

DIRECTIONS ON SUBMISSIONS FOR RESTRICTION ORDER APPLICATIONS AND
SUBMISSIONS IN PREPARATION FOR THE PRELIMINARY HEARING ON 6 MAY 2020

1. A **hearing has been fixed for 6 May 2020** to deal with restriction order applications and submissions on operational sensitivity redactions, the use and handling of operationally sensitive content at the Inquiry hearings, livestreaming, and anonymity/special measures.
2. Having regard to the statutory presumption of openness at s.18 of the Inquiries Act 2005, the fact that the burden of seeking a restriction order rests on the Core Participant seeking such an order, and the benefit in allowing for staggered applications and submissions from Core Participants, the following staged approach to restriction order applications will apply:
 - a) By **4pm on 4 March**, the Inquiry Legal Team will provide a Note on applications for anonymity and special measures. This will identify the form that applications should take. If making a restriction order application for anonymity and/or special measures, Core Participants should follow the process set out in this Note. A timetable will be provided in that Note for witness anonymity applications and all CPs wishing to make such applications should start work now to ensure that such applications are ready to be considered at the hearing on 6 May.
 - b) By **4pm on 11 March**, the Secretary of State for the Home Department ('SSHD') should provide any restriction order applications and supporting submissions on the use and handling of operationally sensitive content at the Inquiry hearings and livestreaming.
 - c) By **4pm on 25 March**, other State and organisational Core Participants should provide any restriction order applications and supporting submissions on the use and handling of operationally sensitive content at the Inquiry hearings and livestreaming. State and organisational Core Participants should indicate whether they agree, disagree or take a neutral position in relation to any restriction order applications made by SSHD. The Chairman would be assisted if State and organisational Core Participants could provide reasons for their position in respect of any SSHD applications.
 - d) By **4pm on 8 April**, family Core Participants and the media should provide any submissions on operational sensitivity designation and on any restriction order applications made by SSHD and any other State or organisational Core Participant on the use and handling of operationally sensitive content at the Inquiry hearings and livestreaming.
 - e) By **4pm on 29 April**, Counsel to the Inquiry will provide submissions in response to any applications and submissions from Core Participants and the media.

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