

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

ORDER No.20

UPON the directions hearing of 8 September 2021

AND UPON hearing Counsel for the Inquiry, and Mr Hussein Haeri and Ms Lauren Peaty on behalf of the Attorney General for the Government Ministers and departments, offices and other Government bodies for which they are each responsible, and other Government entities, as scheduled to Order No 5 dated 13 May 2021 (“the elected Ministers etc”).

IN RESPECT of the Response of the Office of the Premier’s Response to the Auditor General and Internal Auditor Reports concerning the Farmers and Fishers and Schools and Churches Grant Programmes and its annexes (“the Response”) sent to the COI by the IRU on behalf of the Attorney General on 7 September 2021

IT IS DIRECTED THAT by 12 noon on 8 September 2021, the Attorney General shall:

1. confirm to the COI that the Response has been sent to both the Auditor General and the Internal Auditor in a form that they can be readily accessed by them.

IT IS FURTHER DIRECTED THAT by 4pm on 8 September 2021, the Attorney General shall:

2. confirm to the COI that the Premier and the Permanent Secretary agree with the whole contents of the Response and that they have nothing to add to it;
3. indicate which documents within the annexes of the Response have not been disclosed to the COI previously, and give an explanation as to why they have not been previously been disclosed to the COI;
4. indicate whether there are any proposed redactions to the Response, and if so, provide one copy to show the redactions seeking to rely upon that is marked but still visible; and the other showing the same redactions marked out so that they are no longer visible, with detailed reasons given for any proposed redactions; and

5. confirm that she will not make submissions on matters that fall within the Terms of Reference other than matters which arise during the course of the current hearings and/or without permission from the Commissioner. Any application for permission must be made in a proper form and promptly. In particular, any such application must confirm whether any documents are being disclosed with the submissions that have not been disclosed to the COI previously, and give an explanation as to why they have not been previously been disclosed to the COI.

IT IS FURTHER DIRECTED THAT by 12pm on 9 September 2021 the Attorney General shall:

6. confirm in writing the legal support she will provide to the Auditor General and Internal Auditor, if so requested.

DATED this 8th day of September 2021

Signed:



The Rt Hon Sir Gary Hickinbottom
Commissioner