evidence about how the car contained, not just icepacks,  
2 but also a certain amount of munitions, a telescopic  
3 sight for a firearm --

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. -- a semi-automatic pistol and magazine and a case  
6 containing a carrier bag with bullets.

7 Is it right that a DNA profile matching Lindsay was  
8 taken from swabbings on the sides of the pistol and his  
9 fingerprints were found on the case and on some of the  
10 bullets?

11 A. That's correct, yes.

12 Q. In relation to Jermaine Lindsay, there were no  
13 antecedents recorded?

14 A. No, sir.

15 Q. Finally Hasib Hussain, INQ9169. Commencing on page 4 of  
16 the report, his date of birth was 16 September 1986?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Where was his family residence?

19 A. His family residence -- excuse me, sorry, I just need to  
20 change documents. I apologise.

21 Q. Take your time, Officer. No rush.

22 A. Right, here we go.

23 Q. Paragraph 2.1.

24 A. Yes, sorry. Okay, he lived with his family in Holbeck  
25 and he was brought up there in the Holbeck area.

1 Q. Holbeck in Leeds?

2 A. That's right, yes.

3 Q. He went to the Matthew Murray High School in Leeds?

4 A. He did, yes.

5 Q. It seems that he received private religious education as

6 well?

7 A. In particular from his mother, yes.

8 Q. Particularly from his mother. His family reported that

9 he wasn't in the habit of attending mosques until around

10 the age of about 15?

11 A. That's correct, yes.

12 Q. He started going to the Hardy Street mosque?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Then, in September 2003, we can see from paragraph 2.3

15 he enrolled at the Thomas Danby College in Leeds, and it

16 seems that he intended to go to university?

17 A. Yes, yes, studied business studies prior -- and it was

18 his intention to go into university.

19 Q. Did his family report to the police that he appeared

20 very devout in his studies, he would sit up until the

21 early hours reading texts and praying?

22 A. Yes, that's correct.

23 Q. In relation to his association with Khan, were the

24 police able to ascertain that he'd met Khan around about

25 2001, I think through a mosque in Beeston?

1 A. That's correct, yes.

2 Q. But they became much closer in 2004?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. During that time when Hasib Hussain's parents were away  
5 and there were meetings at his house?

6 A. That's correct, yes.

7 Q. The witness statements refer to rumours in the community  
8 to the effect that Shehzad Tanweer had been to  
9 Afghanistan at some point and may have become involved  
10 in fighting or in training to go fighting, and those  
11 rumours had reached at least one member of  
12 Hasib Hussain's family?

13 A. That's correct, yes.

14 Q. Paragraph 4.4, whilst he was a student at  
15 Matthew Murray High School there appears to have been an  
16 incident when Hasib Hussain sent a message on a piece of  
17 paper to two fellow students?

18 A. That's correct, yes.

19 Q. Stating what?

20 A. This was after -- shortly after the September 11 attacks  
21 in New York, and he wrote on a piece of paper to two of  
22 his students "You're next" in speech marks. With  
23 reference to 9/11.

24 Q. Whilst also at that school, did a teacher recall --  
25 paragraph 4.7 -- that, although very devout in his

1 studies, there was an occasion where he defaced his  
2 religious education book by making a reference to  
3 Al-Qaeda and also drew a picture of planes crashing into  
4 the Twin Towers?

5 A. That's correct, sir, yes.

6 Q. That had obviously concerned the teacher, because he  
7 remembered the event?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. If you go over the page to pages 8 and 9, there are  
10 a number of statements there set out from members of his  
11 family and also teachers at the Thomas Danby College and  
12 they report, do they not, how there appeared to have  
13 been something of a change in his behaviour in the early  
14 part of 2004?

15 A. That's correct.

16 Q. At any rate, during 2004, he appears to have become  
17 closer to Khan and Tanweer and he started attending  
18 karate classes with them?

19 A. That's correct, yes.

20 Q. At that time, did it appear that his attendance at  
21 college began to suffer?

22 A. Yes, it did. After -- actually, what had -- the change  
23 sort of coincided when he arranged -- or the school  
24 arranged a college trip to go to London for three days,  
25 and it was when he came back from the trip to London

1 that the change happened and, in the autumn of 2004, his  
2 attendances started to decline and his dress code  
3 changed noticeably, where he'd originally been wearing  
4 the Islamic robes and he changed into western clothing.

