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APPLICATIONS TO BE INVOLVED IN THE INQUIRY APPLICATIONS FOR AWARDS OF FUNDING

The Fingerprint Inquiry is an independent public inquiry under the Inquiries Act 2005, chaired by the Rt Hon Sir Anthony Campbell. Its terms of reference are:

- to inquire into the steps that were taken to identify and verify the fingerprints associated with, and leading up to, the case of HM Advocate v. McKie in 1999, and
- to determine, in relation to the fingerprint designated Y7, the consequences of the steps taken, or not taken, and
- to report findings of fact and make recommendations as to what measures might now be introduced, beyond those that have already been introduced since 1999, to ensure that any shortcomings are avoided in the future.

The Inquiry intends to hold an Initial Hearing on Monday 20th October, at a time and venue to be announced on the website.

The Chairman, assisted by Inquiry Counsel and others, will be undertaking the work of inquiry.

Persons or organisations may be involved in the inquiry in various capacities. Some may be core participants. Others may attend as witnesses or produce documents or other items.

At this initial stage, the Inquiry wishes to identify those who wish to be designated core participants. It is also beginning the work of gathering in evidence and persons who may be witnesses will be identified in that process.

The Chairman has power to make awards to persons by way of compensation for loss of time or in respect of expenses incurred in attending or otherwise in relation to the Inquiry. That includes awards in respect of legal representation.

At this time, the Chairman invites those who wish to be considered for the status of core participant to apply, and, if appropriate, also to apply in relation to legal representation.

Applications are requested by noon on Friday 3 October in order that the Chairman may consider them in advance of the Initial Hearing and respond.

A form to apply for funding for legal representation other than as a core participant is also available, should you wish at any stage to make such an application.

More details are in the Notes for Applicants and Application Forms.

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