

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

ORDER No 11

UPON listing a directions hearing on 2 June 2021 and upon receipt of written submissions dated 28 May 2021 filed on behalf of the Attorney General on the question of the disclosure of recordings of Cabinet meetings

AND UPON hearing Mr Bilal Rawat (Counsel to the Commission), Mrs Fiona Forbes-Vanterpool (Principal Crown Counsel) and Mr Hussein Haeri, Mr Niki Olympitis and Ms Sara-Jane Knock of Withers LLP on behalf of the Attorney General for the BVI Government Ministers etc listed in Schedule 1 to Order No 5 and Mr Richard G Rowe in attendance for the seven House of Assembly Members listed in Schedule 2 to the same Order

AND UPON the Commissioner having set out those topics which will it is proposed will be investigated at forthcoming public hearings

IT IS DECLARED THAT the Commissioner declines to make a Ruling that electronic recordings of the Cabinet meetings are not as a class of documents disclosable to the Commission of Inquiry

AND IT IS DIRECTED THAT the BVI Government Ministers etc listed in Schedule 1 to Order No 5 and the House of Assembly Members listed in Schedule 2 to the same Order shall, by 4pm on Wednesday 9 June 2021, lodge both in electronic and hard copy format any written submissions identifying any issues within the topics listed at a. to f. below which they consider the Commissioner should investigate and any witnesses on those topics which they consider he should call:

- a. The interests held and declared by elected Ministers and other Members of the House of Assembly.
- b. Questions arising from the position statements submitted by participants and others on governance and the law enforcement and justice systems.
- c. The work of the Auditor General, the Internal Auditor, and the Complaints Commissioner.
- d. The composition and function of statutory boards.
- e. The purchase and leasing of Crown Land.
- f. The system under which the BVI Government enters into contracts, both in general and in relation to specific contracts.

DATED this 2nd day of June 2021

Signed:



**The Rt Hon Sir Gary Hickinbottom
Commissioner**