5 Q. Did he also figure on the home video made by Khan  
6 in October 2004?

7 A. Yes, he did.

8 Q. So he was described as one of the "uncles", so-called,  
9 for Khan's daughter?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Was he also present during the trip to London on  
12 16/17 December 2004?

13 A. Yes, he was.

14 Q. We can see from paragraph 7.1 on page 14 of the report  
15 that, in December 2004, he had indicated to his teachers  
16 that he intended to apply for a university place but  
17 subsequently he changed his plans and told them that he  
18 intended to travel to Yemen in order to study Arabic?

19 A. That's correct.

20 Q. He didn't, of course, appear to have gone to Yemen, but  
21 the issue of university was no longer pursued?

22 A. That's right.

23 Q. The report also details, does it not, how he made  
24 a number of applications for loans?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. They're set out at pages 12 and 13 of the report?  
2 A. Yes.  
3 Q. But from January 2005, he made repeated applications for  
4 credit using false employment details?  
5 A. That's correct, yes.  
6 Q. He appears to have made such applications  
7 throughout January and perhaps into February as well.  
8 A. That's correct, yes.  
9 Q. Then turning to June and the last few days and weeks  
10 prior to 7 July, he left his course, I think on 24 June,  
11 paragraph 7.25.  
12 A. Yes.  
13 Q. Was that very shortly before it was due to end?  
14 A. Yes, it was only going to -- I think he only had about  
15 another week to go before it was going to end, in any  
16 case.  
17 Q. In relation to his family's understanding of what he was  
18 doing in the week of 7 July, did he tell them that he  
19 was intending to visit London but would return the  
20 following day?  
21 A. That's correct, yes.  
22 Q. That was an account that he repeated to a number of his  
23 relatives?  
24 A. Yes.  
25 Q. Certainly his sister-in-law, who provided a statement,



1 did not notice anything unusual about his behaviour in  
2 the day or two before 7 July?

3 A. Not at all, no.

4 Q. Finally, in relation to his antecedents, there is one  
5 matter recorded against him. He had been arrested on  
6 13 October 2004 and cautioned subsequently for an  
7 offence of shoplifting, which I think involved an  
8 attempt to steal a hat and a pair of gloves?

9 A. That's correct, sir, yes.

10 MR KEITH: Mr Sparks, thank you very much. Those are all  
11 the questions that I have for you.

12 A. Thank you.

13 LADY JUSTICE HALLETT: Mr Patterson?

14 Questions by MR PATTERSON

15 MR PATTERSON: May it please your Ladyship. Mr Sparks, may  
16 we begin, please, with the ages, because it's perhaps  
17 obvious to some, but not to everyone that  
18 Mohammed Sidique Khan was the oldest of the four by  
19 quite some distance.

20 A. Yes, sir, that's correct.

21 Q. So if we look at their ages on the day in July 2005, he  
22 was 30 years of age?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. 8 years older than the next in seniority, Tanweer, who  
25 was 22 at the time?

1 A. That's correct.

2 Q. Then we have Jermaine Lindsay, who was 19?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And finally, the youngest of the four, Hasib Hussain,  
5 only 18 in July 2005?

6 A. That's correct, yes.

7 Q. With your assistance, Mr Sparks, may I highlight  
8 a number of the aspects of the background first of all  
9 of Khan?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. I appreciate the wealth of the material, I'm very  
12 grateful to you for having pulled it together for the  
13 assistance of the coroner and everyone else. Khan was  
14 the youngest of six, was he not?

15 A. That's correct, sir, yes.

16 Q. The police enquiries revealed that it was a traditional  
17 Muslim family and, indeed, that the parents were  
18 described as very liberal.

19 A. Yes, they were.

20 Q. At first it was the Chapeltown area of Leeds where he  
21 lived?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. But later the Beeston area?

24 A. That's correct, sir.

25 Q. You've dealt with his education and his antecedents. On

1 his antecedents, it's right, isn't it, that certainly  
2 from 1993, the West Yorkshire Police had a photograph,  
3 his name and then address and date of birth and his  
4 fingerprints?

5 A. I'm aware of the fingerprints and I'm sure it would  
6 follow that they had the rest, but I can't confirm that  
7 because I haven't seen those records, sir.

