

UNDERCOVER POLICING INQUIRY

Preliminary Issue: Undertakings Further directions

1. On 3 March 2016 I issued a 'minded to' note on the subject of Undertakings, by which I invited the core participants to notify the Inquiry by 4 pm on Wednesday, 9 March 2016 whether they wished to be heard orally upon any and, if so, which issues arising on the subject of Undertakings.
2. On 8 March 2016 the non-police/non-state co-operating core participants notified the Inquiry that they wish to be heard orally on the issue of the proposed wider undertaking dealt with at paragraphs 9 – 12 of my note.
3. I have decided that an oral hearing is required to deal with that issue - i.e. - the sole issue of whether and if so in what terms the Inquiry should seek from the Attorney General an undertaking to witnesses at the Inquiry that their evidence will not be used in the prosecution of a person who is not and was not a police officer, or in the decision whether to prosecute such a person.
4. The following is a revised timetable towards the oral hearing of the issue on Wednesday, 27 April 2016:
 - (1) By 4pm on Friday, 8 April 2016 the non-police/non-state co-operating core participants may file with the Inquiry a skeleton argument, if so advised.
 - (2) By 4pm on Friday, 15 April 2016 the remaining core participants, either jointly or singly, may file skeleton arguments in response, if so advised.
 - (3) By 4pm on Thursday, 21 April 2016 a consolidated bundle of authorities will (if necessary) be prepared, copied and distributed by the Inquiry.
 - (4) The hearing will take place at Court 73, Royal Courts of Justice on Wednesday, 27 April 2016 and any written requests for undertakings will follow in due course.

10 March 2016

Sir Christopher Pitchford
Chairman, Undercover Policing Inquiry