

## Preliminary Issue:

### The Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and its impact on the Inquiry's work

#### Direction

1. There will be a hearing to deal with the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 on 1 November 2017.
2. There is no need for a further skeleton argument to add to the written submissions already made on behalf of the non-police, non-state core participants: the arguments advanced by Ms Kaufmann QC are comprehensive and well understood. To the extent that they need to be amplified, this can be done orally. Any other core participant who wishes to make submissions on the issue may file a written skeleton argument not exceeding 5 pages by no later than 4pm on Wednesday, 18 October 2017. An agreed list of authorities must be filed at the same time. I intend to circulate a note of preliminary observations about the issue, which will refer to my experience of considering applications for restriction orders in respect of names so far, for the core participants to consider in advance of the hearing.
3. Before the hearing proper starts, I will make a statement about the future conduct of the Inquiry the text of which I will circulate to the core participants and the media immediately before I make it.

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