8 Q. Certainly it's in the antecedents document.

9 A. Fine, fine.

10 Q. If anyone wants to question that, that it was  
11 a photograph as well as fingerprints.

12 A. Right.

13 Q. Moving on, then, please, to the Hardy Street mosque and  
14 the gym in the basement which you've mentioned --

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. -- it's right, isn't it, that there came a time when  
17 a number of people -- Khan included -- who would  
18 regularly frequent that gym below the mosque, moved on  
19 and set up the Iqra bookshop?

20 A. That's correct, sir, yes.

21 Q. So there is a link, is there not, between Khan and those  
22 two premises?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. But also others whom he was associating with at the time  
25 such as Tafazal Mohammed?

1 A. That's correct, sir, yes.

2 Q. In relation to his religious development, I think his  
3 brother, in particular, assisted the police with what he  
4 could see of Mohammed Sidique Khan's development.

5 He spoke, did he not, of how he appeared to him --  
6 the brother -- to be going on a kind of religious  
7 journey?

8 A. Yes, sir, yes.

9 Q. Trying to find out for himself the path that he wanted  
10 to take --

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. -- was how he described it.

13 A. He did.

14 Q. He seemed to be leaning towards the more extreme sects  
15 such as the Salafis?

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. You've already indicated his interest at one stage with  
18 the extremist views of the Muhajiroun group?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. You've reminded us of what they stood for and how,  
21 ultimately, they were prohibited, but in fact, there was  
22 a link between that group, was there not, and the  
23 Crevice plotters, Omar Khyam and others, who were  
24 convicted in relation to the --

25 A. There may well have been, sir. I didn't work on

1     Crevice, so I can't confirm that.

2     Q. I see. But certainly that was a very extremist group

3     which was clear in their support for violence --

4     A. Yes, sir.

5     Q. -- and the use of violence to achieve their aims?

6     A. Yes, sir.

7     Q. A theme that runs through much of the evidence that was

8     assembled by the police was the fact that there appeared

9     to be attempts by Khan to influence other young people

10    in the community.

11    A. Yes, sir.

12    Q. When he applied for his position as a mentor at the

13    primary school, he indicated that he had been working as

14    a youth worker from as early as July 1997?

15    A. Yes.

16    Q. He even gave Tafazal Mohammed as his referee. We can

17    look at the document, if need be, but in that

18    application form, he confirmed that he'd been working,

19    counselling young children, and that he had been seeking

20    funding from the Leeds City Council in relation to his

21    work as a youth worker. That's right, isn't it?

22    A. Yes.

23    Q. So, for quite a few years, Khan, late 1990s and into the

24    2000s was working with young children?

25    A. Yes, sir.

1 Q. The link with Tanweer at that basement gym at the mosque  
2 you have mentioned, and I think you used the phrase  
3 that, to some, Khan seemed to be like some kind of  
4 father figure?

5 A. Yes, sir, yes.

6 Q. One of the young men who went there who gave  
7 a statement -- a youngster called Salaq -- described  
8 him, Khan, as somebody who he, Salaq, regarded as  
9 a father figure and explained how he had a lot of  
10 respect for him.

11 A. Yes, he did, yes.

12 Q. Various witnesses have explained how Khan and Mohammed  
13 and others of the leaders would organise the youngsters  
14 with outdoor pursuits like paintballing, quadbiking,  
15 climbing walls?

16 A. That's correct.

17 Q. Trips of that sort.

18 In 2001, that's the first period for which there  
19 appears to be evidence suggesting that an overseas trip  
20 might have had terrorist training when Khan was  
21 overseas, and you mentioned, when asked about this by  
22 Mr Keith, that although you couldn't go into the detail  
23 of the Theseus trial, you understood, I think you said,  
24 that Waheed Ali had said that he had gone with him  
25 during that trip and that the two men had received

1 terrorist training in 2001?

2 A. Yes, sir.

3 MR PATTERSON: My Lady, in due course I anticipate further  
4 details of that trip will be given from Mr McKenna.

5 In addition to that, Mr Sparks, support for that  
6 suggestion comes from an anonymous witness, a young  
7 woman, Witness B, who spoke to the police about what she  
8 knew of Khan and, indeed, of his wife, Hasina Patel?

