

UNDERCOVER POLICING INQUIRY

SUBMISSIONS ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE HOME DEPARTMENT FOLLOWING THE CHAIR'S INVITATION FOR SUBMISSIONS ON THE EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE RUNNING OF THE TRANCHE 1 PHASE 2 EVIDENCE HEARINGS

1. The Chair has invited submissions from the core participants and media on matters relating to the efficient and effective running of the Tranche 1 Phase 2 evidence hearings, due to take place in April and May 2021.
2. In particular the Chair has invited submissions on:
 - a. the broadcast of evidence hearings; in particular the use of a rolling text transcript and/or an audio feed of proceedings and any associated delay in transmission for security reasons; and
 - b. the use and format of Rule 10 questions.
3. These are the submissions of the Secretary of State for the Home Department (the SSHD) as core participant in the Inquiry.
4. The SSHD appreciates the Inquiry's commitment to transparency and does not object to the use of a rolling text transcript and/or audio feed of proceedings. The SSHD recognises the advantages of a short time delay to a text transcript and/or audio feed to ensure that Restriction Orders made by the Inquiry are not compromised.
5. The SSHD makes no submissions on the use and format of Rule 10 questions.