

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

ORDER No 25

UPON the directions hearing of 17 November 2021

AND UPON HEARING Counsel for the Inquiry, Mr Edward Risso-Gill and Ms Sara-Jane Knock on behalf of the Attorney General for the 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”), Mr Richard Rowe of Silk Legal for the other Members of the House of Assembly, and Mr Alex Hall Taylor QC of Carey Olsen LP for His Excellency the Governor

AND UPON the Attorney General for herself and all those she represents, and Silk Legal for all those who they represent, confirming that there are no further legal issues in respect of the COI which they wish or intend to raise

IT IS DIRECTED THAT:

1. The Attorney General’s application dated 5 November 2021 to admit the Fifth Affidavit of Dr Carolyn O’Neal Morton dated 1 November 2021 is granted.
2. The Attorney General’s application dated 12 November 2021 to admit the Thirteenth Affidavit of Mr Jeremiah Frett of that same date out of time is granted.
3. The Attorney General or a member of her Chambers who is instructed on behalf of the National Security Council (“the NSC”) and suitably briefed shall attend the hearing of 24 November 2021 in order to provide representations in relation to the PII application made on behalf of the NSC dated 10 November 2021, if required.
4. By 10am on Monday 22 November 2021, the Attorney General shall provide the COI with a more focused indication of (i) the questions or areas of questions it is proposed to put to the Governor at the hearing on 24 November 2021 and ii) documents relevant to those questions.
5. An extension of time is granted for Silk Legal to provide their closing submissions of 12 November 2021 so that those submissions are in time.

DATED this 17th day of November 2021

Signed: 

**The Rt Hon Sir Gary Hickinbottom
Commissioner**