9 A. That's correct, sir, yes.

10 Q. Taking it briefly, it's right, isn't it, that Witness B  
11 confirmed to the police, from her dealings with Khan,  
12 that her understanding was that, before he was married,  
13 so before October 2001, he had been overseas, he had  
14 been to Pakistan and into Afghanistan to train and that  
15 that was before October 2001?

16 A. That's correct, sir, yes.

17 Q. Her understanding was that he had been taught to shoot  
18 and to fight?

19 A. That's in her words, yes, exactly right, sir.

20 Q. You've mentioned the Iqra bookshop and, in particular,  
21 one of the young pupils for whom Khan was working as  
22 a mentor at the primary school who explained that, on  
23 one occasion, he was in the car with Khan, that Khan was  
24 trying to persuade him to convert to Islam and that  
25 there were these comments about people going to pay for

1 what had been done to Pakistan and comments about 9/11?  
2 A. That's correct, sir, yes.  
3 Q. That young pupil, in fact, was only 11 or 12 years of  
4 age?  
5 A. I think he was at that time, yes.  
6 Q. Indeed, he went further in his account to the police and  
7 said that there were also occasions when  
8 Shehzad Tanweer, whom he also knew, somebody whom he  
9 would see at his father's fish and chip shop, Tanweer  
10 would take this young pupil and his friends to the  
11 religious bookshop believed to be the Iqra bookshop --  
12 A. Yes, sir.  
13 Q. -- and that there they would meet Khan and they would  
14 use a gym?  
15 A. Yes.  
16 Q. So there was clear evidence, was there not, that Tanweer  
17 and Khan were having quite an extreme influence on the  
18 minds of these youngsters?  
19 A. I mean, he does mention Tanweer, but not in any great  
20 detail, but definitely in Khan's case, yes.  
21 Q. Just so that we can remind ourselves, we've got evidence  
22 from the deputy head of the primary school, we've got  
23 evidence from a teaching assistant, but the people that  
24 he was mentoring were children with behavioural  
25 problems, according to one of those witnesses, and,



1 according to the other witness, children who were  
2 described as disaffected children.

3 A. Yes, sir.

4 Q. So in that sense, perhaps, vulnerable children?

5 A. Yes, sir.

6 Q. No formal qualifications were needed for the post that  
7 he obtained as a teaching mentor?

8 A. I don't know the exact -- about the qualifications, but  
9 I think it was a learning mentor, which was his everyday  
10 experience, I think, rather than anything  
11 qualification-wise, yes.

12 Q. Relying on his experience as a youth worker in the  
13 community?

14 A. Yes, sir, yes.

15 Q. And the referee, Tafazal Mohammed.

16 You've touched upon Iqra's application for  
17 charitable status and we've seen the list of different  
18 trustees and the list of individuals who were at that  
19 meeting in 2003, one of whom, Shipon Ullah, also known  
20 as Waheed Ali, of course being the person that it seems  
21 he had been to a terrorist training camp with in the  
22 summer of 2001?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. A couple of years later, they're together at the Iqra  
25 bookshop applying for charitable status for their

1 bookshop?

2 A. That's correct, sir.

3 LADY JUSTICE HALLETT: Mr Patterson, just going back to the  
4 questions, which I totally understand, putting about  
5 Khan and his involvement as a learning mentor, whatever  
6 system one had in place, it looks as if he would have  
7 got through any kind of assessment because of his  
8 background. He didn't have previous convictions of  
9 a kind that would have alerted anybody to his being --  
10 so it wouldn't matter what regime you had in place, he  
11 would have got through it, by the looks of it.

12 MR PATTERSON: Yes, yes. Certainly one of the things I'd  
13 like to explore, if I may, briefly, with the officer is  
14 the fact that it appears that all of the people in the  
15 community who had dealings with, in particular, Khan,  
16 but all four of them, despite what we've learnt this  
17 morning about expressions and travel and so forth,  
18 nobody at any stage notified, it seems, the police, or  
19 reported or warned the police in any way.

