

## **BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS COMMISSION OF INQUIRY**

### **PRESS NOTICE**

#### **COI HEARINGS IN WEEK BEGINNING 14 JUNE 2021**

The Commission of Inquiry (“the COI”) was issued on 19 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; and to make appropriate recommendations as to governance and the operation of the law enforcement and justice systems in the BVI. The Rt Hon Sir Gary Hickinbottom is the sole Commissioner.

As explained in the Commissioner’s Statement on 2 June 2021, the COI intends to resume substantive hearings on Monday 14 June 2021. During this first week of hearings, the Commissioner intends to hear witness evidence from elected Ministers and other Members of the House of Assembly, and some former Members, particularly on their held and declared interests.

However, a number of issues have been raised by those representing participants in the COI which require resolution before the witness evidence can proceed, and in particular before the final order of witnesses can be determined. The Commissioner will therefore hold a Directions hearing on Monday 14 June at 9am to determine these issues. It is expected that witness evidence will commence at 10am that day. The Commissioner intends that all the matters canvassed at the hearing will be live-streamed on the COI’s YouTube channel so that the BVI public can continue to follow the work of the COI.

The list of witnesses expected to appear on Monday 14 June 2021 and those confirmed for later in the week is attached to this Press Notice, and is also published on the COI’s website at [www.bvi.public-inquiry.uk](http://www.bvi.public-inquiry.uk). It is expected that, following the Directions hearing, the COI will be able to publish a full schedule of the witnesses who will be giving evidence next week.

Steven Chandler  
Secretary to the Commission

10 June 2021

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### List of Hearings

(as at 10 June 2021)

(To be live streamed. Link available at: [BVI COI YouTube channel](#))

#### Week commencing 14 June 2021

DATE/TIME	PERSON
Monday 14/6/21 at 9.00am	Directions Hearing
Monday 14/6/21 at 10.00am	1. Hon Marlon A Penn 2. Hon Alvera Maduro-Caines 3. Hon Mark H Vanterpool 4. Hon Julian Fraser 5. Hon Melvin M Turnbull 6. Hon Julian Willock
Monday 14/6/21 at 11.00am	1. Hon Dawn J Smith 2. Hon Sharie B de Castro 3. Hon Shereen D Flax-Charles
Monday 14/6/21 at 2.00pm	1. Hon Kye M Rymer 2. Hon Carvin Malone
Tuesday 15/6/21 at 10.00am	1. Hon Neville A Smith.
Tuesday 15/6/21 at 2.00pm	1. Hon Vincent O Wheatley
Wednesday 16/6/21 at 2.00pm	1. Dr Hubert Robinson O'Neal 2. Ms Ingrid Moses-Scatliffe 3. Mr Myron V Walwyn
Wednesday 16/6/21 at 4.00pm	1. Hon Natalio D Wheatley
Thursday 17/6/21 at 10.00am	1. Dr Daniel O Smith

	2. Dr Kedrick Pickering 3. Mr Ronnie W Skelton
Thursday 17/6/21 at 2.00pm	1. Mr Archibald C Christian
Friday 18/6/21 at 1.00pm	1. Hon Andrew A Fahie

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