

Recognised Legal Representatives

Ruling 9

1. In a separate ruling of today's date I have designated HAB as a core participant in the Inquiry pursuant to rule 5 of the Inquiry Rules 2006.
2. HAB has appointed Stefano Ruis of Hickman and Rose, solicitors, to act on her behalf and now applies that Mr Ruis should be designated her recognised legal representative pursuant to rules 6 and 7 of the Inquiry Rules 2006.
3. Rule 7 (2) and (3) of the Inquiry Rules 2006 provides that when the chairman of the inquiry considers that a group of two or more core participants have a similar interest in the outcome of the inquiry, that the facts that they are likely to rely on in the course of the inquiry are similar, and that it is fair and proper for them to be jointly represented, the chairman must direct that those in the group should be represented by a single recognised legal representative.
4. I have designated HAB as a core participant in the category “[M] **Families of police officers**”. The only other core participants in this category are ‘S’ and ‘KTC’ as to whom Stefano Ruis is already designated recognised legal representative. If I were to adopt a restrictive interpretation of rule 7 (2) of the Rules the requirement upon me accords with the wishes of HAB. I shall therefore designate Stefano Ruis as recognised legal representative for HAB in the Inquiry.

3 August 2016

Sir Christopher Pitchford
Chairman, Undercover Policing Inquiry