20 Is that right, Officer, that from all those  
21 statements that we've looked at, we see no reference to  
22 anybody telling the police that --

23 A. This was in West Yorkshire, so I can't speak for any  
24 reporting that occurred in West Yorkshire.

25 Q. Of course, you being a Metropolitan police officer, but

1 certainly on the face of the statements we see no  
2 suggestion --

3 A. No.

4 Q. -- that anyone notified the local police?

5 A. That's correct, sir, from the statements, yes.

6 LADY JUSTICE HALLETT: Sorry, Mr Patterson, I interrupted  
7 you when you had just asked about charitable status.

8 MR PATTERSON: Yes. Officer, again, isn't that a theme that  
9 we see, that on a number of occasions there was an  
10 appreciation or a desire to get funding for the various  
11 activities that Khan was engaged in?

12 A. I think they were looking for -- yes, I think from what  
13 I know, the little I know about the Iqra was they were  
14 looking for fundraising.

15 Q. They had one eye, didn't they, on their ability to get  
16 the funds in for the Iqra bookshop by an application to  
17 the charity commissioners?

18 A. Yes, what I would say, sir, is my knowledge of the Iqra  
19 bookshop is fairly base, and I think we're going into an  
20 area where we're probably going on what I think rather  
21 than what I can confirm.

22 Q. That's very fair of you. Perhaps we can leave it there.  
23 Before we leave the primary school, Mr Sparks,  
24 I think it's right, isn't it, that on that occasion  
25 which you've told us about when he brought in a friend

1 to address the children about Islam, it's clear from the  
2 witnesses who were present -- so the deputy head and the  
3 teaching assistant -- that Khan was present for that  
4 talk?

5 A. That's correct, sir, he was, yes.

6 Q. One of them described how he sat there looking and  
7 listening to the speaker "almost with awe, as if  
8 infatuated with the man"?

9 A. That's right, she does say that.

10 Q. The other witness described how proud he was of the  
11 speaker?

12 A. That's correct.

13 Q. So it seems that he used his job, did he not, as  
14 a mentor at that school, to certainly influence the  
15 children, at least, in the direction of Islam?

16 A. What I can say is the subject, in particular, was  
17 religious education and I'm -- from what the teacher  
18 said, they wanted someone who could give them  
19 information on the Koran, and it was for that reason  
20 that the guy had been brought in to talk about the  
21 Koran, and obviously it was his further, I think, that  
22 obviously disturbed the teachers, but I can't say for  
23 why -- what Khan's reasons were for bringing him in.

24 Q. Can we look, please, on the screen at INQ9368 [INQ9368-2], which was  
25 one of those documents that was later found on Khan's

1 computer at the school?

2 This relates to the April 2003 camping trip that  
3 you've told us about.

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. So he was using his computer at work to assist in  
6 organising these kinds of trips, was he not?

7 A. Yes, sir.

8 Q. We can see that it was in April 2003, so a few months  
9 before the Malakand terrorist training camp with Shakil  
10 is spoken about by the witness Babar.

11 A. Right.

12 Q. They set off from Tempest Road. Can you help us with  
13 that address, 1A Tempest Road, gym?

14 A. Yes, I'm presuming -- that's a slightly different  
15 address, but as far as I know, the gym was either in the  
16 basement or the back, that might be why it's 1A.

17 Q. We can see that the list of people to whom this memo is  
18 being copied, which includes Tanweer and Shipon,  
19 presumably Shipon Ullah, Sidique Khan's name at the  
20 bottom?

21 A. Yes.

22 MR PATTERSON: For my Lady's note, in due course  
23 I anticipate that evidence will be given that, in his  
24 trial, Ullah confirmed that he was on that trip and he  
25 confirmed that, again, that was an occasion when funding

1 was obtained for that trip, funding from the council.  
2 Then a similar training exercise or bonding exercise  
3 in May 2003, so a month later, to the Lake District, and  
4 if we could look, please, at [INQ9368-31].  
5 It's a similar sort of memorandum, is it not?  
6 A. Yes, sir.  
7 Q. About two-thirds of the way down we can see that  
8 Sidique's name appears, suggesting perhaps that, again,  
9 he was involved in organising this?  
10 A. That's correct, sir, yes.  
11 Q. Just before we leave that, at the end of that long  
12 paragraph, about a third of the way down, the  
13 statement -- this is again on Khan's computer:  
14 "Remember we are representing Muslims and we need to  
15 break down stereotypes."  
16 Is that what we see there?  
17 A. Sorry -- oh, yes, got it, yes, yes, sir, I can see that,  
18 yes.  
19 Q. Then you've mentioned the Malakand evidence and  
20 Mr Babar, which is in the summer, so just following on  
21 shortly after that?  
22 A. Right.  
23 Q. I think there's evidence, isn't there, as to the cost of  
24 those flights, £1,130?  
25 A. Yes.

