



The Dr Giraldi Home Inquiry
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UPDATE

Invitation to the public.

1. Within the next few days, The Dr Giraldi Home Inquiry will be issuing a public invitation to individuals and organisations to submit representations and evidence relevant to its work.
2. The invitation will be made by public notice. The notice will explain in detail the nature and scope of the matters on which the Inquiry wishes to hear from the public, together with the procedure by which, and the time within which, representations and evidence relating to such matters may be submitted.
3. Should the Chairman of the Inquiry conclude, under paragraph 2 of the Inquiry's Terms of Reference (see Note to Editors below), that it is appropriate that a matter notified to the Inquiry be included in the Inquiry's Terms of Reference, that matter will be investigated at a substantive hearing of the Inquiry and evidence relevant to it will be examined.

Contact with named individuals.

4. As a separate exercise, the Inquiry is currently in the process of contacting a number of individuals who may be in a position to provide material evidence and assistance. That process will continue over the next few weeks.

Documents.

5. The Inquiry has already been provided with a very large volume of documentary material, which is currently being examined for possible relevance. In addition, it is expected that a substantial volume of further documentary material will become available, which will also need to be examined.

Future progress.

6. The Inquiry aims to hold a substantive hearing or hearings later this year. In the meantime, it expects to hold at least one short preliminary hearing to deal with procedural and administrative matters.

7. The Inquiry is conscious of the need to complete its work as soon as is practically possible, and will do all it can to avoid unnecessary delays. However, the timetable for completing its work will inevitably depend to a significant extent on the amount of additional documentary material which may become available and on the responses to the public invitation.

Further updates.

8. The Inquiry intends to issue further periodic updates, so that the public is kept informed as to its progress.

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Secretary to the Inquiry

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