

# The Fingerprint Inquiry | Scotland

## Oral hearings – second stage

**Dates:** **Chairman re-opens hearings:** Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 10.00am  
Inquiry Counsel to make brief introductory statement, followed by the continuation of oral evidence.

**Venue:** Maryhill Community Central Hall, 304 Maryhill Road, Glasgow, G20 7YE

**Chairman:** Sir Anthony Campbell

## Media attendance

The Inquiry anticipates that all the hearings will be in public. Representatives of the media are invited to attend.

Media representatives should register at the Inquiry office, 308 Maryhill Road from 9.00am daily. The office is accessed from the street, immediately to the left of the main door to the Community Central Hall.

An area of the public seating in the hearing room has been reserved for media representatives.

Mobile phones must not be used in the hearing room.

A room has been allocated for media use at the rear of the Community Central Hall building. Directions will be given on registration. The proceedings in the hearing room can be viewed in the media room.

The building remains open to the public for other purposes than the Inquiry.

Private rooms within the building have been set aside for use by the Inquiry team, core participants and their representatives and witnesses.

Doors will normally open at 9.00am.

The normal hearing hours will be set out on the Inquiry website. The Inquiry will not normally sit on Mondays.

There is a café in the building which is open from 9am until 3pm.

### **Broadcasting**

By law, (the Inquiries Act 2005), it is a matter for the Chairman to decide whether or not proceedings at an Inquiry may be recorded or broadcast. The Chairman has decided that these hearings will not be broadcast.

### **Security**

Except with the Chairman's express permission, no cameras or recording devices are permitted within the building. The use of mobile phones for taking photographs in the building is not permitted.

### **Oral evidence hearings – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2009**

Oral evidence hearings will re-commence on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 10.00am. Senior Counsel to the Inquiry will make a brief introductory statement outlining the anticipated duration and structure of this series of hearings and also the nature of the comparative exercise in which the Inquiry has been engaged over the summer.

The Inquiry will then proceed to oral evidence, with the main focus for the first few weeks of these hearings concerning opinions about various finger marks with which the Inquiry is concerned. The first witness is expected to be Mr Pat Wertheim from the USA who was instructed by Shirley McKie and David Asbury.

### **Witness statements**

Statements provided by witnesses to the Inquiry will be uploaded on the Inquiry website as the Inquiry proceeds:

<http://www.thefingerprintinquiryscotland.org.uk/inquiry/223.163.html>

## **Transcripts**

Transcripts of hearings will be uploaded on the Inquiry website at the end of each day's proceedings: <http://www.thefingerprintinquiryscotland.org.uk/inquiry/209.221.html>

## **Other documents**

In addition to witness statements and transcripts of proceedings at the hearings, other relevant documents, statements and information will be posted on the Inquiry website when the Inquiry Chairman considers it appropriate to do so.

As part of that process, on 21<sup>st</sup> September documents relevant to the opinion evidence that will be heard over these next weeks of hearings will be placed on the website. This will include the contributions to the comparative exercise and Counsel's analysis of this material.

The Inquiry is using a number of electronic systems and aims to minimise the use of paper. It does not have the resources to provide hard copies of documents to representatives of the media or others on demand.

## **Progress**

Updates will be placed on the Inquiry website on daily progress and the following day's witnesses: <http://www.thefingerprintinquiryscotland.org.uk/inquiry/39.html>

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