1 Q. Evidence that the police obtained from the travel agent?

2 A. That's correct, sir, yes.

3 MR PATTERSON: Again, for my Lady's note, in due course  
4 I anticipate that evidence will be given that Shakil, at  
5 his trial, confirmed that he had been on that trip with  
6 MSK and that it was training of the type described by  
7 Babar, so evidence from a number of sources, my Lady, as  
8 to the nature of that training.

9 Moving on, Mr Sparks, you mentioned the spring of  
10 2004 and the use of the green Vauxhall Corsa.

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. So it's right, isn't it, that when the police obtained  
13 that evidence -- I think it's a witness called Swift --  
14 the police were able to find out that, using his own  
15 name, with his own address, Mohammed Sidique Khan was  
16 obtaining that courtesy car, the green Vauxhall Corsa  
17 that featured during the surveillance that her Ladyship  
18 will be dealing with next week?

19 A. I'm not aware of the details of the surveillance, sir,  
20 so I can't comment on that.

21 Q. But certainly he obtained that car with his own  
22 details --

23 A. Absolutely, yes.

24 Q. -- insurance details, and even the fact that he was  
25 leaving off the Honda Civic to be repaired?

1 A. That's correct, sir, yes.

2 Q. You've mentioned the involvement with Hussain and how,  
3 in the summer of 2004, Khan was spending time with  
4 Hussain.

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. And how he had first met Hussain back in probably around  
7 2001. So Hussain would have been only 14 or 15, would  
8 he not --

9 A. When he first met him, yes.

10 Q. -- when Khan first met him?

11 A. That's right, yes.

12 Q. Indeed, the brother of Hussain gave a statement to the  
13 police, did he not, about these dealings that  
14 Hasib Hussain had with Khan, and that's how the police  
15 learnt about these prayer meetings in the summer of  
16 2004?

17 A. That's correct, sir, yes.

18 Q. Indeed, the brother, Imran Hussain, confirmed that Khan  
19 or "Sid", as he knew him, would even start preaching to  
20 him?

21 A. Yes, sir, he did, yes.

22 Q. So although there's no direct evidence that Khan  
23 radicalised Hussain, certainly there are suggestions,  
24 are there not, that he met him when Hussain was quite  
25 young and was spending quite a lot of time with him,



1 particularly in that summer of 2004?

2 A. Yes, sir, he was.

3 Q. Then, in the autumn of 2004, we have the trip overseas.

4 Again, it may be you're aware of this, but it's right,

5 isn't it, that, during the Theseus trial, Shipon Ullah

6 confirmed that he, Ullah, went to a training camp at the

7 end of 2004, and that he saw MSK and Tanweer when he

8 went out there to Pakistan.

9 Can you assist with us that, or not?

10 A. No, that will be in the admissions, so I haven't really

11 had time to look at the admissions as well as this, sir,

12 so I can't ...

13 Q. Again, support for that is to be found from Witness B,

14 who again in that statement that she gave about her

15 dealings with Khan and with his wife, Hasina Patel --

16 again, she understood that, on that occasion, at the end

17 of 2004, it was likely that he had gone for terrorist

18 training. She had understood that he'd been to Pakistan

19 and into Afghanistan and that he'd had some involvement

20 with the Taliban. That was her understanding?

21 A. That's what she says, yes.

22 Q. She understood that he had been told, that

23 Mohammed Sidique Khan had been told, that he could

24 return to the United Kingdom and that he could do his

25 work there rather than in Afghanistan?

1 A. That's correct, sir.

2 Q. On 4 June -- so about a month before the bombings --  
3 there was a trip, was there not, to the white water raft  
4 centre in north Wales?

5 A. There was, sir, yes.

6 Q. Indeed, I think photographs have been obtained, haven't  
7 they, of a group of young Asian men rafting on that  
8 occasion believed to include Mohammed Sidique Khan and  
9 Tanweer?

