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Core participants

Under the Inquiries Rules people and organisations can be designated as core participants in an inquiry.

A core participant or his lawyer has the right to apply to the Chairman for permission to question any witness who is giving oral evidence to the inquiry. Core participants and their lawyers have been given the opportunity to access the Inquiry material in preparation for the hearings.

Tables have been designated for them in the hearing room.

The fact that a person or organisation has been designated as a core participant does not automatically mean that they will be called to give oral evidence at the Inquiry.

So far, the Chairman has designated the following as core participants:

- The Lord Advocate, for the Crown Office & Procurator Fiscal Service
- The Chief Constable, Strathclyde Police (Stephen House)
- Scottish Police Services Authority
- David Asbury
- Alan Dunbar
- Terence Foley
- Alister Geddes
- David Halliday
- Fiona McBride
- Anthony McKenna
- Robert Mackenzie
- Iain McKie
- Shirley McKie
- Hugh Macpherson
- Malcolm Ross
- Charles Stewart
- Peter Swann
- Pat Wertheim

The Chairman has also decided that:

- David Asbury, Iain McKie & Shirley McKie should be publicly funded by the Inquiry and represented by a single recognised legal representative.

Representative - Mr Gordon Dalyell of Digby Brown, Solicitors, Edinburgh.

- Alan Dunbar, Terence Foley, Alister Geddes, David Halliday, Fiona McBride, Anthony McKenna, Robert Mackenzie, Hugh Macpherson & Charles Stewart

should be publicly funded by the Inquiry and represented by a single recognised legal representative.

Representative - Mr Stuart Holmes of Turcan Connell, Solicitors, Edinburgh.

The recognised legal representatives for core participants who are not publicly funded by the Inquiry are:

- Lord Advocate - The Crown Agent, Mr Norman McFadyen (normally represented at Inquiry hearings by Angela Grahame, Advocate)
- Chief Constable of Strathclyde Police - Mr Randal Macpherson of Simpson & Marwick, Solicitors, Edinburgh
- Peter Swann and Malcolm Ross - Mr David Russell of Towells, Solicitors, Wakefield
- Scottish Police Services Authority - Ms Amanda Jones of Maclay, Murray & Spens, Solicitors
- Pat Wertheim has not appointed a lawyer and so does not have a recognised legal representative

More information about core participants is available on the Inquiry website – www.thefingerprintinquiryScotland.org.uk

Witnesses

The first session of oral evidence hearings took place from 2 June - 10 July. During this time the Inquiry heard evidence from 37 witnesses, including Scenes of Crime Officers, Fingerprint Officers and members of the police.

Information about the witnesses appearing at the hearings in September will be available on the *Hearings and Evidence* section of the Inquiry website each week.