
Phase 2 - Minute 5

16 September 2025

Introduction

- [1] In Minute 4, the Inquiry announced its decision not to proceed with the public hearing that was scheduled to commence on 20 August 2025. At paragraph [25], we said:

We are currently considering the procedure we will adopt to gather remaining evidence from the witnesses who were to appear at the hearing, and a further minute will be issued shortly which will reflect our conclusions about this.

- [2] The purpose of this present Minute is to explain the process we have decided to adopt to gather any remaining information we may need to fulfil the requirements of our terms of reference.

Further evidence

- [3] Commissioners have so far obtained information from a wide range of sources with the result that the evidence-gathering stage of Phase 2 of the Inquiry is nearing completion.
- [4] We have determined that we are able to gather the remaining information we need through a process of further interviews, together with some further requests for written information from some witnesses. We will conclude this over the next month.
- [5] Once those final interviews have been completed, we will list the parties with whom we have met on the Record of Inquiry Engagements page on the Inquiry's website, in accordance with our usual process.
- [6] As set out in Minute 1, once all information is gathered, we will also be in a position to consider whether any permanent orders will be made in relation to any evidence received. The interim section 15 order over any other evidence will lapse when our report is delivered.

[7] Our final report will be publicly accessible on a date to be determined by Government after 26 February 2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Illingworth', followed by a large, stylized flourish or '2'.

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Grant Illingworth KC
Chair of the Inquiry