10 A. Yes, sir.

11 Q. Turning then next, please, to Tanweer, Mr Sparks, again  
12 you've assisted us with a lot of the background detail.  
13 It would appear for him that his friendship with Khan  
14 began in 1990, as you've told us?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Forgive me, 1999.

17 A. 1999, yes, sir.

18 Q. Again, if we consider the ages, at that stage Tanweer  
19 would have been about 17?

20 A. Yes, sir.

21 Q. Whereas Khan would have been about 25?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. So he knew Khan from before the earliest of those  
24 training trips that Khan appears to have gone on --  
25 namely, 2001 -- and knew him for all that passage of

1 time, some six years, over which Khan was conducting  
2 these trips and the training exercises?

3 A. Yes, sir.

4 Q. There was evidence, was there not, that Tanweer was also  
5 involved at the Iqra bookshop?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. One of the people that the police spoke to was a member  
8 of his family, an uncle, called Bashir Ahmad?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. That member of the family said to the police that  
11 Tanweer would attend the Iqra bookshop and he stated  
12 that "He told me that he went there to read and to teach  
13 young children about Islam".

14 So in other words, Tanweer was telling his uncle  
15 that he was involved in teaching children at the Iqra  
16 bookshop.

17 You've mentioned the comings and goings from  
18 Chapeltown Road.

19 A. Yes, sir.

20 Q. We have not only the evidence of Wajid Hussain, who was  
21 involved in the rental of Chapeltown Road, but also the  
22 CCTV footage, do we not, showing all of the men at  
23 different stages coming and going from that flat?

24 A. That's correct, yes.

25 Q. Then Hasib Hussain, please. We've dealt already with

1 the fact that, when he first met Khan in 2001, he would  
2 have been about 14 or 15.

3 A. Yes, sir.

4 Q. You've told us about the occasion at school when he made  
5 the comment about Al-Qaeda and drew the picture of the  
6 planes. It's believed that would have been about 2002,  
7 so when he was still very young, only about 15 or 16?

8 A. Yes, sir, yes.

9 Q. Then, can you help us with this: that in relation to the  
10 travel by Khan and Tanweer at the end of 2004, that in  
11 fact evidence was given at the Theseus trial by both  
12 Ullah and Shakil that it had been intended that Hussain  
13 would be following those two out and joining them for  
14 the training camp in Pakistan? Can you help us with  
15 that?

16 A. Again, sir, that would be part of the admissions and  
17 I haven't gone into that in any depth at all, so I can't  
18 confirm that, sir.

19 Q. Certainly he stayed behind it seems, because he was  
20 present in London in December 2004 for the trip to  
21 London?

22 A. That's right, he was, sir, yes.

23 Q. So that was an occasion when he certainly then was  
24 meeting with Jermaine Lindsay?

25 A. Yes, sir.

1 Q. Then finally, Mr Sparks, in relation to  
2 Jermaine Lindsay, you've touched upon some of the  
3 observations that school teachers made about his  
4 behaviour when he was at school.

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. I think again there was evidence from a number of those  
7 teachers about efforts by him, or a desire by him, to  
8 try to influence the minds of younger children at the  
9 school?

10 A. Yes, one of the teachers described that he would --  
11 excuse the language, but spouting to other pupils his  
12 anti-American views.

13 Q. Yes, and so, one teacher, Mr Armitage, spoke about  
14 trying to convert pupils with great enthusiasm and  
15 vigour --

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. -- and how pupils would look to him for guidance?

18 A. That's correct, sir.

19 Q. And another teacher, Felicity Wienard, who also had  
20 concerns about this influence that he seemed to have  
21 over younger pupils?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. And another member of staff, Rhianne Johnson, who  
24 indicated to the police, did she not, that he got into  
25 trouble for distributing leaflets at school to younger

1 children in support of Al-Qaeda and Osama Bin Laden?

2 A. Yes, sir.

3 Q. Likewise, his mother told the police, when they spoke to  
4 her, that she had an argument with him over a television  
5 recording that she discovered in his possession,  
6 a recording of a terrorist training camp.

7 A. Yes, that I think was shown on Al Jazeera, I think, if  
8 I remember rightly.

9 Q. In terms of the link between him and Khan, is it right  
10 that Lindsay's wife, in a statement to the police, said  
11 that her understanding was that the two men had met up  
12 in Huddersfield at a time when Lindsay was working  
13 selling books at an Islamic centre or dawah in  
14 Huddersfield?

