

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

PRESS NOTICE

PROTOCOLS FOR THE PROVISION AND FOR THE REDACTION OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

The Commission of Inquiry (“the COI”) was announced on 18 January 2021 to look into whether corruption, abuse of office or other serious dishonesty may have taken place amongst public, elected and statutory officials in recent years. Sir Gary Hickinbottom is the sole Commissioner.

Exercising his powers under section 9 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, the Commissioner has today published two Protocols, one concerning the ‘Provision of Documents’ to the COI, and the other concerning the ‘Redaction of Documents’. They can be found on the COI’s website at www.bvi.public-inquiry.uk.

The Protocols are designed to facilitate the prompt delivery of documents to the COI by ensuring that members of the public and those individuals, organisations or institutions who are requested or compelled to provide documents are aware of and understand the COI’s procedures for the provision of documents, and the redaction of any documents it intends to disclose further. The Protocols will assist those who may be requested or compelled to provide documents to the COI by reducing the risk of delay.

The COI renews its open invitation to anyone who believes they have information that may assist the Inquiry and who has not yet submitted it to the COI, to submit that information as soon as possible via the secure website portal (www.bvi.public-inquiry.uk).

As well as the website portal, the COI has provided a number of different and secure ways for individuals to share information with the Inquiry Team, including a dedicated email address (contactcoi@bvi.public-inquiry.uk), a WhatsApp phone number for messages or audio/video calls (+44 (0)7832 111254), and a UK postal address (The Secretary, BVI Commission of Inquiry, Room RB 1.11, 22 Whitehall, London SW1A 2EG). Please be assured that all information will be received and held in strict confidence.

Steven Chandler
Secretary to the Commission

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