

## **PENAL NOTICE**

IF ANY PERSON DISOBEYS THIS ORDER, THE MATTER MAY BE CERTIFIED TO THE HIGH COURT WHICH MAY HOLD THAT PERSON TO BE IN CONTEMPT OF THE INQUIRY AND THAT PERSON MAY BE IMPRISONED, FINED OR HAVE THEIR ASSETS SEIZED.

ANY PERSON WHO KNOWS OF THIS ORDER AND DOES ANYTHING WHICH HELPS OR PERMITS ANY PERSON TO BREACH THE TERMS OF THIS ORDER MAY ALSO AFTER CERTIFICATION TO THE HIGH COURT BE HELD TO BE IN CONTEMPT OF THE INQUIRY AND MAY BE IMPRISONED, FINED OR HAVE THEIR ASSETS SEIZED

## **ORDER**

UPON the Chairman considering it desirable that reporting during public hearings be permitted to the fullest possible extent, including reporting via twitter and other social media:

AND UPON the Chairman noting that it is likely that matters to be addressed during hearings may be highly sensitive, and that it is likely that he will be asked to make judgements about what can be put into the public domain;

AND HAVING REGARD TO the need to ensure that nothing is put into the public domain inadvertently in advance of any decision on any such issue;

AND UPON the Chairman considering his power to make orders under section 17(1) and (3) of the Inquiries Act 2005, and the power of the High Court to enforce such orders where necessary under section 36 of the same Act:

## IT IS ORDERED THAT until further order:

- There shall be a time delay of not less than 60 seconds between any words spoken or information given in the hearing room and any communication or publication of those words or information using Twitter, other social media or any other means of communication. For the avoidance of doubt, this delay applies to any words spoken or information given in the hearing, whether or not they form part of the evidence.
- 2. There shall be no communication or publication by any means of any words spoken or information given which any person has indicated should not have been revealed in public until such time as the objection to its publication is withdrawn or the Chairman has ruled upon it.
- 3. Subject to any future order (including any restriction order under section 19 of the Inquiries Act 2005), it shall be permissible to use Twitter and social media from within the hearing room to report on any part of the proceedings provided that any such use accords with this restriction and does not involve photography or filming.

Sir Christopher Pitchford

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Inquiry Chairman

14 October 2015