15 A. Yes, sir.

16 Q. And that then the two wives became friendly and, as  
17 you've told us, there was at least one occasion when  
18 Lindsay and his wife stayed with Mohammed Sidique Khan  
19 and his wife?

20 A. Yes, sir.

21 LADY JUSTICE HALLETT: Is it stayed with, or rented  
22 somewhere nearby? They are different things.

23 MR PATTERSON: Can I assist, Officer?

24 A. I'd need to read the statement just to confirm that.

25 Q. I think we'll be hearing evidence from a witness called

1 Tanweer Akhtar to the effect that they stayed together  
2 in September 2004.

3 LADY JUSTICE HALLETT: Thank you.

4 MR PATTERSON: I think also the wife of Jermaine Lindsay,  
5 Samantha Lewthwaite, in a statement, Officer, confirmed  
6 in addition that, at Christmas time, in 2004, Lindsay  
7 and his wife stayed with Hasina Patel at a time when  
8 obviously Khan was overseas.

9 A. Yes, sir.

10 Q. Finally this: you've mentioned the renting of  
11 18 Alexandra Grove --

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. -- and the involvement of Mr Alani and Mr Magdy?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And the belief that Jamal, in other words  
16 Jermaine Lindsay, was involved in the renting of that  
17 important flat?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. I think it's right, isn't it, from the CCTV evidence  
20 that there were occasions when Lindsay was seen up in  
21 Leeds and, in particular, from the CCTV schedule -- we  
22 can look at it if necessary -- there was one particular  
23 trip for two days in the middle of June 2005 when  
24 Lindsay travelled all the way from Aylesbury up to  
25 Leeds, met Mohammed Sidique Khan and was with him and

1 then returned down to Aylesbury two days later, which  
2 would be about the time, according to Alani, when  
3 Alexandra Grove was rented out to this person, Jamal.

4 A. Yes, I'd need to confirm the date on the schedule, sir,  
5 but I'm sure that's right.

6 MR PATTERSON: Thank you very much, Mr Sparks, that's all  
7 I ask.

8 LADY JUSTICE HALLETT: Yes, Mr Mullarkey?

9 Questions by MR MULLARKEY

10 MR MULLARKEY: My Lady, just four matters, if I may,  
11 Inspector? If I could take you back to your evidence in  
12 relation to Mohammed Sidique Khan, paragraph 4.4,  
13 because we (inaudible) him?

14 A. Yes, yes.

15 Q. In your evidence earlier, you described a conversation  
16 having taken place between Mohammed Sidique Khan and  
17 a young man whom he was mentoring?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. You described that conversation taking place at the Iqra  
20 bookshop.

21 A. Now I read this, it was in the car.

22 Q. I'm grateful. The second matter, Officer, is this: that  
23 following the events of 7 July, the Iqra bookshop was  
24 searched, it was searched by officers, including those  
25 from West Yorkshire Police, but it's right to say that



1 was under the auspices of the Metropolitan Police as  
2 part of Operation Theseus?

3 A. Yes, sir, that's correct.

4 Q. If we turn then to the antecedents of  
5 Mohammed Sidique Khan, it's right, Officer, isn't it,  
6 that in fact there's no evidence that  
7 Mohammed Sidique Khan was cautioned in April of 1986 but  
8 he was arrested for an offence of receiving?

9 A. That's correct, sir, yes.

10 Q. Finally then, if I may, in relation to his arrest  
11 in February of 1993, it's right that he was arrested on  
12 3 February 1993 in relation to an offence that occurred  
13 in December of the previous year?

14 A. That's right, sir, yes.

15 MR MULLARKEY: Thank you, I've no further questions.

16 LADY JUSTICE HALLETT: Thank you very much, Mr Sparks. That  
17 looks as if those are all the questions that we have for  
18 you. Thank you very much and, I'm sure, a number of  
19 your colleagues, for all the work that has gone into  
20 putting this together.

21 MR KEITH: My Lady, that concludes the evidence for today.

22 LADY JUSTICE HALLETT: Thank you all.

23 (3.00 pm)

24 (The inquests adjourned until 10.00 am the following day)

25